



# DALE HOUSE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER – SUMMER 2017



### DEAR PARENT/GUARDIAN

We are now well into our summer term and coming to the end of May. Lots of events have been planned for all the children after half-term. We are sending this information out to parents so that they can prepare for the next six weeks of the term. We hope you are all looking forward to a wonderful Spring Bank Holiday. The older children are tired after their two weeks of exams and tests and are looking forward to the half term holiday.

Some homework has been set to help and support your child's progress. Please can parents help children to get their homework done, but PLEASE DO NOT DO IT FOR THEM! Children's progress will be hindered if daily 'learning at home' does not take place, especially number, reading and spelling practice.

Thank you to all who have collected Sainsbury's vouchers, which will be used to obtain sports equipment for the Autumn Term.

Our Year 6 Leavers only have 6 more weeks left in school. They have all done well securing exam passes and places at the following schools:

- Hipperholme Grammar School Halifax
- Batley Girls High School
- Wakefield Girls High School
- Bradford Grammar School
- North Halifax Grammar School
- Skipton Grammar School
- Woodhouse Grove School
- BBG Academy, Birkenshaw
- Batley Grammar School

**Mrs. S.M.G. Fletcher**  
Headmistress

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### STAFF NEWS

Congratulations to Miss Mears who will be leaving us on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May to take up a permanent post at Old Town Primary School in Hebden Bridge. Miss Mears has been with us this year covering Mrs Jeffery's maternity leave. We thank her for all her hard work with the Year 1/2 class and wish her every success in her new teaching post in the Calderdale Authority.

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### FRIENDS OF DALE HOUSE

Thank you to parents for their help from Friends of Dale House School. The FODH raise funds for things such as new toys, bikes, digital cameras, etc. Funds raised so far have been used to transform the outside play areas (the work takes place in August). They will be used to purchase goal posts, basketball posts and colourful playground markings.

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### PARENTS EVENINGS & SCHOOL REPORTS

#### Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> & Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2017

The Lower and Upper School Parents Evenings will take place next week. It is good to see all parents attend these meetings and lovely to know that they are happy and delighted with their child's progress. Academic targets for each child are given out at these meetings and we ask that parents help by supporting their child to achieve them.

The End of Year Reports will be issued on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July (to be returned with parent's comments on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July) and our next Parent's Evening will take place in October. Booking forms will be issued beforehand and appointment times allocated on a first come first served basis. Please return booking forms promptly for a greater choice of available appointments.

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### NEW PARENT'S EVENING – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

All parents of children who joined the school in 2016/17 who did not attend 'New Parent's Evening' last year, children going into the Prep class or the Nursery in September 2017, are invited to our annual New Parent's Evening on **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June. The event will commence at 6.15pm.** We ask that all parents of new starters attend this information evening, even though they may have older children in the school. At this meeting many things are explained which have changed and parents need to know and understand about how the school works and what is expected each day.

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## SCHOOL PRIZES 2017

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School Prizes are awarded by the form teachers of each class group. There are 6 school prizes for each class group. Letters will be sent out in the first week of June to children who have been chosen to receive Academic School Prizes this year. Not all children will receive a prize as there are only 6. If your child received a prize last year, it is unlikely that they will get one this year. We hope you will attend the service where these are awarded.

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## MUSIC EXAM

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A number of our piano pupils will be sitting music examinations in July.

If you wish your child to start piano lessons or voice coaching, in the Autumn term, please complete the form which will be sent out at the end of June.

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## SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR – A great success!

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The Scholastic Book Fair was in school for four days. A large selection of books were on display. **For every book you bought the school received a percentage which, when added up, was used to buy books for the children's Library and Classrooms. Thank you!**

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## HANDWRITING COMPETITION

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

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Pupils from Year 1 to Year 6 will be taking part in a Handwriting Competition. Each Year group will be given a poem. The task will be to write the poem out in their neatest handwriting. Each form teacher will set the task in class time and prizes will be awarded at the end of the week.

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## NURSERY OPEN DAY – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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Dale House Nursery will host an 'Open Day' for parents to meet with the staff and see their children's work, on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> June, from 9.30 to 11.30am. All parents whose children are in the Nursery, or want to join Nursery, are welcome to attend.

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## NURSERY & PREP CLASS COLOUR & SHAPE DAY Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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On Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, the children in the Nursery and Prep classes will have a **non-uniform day** and are to come to school dressed in their favourite colours, for example, pink, red, orange, purple, etc. All pupils will be involved in work and play, based around shape and colour ideas.

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## TEDDY BEARS ACTIVITY DAY & PICNIC – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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On Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June the Nursery, Prep and Transition class children will have a Teddy Bears Activity Day. They will be involved in stories, art work, and movement and dance activities. They will also make their own picnic lunch. Children can bring in their favourite Teddy Bear, Doll or soft toy for the day.

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## SCHOOL TRIPS – SUMMER TERM 2017

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### **Nursery Class – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

Trip to Batley Park.

### **LP I/II – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017**

Day trip to Ponderosa.

### **Prep & Transition Classes – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2017**

Day trip to Ponderosa.

**Full details for each of the above trips will be sent out nearer the time.**

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## HEALTH & SAFETY

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**Sun Lotion** - Will parents please put sun lotion on their child before they come into school at 9am. If your child needs more sun lotion to be applied during the day, please send in some lotion clearly marked with your child's name upon it.

**Water Bottles** – Children can bring in their own water bottles for break times. For Health & Safety reasons these must be clearly named and freshly supplied each day. Children will bring them home each night to be washed out and refilled.

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## CALLING ALL CHESS AND DRAUGHTS PLAYERS!

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Please teach your child to play chess and draughts. There will be a Chess & Draughts Event in the Autumn Term, for children aged 5 years and over. If your child can master chess and play regularly, this helps with their thinking skills.

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## SCHOOL UNIFORM – RAWCLIFFES

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Most people will have already purchased or ordered their winter uniform for September 2017 by now.

Please be aware that some items of uniform have to be ordered in so, if you haven't already done so, please visit Rawcliffe's uniform specialists at 18A Crackenedge Lane, Dewsbury, WF13 1PU (telephone 01924 465510) to get everything you need. No other supplier is authorised to sell our uniform.

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## SUMMER HOLIDAY CLUB BOOKINGS

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Yes, it will soon be Summer Holiday Club time! An activity sheet and booking form will be sent out during the second week in June. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

The Holiday Club facility provides full supervision by highly qualified staff. Drinks and snacks are provided but parents need to provide a packed lunch each day (unless notified otherwise).

The rates are very competitive.

Full days are priced at £25.00 for a first child and £16.50 for siblings.

Half days (8.00am to 12.30pm or 12.30pm to 5.00pm) are priced at £16.50 each child.

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## ACTIVITY CLUBS 2017/18

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All after school Activity Clubs finish this term on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> June. Late Club and Junior's Homework Club will run as usual.

Booking forms for School Activity Clubs starting in September 2017 will be sent out after the half-term. Could parents please complete the forms and return them to school by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Late return of forms means that your child may end up with no clubs as they fill up quickly. We will be changing activity clubs each term so children get a greater variety of activities.

All children must be a minimum of 5 years old on or before the 5th of September 2017 to join Activity Clubs.

To be fair to all children, pupils may join a maximum of two after school Activity Clubs each week. Children must attend the clubs every week and cannot just drop out without a written letter of explanation from parents. Those who do not attend their club regularly will be asked to leave so that another child can have their place. Some clubs incur a small charge to cover the cost of materials, eg: cookery, textiles or needlework.

The use of the after school Homework Club for Junior School pupils is restricted to a maximum of three nights per week, so that all Junior pupils get a turn to use it.

Activity clubs will change again in December ready for the Epiphany (Spring) Term.

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## SPORTS DAYS

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June & Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2017**

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The Junior's Sports Day will be held on the morning of Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June, during their visit to the Sports Centre.

The Lower School Sports Day will be held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. As usual, if the weather is good it will be held in the grounds of St John's Church next door, but if wet it will take place in the School Hall. Unfortunately, due to lack of space, we are unable to invite parents to come and watch these events.

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## JUNIORS RESIDENTIAL TRIP TO ROBINWOOD

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

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All pupils who will be in Juniors (Years 3 to 6) in July 2017 will be going on a fantastic trip to Robinwood with Leaders Mrs Fletcher, Miss Windows, Mrs Copley and Mr Mather. Pupils will be studying Geography, Science and participating in indoor and outdoor activities as well as team events, eg: archery, climbing, canoeing, caving and trekking.

Early pick up (by 3.00pm) will be charged at £19, but anyone arriving after 3pm will be required to pay the balance of £6 for the full day rate on collection of their child. The cost for siblings is again £16.50

Childcare Employment Vouchers can be used to pay for Holiday Clubs and the Late Room, for children up to the age of 11 years.

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## JUNIORS 'LEAVING DO' – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at 2.15pm

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Calling all Junior School parents! The Junior's 'Leaving Do' will take place on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July at 2.15pm in the Hall. The parents of all Junior School pupils are invited to attend. This is a lovely afternoon and an especially nice way to get together and say goodbye to our Year 6 leavers. Invites will be sent out soon. Tickets are free, but please remember to order them so that we will know how many will be attending for seating and refreshments. Get your cameras at the ready as parents and children take lots of photographs at this event!

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## DALE HOUSE HAS GOT TALENT competition

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All pupils in Y1-6 are invited to take part in our annual talent competition, 'Dale House has got Talent.' If your child can sing, dance, play an instrument, do magic tricks, tell jokes, recite poetry, act out a scene from a play then please encourage them to take part. More details will follow about audition dates and the final.

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## FRENCH BREAKFAST – Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2017

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The Junior classes will be having a French Breakfast on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June, between 9.15 and 10.30am. Would parents please send in any French type food, i.e. French bread, cheese, croissants, pain-au-chocolate, jam, etc, so children can enjoy the 'French Breakfast Experience' and try out their French language skills. **Again, a letter will be sent out to you the first week after half term.**

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## NEWSLETTERS BY EMAIL/INFORMATION BY TEXT

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In order that we can (wherever possible) send out future messages or Newsletters by email or text, please ensure that you let Mrs Graham in the school office have your up to date email address/phone number(s). Thank you. Please follow us on Facebook!

### **POLITE NOTICE**

#### **CAR PARKING & TRAFFIC FLOW AROUND SCHOOL – IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

Please could all parents remember that they **must not park across the gateway entrance** on Ruby Street when dropping off or picking up pupils at the beginning or end of the school day. **This entrance must remain clear at all times.**

At busy times will drivers please enter Ruby Street at the top of the street and travel downhill to exit Ruby Street via Amber Street or Bradford Road at the bottom.

Ruby Street is a very busy road at drop off and pick up time.

**Please make sure that young children DO NOT leave the school yard on their own, or walk up and down Ruby Street outside the school gates without adult supervision or run across the road unsupervised.**

When staff have handed over the children at 3.20pm they are under Parental Supervision and the school will not take any responsibility for accidents that occur whilst parents/carers are in charge of their children.

**Thank you.**

### **PRIVATE TUITION**

Extra tuition in English and Maths over the summer holidays may be booked with Mrs Walton at £20.00 per hour.

Booking forms will be given out very soon and lessons arranged on a first come, first served basis.

### **END OF TERM SUMMER CELEBRATION SERVICES**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017**

**It is very important, for you and your child, to celebrate their achievements at the end of each term.** We therefore ask that **ALL** parents and/or grandparents and friends attend our End of Term Services, which are held in St John's Church next door to the school. This is a lovely service and an opportunity for you to hear the children read and sing in church. **PLEASE DO NOT TAKE PHOTOGRAPHS OF CHILDREN EITHER ON PHONES OR CAMERAS IN CHURCH.** The congregation provide us with the use of the church and refreshments for free, and a plate is available to make donations for tea and coffee.

The Celebration Service will be held on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2017 at the following times. (The Church will open at 12.45pm for refreshments.)

**Lower School Service 1 – 1pm to 1.30pm.** Please come to the service to watch your child/children perform and collect them at the end of the service.

**Upper School Service 2 – 2pm to 2.30pm.** Please come to the service to watch your child/children perform and collect them at the end of the service.

The **Nursery will close at 2.30pm** on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July. Please collect your child from the Nursery at this time.

Please note that the School and Nursery will close at 2.30pm on the last day of term and there will be no Homework Club or Late Room.

**HAPPY SUMMER HOLIDAYS!**

### **WANTED**

If your child has grown out of the following things, and they are still in good condition, please can we use them in school?

- Wheel barrow & gardening tools.
- Tool bench.
- Baby dolls.
- Baby doll car seat.
- Baby doll carrier.
- Baby doll clothes.
- Prams/pushchairs.
- Books – story/non-fiction.
- Lego bricks.
- Dolls House items/people.
- Soldiers/Knights/Castles.
- Children's computers or I pads.
- Action Man or Barbie dolls.

Thank you.