

Dear Parent/ Carer,

05/09/2017

Welcome back to all of our children and families after what I hope was a restful summer holiday. The start of a new school year is a busy and exciting time and I would like to take this opportunity to wish a warm welcome to our new families joining us in either Reception or Nursery. I am sure that all of our existing parents will make you feel very welcome as you drop off and collect your child and as you attend our many parent events.

For personal reasons, Mr Currie is currently off work and so his position has been temporarily filled by Ms Long. Ms Long is the Primary Principal from Dixons Music Primary (DMP). We are very fortunate to have her assistance, because not only is DMA Ofsted graded 'Outstanding', but for many years, Ms long has worked very closely with Mr Currie to help develop our primary school. This means that the high standard of education that your children currently receive will be unaffected. Clearly, we will keep you posted with this situation.

You will receive a curriculum map that your child's teacher has written next week. This map will tell you about what your child will be learning in school over the next half term. This curriculum map also includes important dates for your diary and important notices for the year group. We hope you find this useful.

I would also like to share some more important information with you now:

### **School Timings**

Please be reminded that our school day runs from 8.40am to 3.15pm every day. Please ensure you are at the main gate by 8.35am to give you enough time to make your way to the classroom door by 8.40am. Gates are closed at 8.45am, and if you arrive after 8.45am you will receive a late mark.

Our morning Nursery runs from 8.35am to 11.35am with our afternoon Nursery running from 12.15pm to 3.15pm.

### **Parent Pay**

At Dixons Allerton Academy, we do not accept cash for any purpose, including payment for school clubs and educational visits. All parents and carers must use our online system (Parent Pay) to make any payments to school. Years 3 and 4 must also pay for their school dinners using Parent Pay.

The vast majority of our parents are already signed up to this system. If you are not and would like to receive your password and username again, please contact the main academy office.

### **PE Kit**

PE Kit is as follows:

- Trainers. These should not be pumps as they are not waterproof and lessons will be outside throughout the year which may sometimes be in the rain.
- A white polo shirt with a collar
- Navy or black tracksuit bottoms. These should not be leggings.
- A navy or black jumper
- No jewellery

Kit is needed on the following days: Wednesday- **YEAR 1 and YEAR 4** Friday- **YEAR 2 and YEAR 3**.

## Contact Details

Please make sure you keep the office up to date with contact details and any other essential information. We will be using our text and email service to communicate messages wherever possible.

## School Year Calendar

All of these term dates can also be found on the main academy website [www.dixonsaa.com](http://www.dixonsaa.com) in the calendar tab at the top of the page.

**DATA DAYS (STAFF ONLY)** The academy is closed to children on each of the following days:

Thursday 16 and Friday 17 November 2017, Thursday 8 and Friday 9 March 2018, Thursday 19 and Friday 20 July 2018.

## BANK HOLIDAYS

Monday 07 May 2018

**2017 TERM 1** Wednesday 30 August 2017 to Friday 20 October 2017

*Holiday – Saturday 21 October 2017 to Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2017*

**2017 TERM 2** Monday 6 November 2017 to Thursday 21 December 2017

*Holiday – Friday 22 December 2017 to Sunday 7 January 2018*

**2018 TERM 3** Monday 08 January 2018 to Friday 9 February 2018

*Holiday - Saturday 10 February 2018 to Sunday 18 February 2018*

**2018 TERM 4** Monday 19 February 2018 to Thursday 29 March 2018

*Holiday – Friday 30 March 2018 to Sunday 15 April 2018*

**2018 TERM 5** Monday 16 April 2018 to Friday 25 May 2018

*Holiday - Saturday 26 May 2018 to Sunday 03 June 2018*

**2018 TERM 6** Monday 04 June 2018 to Friday 20 July 2018

*Holiday - Saturday 21 July 2018 onward*

## Dates for Your Diary for the school year

You will be given more dates for your diary that are relevant to your child's class in the curriculum map sent by your child's class teacher later next week. These dates will include parent workshops and any educational visits that have been planned. Here are some whole school dates for you to be aware of:

Event	Date
Parents Consultation Evening (except Reception)	3 and 4 October 2017
Reception Consultation Evening	10 and 11 October 2017
Harvest Assembly (8.45am/ 2.45pm)	20 October 2017
Christmas Fair (3.30pm)	19 December 2017
Christmas Performance (10.30am / 2.30pm)	21 December 2017
Parents Consultation Evening- Whole School	20 and 21 March 2018
Sports Day (10.15am and 2.15pm for Nursery, Reception and Year 1)	12 July 2018
Year 2 , Year 3 and Year 4 Sports Day (1.00pm)	13 July 2018

Yours sincerely,



Mrs. Rebecca Greenwood  
Deputy Headteacher