



# NEWSLETTER 18 – 19 July 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers

As the year draws to a close I would like to take the time to thank everyone who has supported the school through the last year. Thank you to all the parents, grandparents and wider families in supporting your children through school this year. Thank you also to our governors and Friends committee for all of their time and dedication this year. Finally a big thank you to all the school staff who even in times of difficulty this year have carried on with a smile to ensure the children of Derry Hill School have the best experience possible. Many thanks to Mrs South who has worked with us this year as a temporary teacher for Rabbit Class – Mrs South will remain with us as a supply teacher, occasionally covering classes. I would like to wish Mr West the very best of luck as he moves on in his career and give him special thanks for all he has done during his time here at Derry Hill – I am sure you will be amazing in your new role! I would also like to wish Mrs Hare a very happy retirement – thank you so much for everything you have done in your 20+ years at Derry Hill School – it won't be the same without you! Finally I would like to wish all of our Year 6 children the best of luck as they move up to their new schools in September – you will all be in our thoughts when you start your new journey.

Here's hoping that the sun shines for us all through the summer and that everyone can have the break they deserve ready to come back refreshed and enthused in September.

Best wishes

Mrs Roberts

## Diary Dates

Monday 22nd July - Move up Days for all Classes  
Monday 22nd July - Dormouse Stay & Play (New Intake)  
Tuesday 23rd July - Move Up Days for all Classes  
Tuesday 23rd July - Dormouse Drop & Go (New Intake)  
Wednesday 24th July - Owl Class Leavers Service 9.15am (Church)  
**Wednesday 24th July - 2.15pm End of Term 6**  
**Monday 2nd September - TD Day - School Closed to Children**  
**Tuesday 3rd September - TD Day - School Closed to Children**  
**Wednesday 4th September - 8.45am Start of Term 1**  
Wednesday 4th September - Meet the Teachers - Squirrel & Rabbit Class  
Thursday 5th September - Meet the Teachers - Fox & Owl Class  
Friday 6th September - Meet the Teachers - Mole & Hedgehog Class  
Friday 13th September - Head Boy / Head Girl Elections



## Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Yvonne Norton to the admin team. Yvonne will be working on the front reception on a Thursday and Friday, taking over from Mrs Hare who will be retiring at the end of term.



## Arrangements for Move Up Days

Next week our Move Up Days are Monday 22nd July and Tuesday 23rd July. Please could all children line up on both mornings as follows:

Current Dormouse Class - Mole Class Door

Current Mole Class - Double Doors next to Hedgehog Class

Current Hedgehog Class - By the Main Doors

Current Squirrel Class - By the Main Doors

Current Rabbit Class - By Fox Class Door

Current Fox Class - By Library Door

Current Owl Class - On the Yellow Brick Road

Children will need to be collected from where they line up in the mornings 😊

# Marvellous Makers



## Marvellous Makers Summer Reading Challenge 2024

The Summer Reading Challenge is for children aged 4 to 11 to read six library books (or the equivalent) over the eight weeks of the summer in return for various prizes. The 2024 Summer Reading Challenge is called Marvellous Makers, with a theme celebrating creativity. It will run in Wiltshire libraries from Saturday 13 July to Saturday 7 September. Children can register for the challenge from 13 July and start to collect stickers and other prizes from Monday 29 July.

When registering children will receive their own special poster to record their reading, plus a Marvellous Makers sticker. When they've read 4 books they'll be given an origami activity sheet and on completion a badge and certificate. It's all free and can make a real difference to a child's motivation and enjoyment of reading. Although the challenge is to read six books, there is flexibility in this number, especially for children who struggle with reading or read longer books.

For children who want a further challenge and those older than 11 we have the Story Adventurers' Club, a personal reading challenge where children set their own reading goals, the target to read 100 books. For children aged under 4, in the early summer we will be launching a new book sharing initiative called 'Story Sharers' in larger libraries.

## PE Days Term 1 - September 2024

**Dormouse** - Thursday

**Mole** - Monday & Wednesday

**Hedgehog** - Wednesday & Friday

**Squirrel** - Tuesday & Wednesday

**Rabbit** - Tuesday & Wednesday

**Fox** - Monday & Friday

**Owl** - Wednesday & Thursday

## Forest School

There will be no forest school for the Autumn Term.

## Owl Class Leavers Service

Our leavers service on **Wednesday 24th July at 9.15am** will be in Church.

Due to limited space in Church could we please ask that only parents of children who are leaving school attend the Church service.



## Goodbye & Good luck

A very special "GOOD LUCK" to all of our Year 6 children who are all moving on to pastures new, we will miss you all and hope that you are able to take some fond memories with you of Derry Hill School.

We are also saying goodbye and good luck to Mr Joshua West and Mrs Alison Hare who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Thank you all so much for all your hard work and commitment, we will miss you.



## Early Years Outdoor Area Fundraiser

We are very fortunate to have a wonderful space outside of Dormouse Class but it is looking a bit tired and would like to renovate the area again and bring it back to life. As you are aware regular maintenance of outdoor space is crucial however the funding requirement is way beyond school budgets at present. Our wonderful FODHS team have agreed to allocate £500 of funds to the project following a very successful day at the Village Fete. Thank you to everyone who donated bottles of wine on the non-uniform day as this supported the school stall in being so successful. Thank you so much to everyone who has donated on our Just Giving page too – we are amazed by the generosity.

<https://tinyurl.com/3v6ywa4m>

