



# DALE HOUSE SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER 5 - APRIL 2016



### DEAR PARENTS/GUARDIANS

Welcome back to our new Trinity (Summer) Term. It was lovely to see the children all 'bright' in their Summer uniforms on Tuesday. They seemed very eager to be back at school and have already produced some lovely pieces of Art, Maths and written work. We have a busy term ahead (see dates for your diary at the back) and thank you for all your help and support in anticipation. It will be an exciting time for the children. It will also be a great time for the Junior children but a little sad for the Year 6 pupils who have 11 weeks to go before leaving to go on to high school. This year children have chosen places at Hipperholme Grammar School, Wakefield Girls High School, Queen Elizabeth Grammar School (boys), Fulneck, BBG Academy, Batley Grammar School, St James', Bradford Girls Grammar School and Rodillian High School.

### STAFF NEWS

We would like to welcome back Miss Grimshaw who returns after her maternity leave. It is lovely to have her back in the Nursery and both the staff, parents and the children are happy to see her again.

Our staffroom at break time has recently been filled with baby talk! Most Staff can now recommend, after much discussion and research, the best nappies, prams and car seats!

It is now no secret that Mrs Plowman is pregnant and is very excited. She expects her first child in the summer. She will be taking her maternity leave from school at the end of June. Mrs Howard will be taking Mrs Plowman's class whilst she is on her maternity leave. We wish Mr and Mrs Plowman and their family all our best wishes for the future. We will be holding a Special Assembly in June before Mrs Plowman leaves so the children can say goodbye.

We welcome this term, a trainee, Miss Brierley from Leeds Trinity University. She will be observing and working alongside staff in the Nursery, Prep and Transition classes this half term as part of her University studies.

Mrs S.M.G. Fletcher  
Headmistress  
15<sup>th</sup> April 2016

### CLASSES NEXT YEAR

Class Leaders next year:

Nursery – Miss Wood

Prep – Mrs Doel

Trans/Y1 – Mrs Howard

Year 1/2 – Mrs Jeffery

Year 3/4 – Mrs Copley

Year 5/6 – Miss Windows

### TEMPEST SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Advance notice that 'Tempest' will be coming in to school to take individual portraits, group/sibling portraits and class photographs on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April.

Please **send in a note** if you have more than one child in the school and would like a photograph of them taken together. **Please note that Tempest will not take pictures of children who do not attend the school.**

### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

The Book Fair will be in school Monday 25<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April. Books can be purchased before and after school on these days.

### SCHOOL OPEN DAYS FOR PROSPECTIVE PARENTS

If you know of any parents seeking a place, please invite them to our open days:

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-11.00 and 4.00-6.00

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April 9.30-11.00 and 4.00-6.00

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 9.30-11.00 and 4.00-6.00

### SCHOOL EXAMS & HOMEWORK Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May

SAT's exams will take place for Year 6 during the week 9<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> May. Other school exams take place between 16<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> May. These will involve the Junior School and Year 2 pupils. This term extra homework will be set during the week and midweek revision will be set for all Year 2 and Junior School pupils.

### QUEEN ELIZABETH'S 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

All adults are welcome to attend a Tea Party to celebrate Queen Elizabeth's 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday. This will be held in the School Hall on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June from 2pm – 4pm. Pupil's Art work will also be exhibited.

### DALE HOUSE HAS GOT TALENT

Dale House School Has Got Talent competition will take place 20<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</sup> June. Please encourage your child to enter. Entries in singing, dancing, playing an instrument, reciting poetry, conducting magic tricks, etc. are welcome from all children.

### SUMMER UNIFORM FROM TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> APRIL

All pupils are to return to school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April in their summer uniform. Pupils must wear blazers and hats please. Girls wear white socks during summer term. Boys wear short-sleeved white shirts. All items of uniform to be purchased from

Rawcliffes Schoolwear Specialists, 18a Crackenedge Lane, Dewsbury, WF13 1PU.

If parents are buying new shoes for boys or girls, please do not buy shoes that look like trainers. Heels and open toe sandals are not allowed in school for Health & Safety reasons. Nail polish is not allowed. No hair braids please – hair decorations for Lower School girls are to be yellow, blue or white and for Upper School girls, red or blue.

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### SPONSORED WALK FOR SPORT RELIEF

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Thank you all for your support. The children, by walking, raised £1,300 and we are still counting. If you still have monies to send in please can you send it in to school by Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Thank you.

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### LOWER SCHOOL FRENCH BREAKFAST – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

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The children from the Lower School (Transition and Year 1 / 2 class) will be having a French Breakfast on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. Please can you send in French foods such as croissants, cheeses, jams, bread, cake, etc. for the children to try. Full details to follow.

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### TEDDY BEARS PICNIC – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June

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Nursery, Prep and Transition class children can bring their special teddy or doll in to school on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June, to join them on a Teddy Bears Picnic.

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### JUNIORS EUROPEAN DAY – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June

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The Juniors will be having a European Day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. More details later.

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### JUNIOR TRIP TO CLIFFE HOUSE 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> JUNE

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Our Junior School pupils are looking forward to their trip to Cliffe House in Shepley. They leave school at 9.15am on 27<sup>th</sup> June and return to school on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Parents to collect their child at 4.20pm from the back yard please.

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### END OF TERM SCHOOL TRIPS

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Our end of term school trips are as follows:

Nursery – Batley Park

Trans/Prep – Manor Heath, Halifax

Year 1 / 2 – Skipton Castle

Year 3 / 4 – Eden Camp, York

Year 5 / 6 – Eden Camp, York

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### ACTIVITY CLUBS/AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

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Please note that there **will be** After School Activity Clubs during the first week back in school (i.e. from Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April).

All Activity Clubs end on the 24<sup>th</sup> June.

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### SAINSBURYS SCHOOL VOUCHERS

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We are once again collecting Sainsbury's school vouchers. Please remember to ask for your vouchers when shopping and filling up with petrol and bring them into school. Get all your family and friends involved too! Thank you.

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### PRIVATE LESSONS – DANCE & MUSIC

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**Private Dance Lessons** – The Musical Theatre Dance Lessons will resume on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**Private Music Lessons** – The first Piano/Singing Lessons of the Trinity (Summer) Term will be on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

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### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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- **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April Tempest Photographers**  
The school photographer will be here on the morning of Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> April. Please ensure your child is smart and tidy, and in **full school uniform**.
- **Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April Scholastic Book Fair:** In the Hall from 3.15pm to 4pm daily.
- **Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. School Open Days for prospective parents** – 9.30am-11.00am and 4.00pm-6.00pm .
- **From Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 6<sup>th</sup> May School Exams Preparation Years 2 to 6:** Pupils may be set extra homework every night.
- **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Private Piano/Singing Lessons** resume on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. Don't forget your piano books. Hope you have been doing lots of practice!
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May** – School Closed (Bank Holiday)
- **Monday 9<sup>th</sup> to Friday 13<sup>th</sup> May. SATS Exams Year 6 and Junior School:** Please see your child's examination timetable.
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Year 2 Exam Week:** Please see your child's examination timetable.
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May. Parents Evenings:** No activity clubs or homework clubs on these evenings. Late room as usual.
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. Half Term Holiday** – (School closed, no holiday club).
- **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June. Handwriting Competition Week** – Whole school competition.
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June. Nursery Open Day:** 9.30am – 11.00am
- **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June Queens 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Tea Party** – 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Also an Art Exhibition of our pupil's work.

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June.** Junior School Quiz Teams Final.
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June Nursery & Prep Class Colour & Shape Day.**
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June New Parents Evening, for the parents of all children in Nursery and all New Starters:** Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June from 6.30pm to 7.15pm with the Teacher and 7.15pm-8.00pm in the Hall for the Headmistress' address. All Nursery parents and new starters and those parents who missed the event last year, must attend please.
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> June. French Breakfast (Lower School – Transition/1 and Year 1 / 2 classes only)** – Please send in French breakfast items.
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June Teddy Bears Picnic –.** Nursery and Prep children to bring in their favourite teddy, soft toy or doll, etc.
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June. Junior School European Day**
- **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June. Nursery Class Trip.** Our Nursery children will be visiting Batley Park.
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> June to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. School Trips Week** — details to follow. All children go out on a school trip for the day.
- **Monday 20<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June. Dale House School Has Got Talent** Talent Show for all pupils from Transition to Year 6 to enter. Competition and performances in school.
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Upper School Sports Day** at the Sports Centre.
- **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June. Activity Clubs finish**
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June. Lower School Sports Day**
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June to Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> June** Junior School Residential Trip to Cliffe House in Shepley, Huddersfield.
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. School Reports** issued to parents.
- **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> June, Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June and Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July Meet the Teacher** – Come and meet your child's new teacher for next year's classes at 3.00pm.
  - 27<sup>th</sup> June** Parents meet Mrs Howard
  - 1<sup>st</sup> July** Parents meet Miss Windows
  - 4<sup>th</sup> July** Parents meet Mrs Copley
  - 4<sup>th</sup> July** Parents meet Mrs Jeffery
- **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> July. Reports** – issued to parents.
- **Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July. Year 6 Leavers Tea** –at 2.15pm in the Hall, for all Junior School parents.
- **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July. End of Term Services.**
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July Summer Holiday Club** – begins on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July.