



## NEWSLETTER 2 - 29th September 2023

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Dear Parents and Carers

We have had a fantastic start to the new school year; it has been wonderful to see how our children have settled back in to school life so happily. The classrooms are all looking so wonderful and the children are really working hard and enjoying their learning. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions, phonics and maths workshops – thank you also to the staff for offering these sessions – feedback has already been very positive.

Have a wonderful weekend

Mrs. Roberts

### Christian Value

This term's Christian Value is Perseverance.

Perseverance is not giving up – you should try, try and try again. It is having a go and keeping a positive attitude.

Perseverance is persistence in doing something despite difficulty or delay in achieving success.

You can support your child by talking to them about perseverance. Ask the question: 'What do you find difficult?' and share with them the things that you find tricky too. Find out what strategies they already have to keep going and not giving up. What strategies do you have?

Younger children might enjoy watching this Bruno Mars and Sesame Street video- 'Don't give up' <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pWp6kkz-pnQ>



**Thought of the half-term:** 'A river cuts through a rock not because of its power, but its persistence'

### Diary Dates

Wednesday 4th October - Maths Workshop for Mole Class parents (School Hall) 9am

Thursday 5th October - Tempest photos (Individual and sibling)

Thursday 5th October - Rabbit and Fox cake bake 3.15pm

Friday 6th October - FODHS AGM 9am (School Hall) All parents welcome

Tuesday 10th October - Maths Workshop for Dormouse Class parents (School Hall) 9am

Wednesday 11th October - Open classrooms 3.15pm till 4pm

Tuesday 17th October - Owl Class V E Day Celebrations 1.30pm till 3.15pm (School Hall)

Wednesday 18th October - 3.15pm End of Term 1

Monday 30th October - TD Day School Closed

Tuesday 31st October - 8.45am Start of Term 2

### In2sport



In2sport are offering a special offer for the next 3 weeks. Half price club sessions after school, contact the company to sign up.

### Individual School Photos

Tempest will be in school on Thursday 5th October to take individual school photos. If you have pre-school children who you would like photographed with their siblings please arrive at the library door from 8am.

Thank you





## Harvest Festival



Thank you for all of the generous contributions towards the Harvest Festival.

All produce will be going to the Doorway Project, who will really appreciate your generosity!

## SEND Support

Welcome back to everyone from the SEND Team at Derry Hill. We would like to let you know some key information about SEND Support for this academic year. I am Mrs Asfaw, the SENCO, and I am happy to be continuing in this role at Derry Hill for another year, alongside teaching in year 2 and year 6 this year, too. My SEN focused days in school are Wednesday and Thursdays. If you are worried about your child's progress, the best person to talk to in the first instance is their class teacher, but if they feel that your child may have additional needs they might suggest that I carry out some further assessments or observations of them to help us understand how best to support them. If your child is already on the SEN Register, their teachers will be working this term on setting up new ITTs for them (Individual Target Trackers). We have delayed these until the end of term 1 so that teachers have more time to get to know the children and assess what targets will best support them to progress and the new ITTs will be shared with you once they are ready. These will then be reviewed at the end of terms 3 and 5, or sooner if the children meet their targets more quickly. Children who have Speech and Language targets will also have target sheets related to these.

## Head Boy and Head Girl

Owl Class held their Head Boy and Head Girl presentations on Wednesday 20th September. All the children who delivered their presentations did a fantastic job – well done!



Following the elections we are pleased to announce that Llywelyn is our new Head Boy and Maya is our new Head Girl; congratulations to you both. Congratulations also to Liam and Lauren who have been elected as Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl.

## Thank You !

A great big thank you to everyone who has donated all of the cushions, beanbags and the beautiful rug for the KS1 cosy corner. The children are going to love this special area !

Also a thank you to Elijah and his Grandad for giving up their time in the summer holidays to water and look after the plants in our garden.

## Rabbit & Fox Class Cake Bake

Rabbit and Fox classes will be holding a cake bake after school on **Thursday 5th October**, on the front playground. Please don't forget your cash and something to carry your cakes home in. Thank you for your support.



## FoDHS AGM- 9am Friday 6th October

Please come along and support our wonderful school fundraising committee at their AGM in the school hall. We need a minimum of 35 people for the AGM to go ahead.

Thank you

## Owl Class VE Day Celebrations

A reminder that **Tuesday 17th October** is VE Day in Owl class. We will be holding a party in the hall from 1:30pm and parents are invited to attend. There will be dancing, games, songs and Owl class will be showcasing all of their wonderful learning. There will also be an afternoon tea, including spam sandwiches!

Parents attending are welcome to dress up in 1940's costume. The children and the staff will be!

We look forward to welcoming you all on the 17th.  
Owl Class Team

## School Census

Thursday 5th October is school census day, it would be a great help if as many children in Reception, Years 1 and 2 could have a school dinner. The uptake of meals on this date determines the funding we receive for Universal Infant Free School Meals which has quite an impact on the budget given to our School by the DfE.  
Thank you