



Drapers' Pyrgo Priory School

Newsletter for Parents, Friends and Governors



September 2016

All the staff would like to welcome you back after the summer break to what we hope will be a happy, successful academic year ahead. A lot has happened in the school during the holidays and we would like to take this opportunity to keep you informed of developments. As you are aware we have now become a part of the Drapers' family and have joined the Multi Academy Trust with the new name of Drapers' Pyrgo Priory School.

Our values however, have not changed and we felt this may be a good time to remind you of our key values so that by working closely together we can achieve the best for your children.

Our Mission Statement is to provide all children with an enjoyable, caring, calm and positive learning environment enabling them to reach their full potential as individuals and become considerate members of the community. We aim to prepare our pupils for the opportunities and challenges of the rapidly changing world in which they live.

Our 5 key values are: Respect, Responsibility, Enjoyment, Compassion and Achievement. We stress these values daily.

We feel that working collaboratively with parents and carers all children will succeed and be happy. We know therefore that you will support us by ensuring that your child attends school every day on time, ready to learn, is dressed in the correct uniform and has all the equipment they require for the day.

We will ensure that our staff are professional, approachable and focused on making sure that every child in their care achieves their full potential. Working together we can deliver outstanding results for our pupils so that they have every chance of going on to succeed at the next stage of their education.

It has been a pleasure welcoming the children back and catching up on their holiday stories and I am sure all the new children and teaching staff will become part of our community very soon.

School Uniform.

The new School uniform is as follows:

Boys: Grey trousers or shorts and red polo top in the summer; grey trousers with white shirt and red jumper in the winter. Sensible black shoes, not trainers, with white/grey socks should be worn.

Girls: Grey skirt or tunic with a red polo top in the summer; grey skirt/trousers with white blouse and red cardigan in the winter. Sensible black shoes, not trainers, with white socks should be worn.

Please note all the polo tops, cardigans and jumpers should have the new school logo on.

PE Kit: Red shorts with white polo shirt and grey sweatshirt with logo. Children will need trainers for outdoor PE and plimsolls for indoor. For cold/damp weather, children may also need a grey track suit and spare socks.

School uniform for the Early Years is slightly different; please see your child's teacher for details. Please note jewellery is not allowed in school; we have noticed several children returning with earrings and would request these are removed for school. We have also noticed some hairstyles that are not suitable for school.

Other News..... Other News..... Other News..... Other News..... Other News.....

- **Welcome to our new teaching staff.**
Mrs Mary Williams will be teaching reception children in Poplar class
Mr Liam Hartley will be teaching in year 2, Maple class
Mr Michael Slattery will also be teaching in year 2 in Beech class
Mr Cormac O'Donoghue will be teaching year 3 in Plane class
Mr Mark Folan will be teaching year 4 in Birch class
Mr Chris Roberts will be teaching in year 5 Cedar class
Mr Stephan Laurencin will also be teaching year 5 in Willow class
Miss Lauren Freeman will be supporting the teaching in year 4

We wish them a happy and successful year ahead and know you will make them feel welcome in the Pyrgo community.

- **New classrooms**
The new classroom block outside the hall is nearly ready for hand over. The block has 5 rooms which will be a huge improvement for our school. Two of our year five classes - Cedar and Larch will move into the block by the end of September.
- **Nursery and Reception**
Please send in a pair of wellies for your children to use at school. We have dealt with quite a few children that have needed toileting in the first week - please send in spare underwear for your children in a named plastic bag.
- **MacMillan Coffee morning / Meeting with Friends of Drapers' Schools (FODS)**
Parents are invited to attend the MacMillan Coffee Morning from 9.30 until 11:30 on Friday 30th September in the Diamond Jubilee Hall in Drapers' Academy.
We would request as many cakes as possible be baked or brought into school on Thursday 29th September. FODS are looking for parents to volunteer their help. Please let them know if you are willing to support our schools.
- **Year 2 and 6 parent meetings**
The teachers in years 2 and 6 would like to meet parents to familiarise them with expectations for the year ahead and address any concerns. The date for both meetings will be Thursday 15th September at 3:15 in Oak class for year 6 and the hall for year 2.
- **Harvest Festival**
This year the Festival is on Friday 14th October. Once again, we will be donating the food to our local food bank which helps local families in food poverty. Please send in boxes, packets and tins of food to make this a huge success. The Food Bank is especially short of instant mashed potato; sugar; tinned vegetables; pasta sauce; tinned meat; long life fruit juice; tinned fruit; tinned fish and tinned sponge pudding. No fresh foods, beans or pasta please.
- **School Website**
Please visit the School's website on a regular basis for reminders and updates about the school year. We are conscious of our responsibilities as an environmentally friendly school and therefore don't want to over burden you with unnecessary paperwork.

- **Book Donations**
Mr Fogarty would like to ask parents to donate any books in good condition which might be suitable for classroom book corners.
- **Snack money**
Snack money of £2 is now due for Infant children
- **Dinner tickets**
Reminder: dinner tickets can be bought online, over the telephone, or on a Monday morning in the Hall. Please see www.haveringcatering.co.uk or call 01708 433119. Cook requests that children please use dinner tickets; there has been a rise in children bringing money in recently.

Diary dates

15 th September	Year 2 & Y6 Parent meetings after school
16 th September	Year 6 presentation Mr Bannister
21 st September	Y2 & Y5 LFB talks
26 th September	European Day of languages
30 th September	Macmillan Coffee morning 9:30 - 11:30
3 rd October	Dog's Trust 10:00 - 2:45 Book Week
4 th October	Dog's Trust all day
4 th October	Parent consultation (1) 3.00 - 5.00
6 th October	Parent consultation (2) 5.00 - 7.00
10 th October	Reception admissions talk by Havering Admissions team 9:00 - 10.00
13 th October	School photos (family and individual)
14 th October	Harvest Festivals
17 th - 19 th October	Book Fair
21 st October	School closed for staff training

24th October - 28th October Half Term - Premier Sport Club

1 st November	Flu immunisations
11 th November	Remembrance Day
21 st November	Dick Whittington pantomime
1 st December	FODS Christmas Bazaar 3:30 in Drapers' Academy
8 th December	1:45 KS2 Carol concert
12 th December	Year 1 & 2 dress rehearsal 2:00
13 th December	10:00 Reception dress rehearsal 2:00 pm Year 1 & 2 Nativity
14 th December	10:00 Reception Nativity 4:30 Outdoor carols
20 th December	St Pauls Carol services
21 st December	Last day of term