

3rd September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to Dunbury Academy and the new academic year! It has been lovely to see our children coming into school with so much enthusiasm and looking so smart. The teachers have worked hard over the holidays to make the classrooms look exciting and welcoming and I know the children are going to have a fantastic start to the year.

This year, we will be focusing on deepening our spirituality curriculum based on our school vision, ***Strength in difference, together we are one, together we fly high***, noticing moments which move us through either a 'wow' or 'ow'. We will be working on how to stop, notice, reflect and act as a result of the experience. More information will be coming soon on our spirituality curriculum through our website and newsletters.

P.E.

Please can children in Beech class have a named PE kit in school. On their PE days they will practise changing for PE as part of their independence development.

Children in Oak, Cherry, Maple, Golden Willow and Scots Pine can wear their PE kit to school on their PE days listed below. As the weather turns colder, children can wear navy or black jogging bottoms and their Dunbury jumper with their PE kits. Please as ever, ensure all these items are named.

Year 2	Monday and Friday
Year 3	Thursday and Friday
Year 4	Thursday and Friday
Year 5	Thursday and Friday
Year 6	Wednesday and Friday

There is no PE on the first day back.

Attendance

At Dunbury we are committed to ensuring our pupils achieve the best possible outcomes and good school attendance is key to achieving this aim. Good school attendance improves your child's chances of success in life. There is clear evidence of the link between good attendance at school and high levels of achievement. Please use September as a chance to establish those good routines and expectations of attendance for the year. If you have an issues or concerns, please speak with your child's teacher.

Reading habits

Hopefully, during the summer, your children have continued their daily reading habits, which make all the difference to their fluency and ability to access the wider curriculum. It is crucial that they return to these daily habits this week, both for practice and for enjoyment. Thank you for your support with this.

Enrichment

As always, we have a full enrichment programme that covers the three areas of Cultural Capital, New Interests and Volunteer and Service:



As well as planned trips and whole class events (such as working with Trees for Dorset and a visit from The Treehouse Theatre company), look out for lunch time and after school clubs, music lessons and sporting opportunities.

We hope you have had an enjoyable time with your children over the summer break. If you have any questions or concerns you wish to discuss, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Richardson