

5 September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to Dunbury Academy and the new academic year. We are raring to go and have been really impressed with the speed in which the children have settled back into the school routines. We have an exciting year planned with a broad and engaging curriculum with plenty of opportunities to enrich it through trips, visitors, clubs and residential.

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.

Healthy Schools

Our curriculum teaches children about healthy living, including the need for a balanced diet through our PSHE, DT and Science curriculums. As a healthy school we ask that snacks sent into school are a piece of fruit or a plain biscuit. If choosing a breakfast bar, please remember that we are a nut free school due to children's allergies. Please ensure that **water bottles only contain water**.

In line with our healthy eating curriculum messages, **we are asking that food is no longer sent into school to celebrate birthdays**. We would be grateful for your support with this. We will continue to celebrate their special day as a class through singing to your child. Thank you for your support and understanding in this.

P.E.

Please can children in Beech and Maple 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, 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 Thursday
Year 3	Thursday and Friday
Year 4	Thursday and Friday
Year 5	Monday and Thursday
Year 6	Monday and Thursday

Parking

Please use the tennis courts to park in when dropping off or collecting your child from Dunbury Juniors. The village hall car park is reserved for their events and used regularly for the buses as a waiting area. Additionally, please avoid the school car park as this prevents staff who have a later start time to park. Thank you for your support in this.

Child of Hope School

We started making links with the Child of Hope School in Uganda last year. We are looking forward to deepening those links through further events throughout the year including shared collective worships and lessons. Our first event will be a 'Child of Hope' school day on Friday 29th September. We will spend the day learning like Child of Hope students in order to raise funds for the school, supporting them to buy the essentials for a new academic year. We will share more details about this day and how you can donate soon.

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. A letter with further information will be shared with you soon.

We feel privileged and honoured to be sharing your child's academic journey and wish them a successful year at Dunbury.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Holly Doswell

Headteacher