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Principal's message to families – 25 July 2024

Let the summer holidays begin!

There have been so many highlights this year for Dawn House School. Staff have shared so many of their highlights with me its impossible to tell you them all! But here are some of the highlights of the highlights....

- ✚ Lots more new pupils joining us
- ✚ Staff doing additional training (National Professional Qualifications, Early Years Practitioner Level 4, Level 4 certificate in teaching and learning, introduction to AAC, teaching English Functional skills level 5...I'm sure there are more)
- ✚ New posts and additional staff due to increased pupil numbers
- ✚ Achieving the Wellbeing Award for Schools
- ✚ 130+ parent visits
- ✚ Positive Quality Assurance visits from several Local Authorities
- ✚ Pupil Leadership Group
- ✚ Continually improving and updating of the school site- the ride on lawnmower has definitely paid for itself!
- ✚ 2 new classrooms
- ✚ Successful residentials for all Key Stages
- ✚ Summer clubs have been planned and have good take-up.

I really could go on...

We also sadly have some staff moving on; Sharon Bond, Molly Abrahams, Lynn Cole and Helen Gladwin will be leaving us today. We wish them all well and thank them for their positive contributions to Dawn house School. Alex Watts also leaves us temporarily to go on maternity leave- wishing you all the best Alex!

The Residential Garden is blooming, with lovely flowers and veg on the way. The team also tidied the sixth form garden in the spring and made some season signs to decorate a boring wall, all hand painted. Other projects completed have been cactus gardens, Mini houses made from scrap wood. The gardening team of students made £70 pounds at the Summer Fayre selling the items they had made. Happy Summer from the Eco gardening group, enjoy your gardens.



And so, to next year...Dawn House Schools 50th Birthday!

The Autumn Term brings all of the usual events, Winter Sports Day, Parents Day and the Christmas Fair, No Pens Day and our Christmas Show. We also have the first residential of the year, with 6th form going to Robin Hoods Bay.

As part of the summer works on the school site, we are extending our car park, so that we can better accommodate the increasing number of taxis at home time and parking for staff and parents.

For our **50th year** we also have special events throughout the year. In the Autumn Term...

- ✚ Inflatable family Fun Day on **Saturday 21st September!** Tickets can be purchased from reception or through Weduc. As well as the inflatables there will be a penalty shoot-out, refreshment vans, face painting and more. We look forward to you joining us.
- ✚ A **Christmas re-union** in December for previous pupils and staff
- ✚ Dawn House 50 **tea-towels** and a '**50 years of Dawn House puddings**' recipe book will be on sale ready for Christmas too!

Mr Rose is planning on running the Dawn House football tournament again this autumn with 9 schools already keen to join us for another day of inclusive football. The feedback was fabulous last year and schools all had an amazing day. Hoping next year, it will be even bigger and better than last year.

The Eco gardening club continues next year and will be starting to prepare for the Christmas fair stall on our return. Miss Walker will be working on Christmas cards with the children, so don't buy any from anywhere else!!!

In preparation for the new school year, you can find the **school uniform** order form on Weduc. We do encourage the wearing of uniform for all pre-16 pupils, it really does support their sense of belonging to our school community.

There will be several forms and requests coming your way too to ensure that we have up to date information about you and your children so please do complete and return these as soon as you can. The admin team are available throughout the summer on the usual school number, should you have any queries.

We know that for some of our families, time with less structure during the holidays can be tricky. Hopefully it is helpful to have some information about things coming up on their return to school to support you. You will also receive postcards during the break, just to remind children that we are looking forward to seeing them all on the **4th September**. Our safeguarding team also keep an



eye on emails over the holiday so if you do need additional support we can be contacted.

It just leaves me to say have a safe and happy holiday and we're all looking forward to September,

Thank you all for your support throughout the year,
Jenny

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If your child leaves home in the morning a little unsettled and you want to quickly tell us, so we know to expect a tricky start to the day, a quick email (that we can follow up later) to the tutor and/or core team with '**Handle with Care**' in the email title will ensure that we are aware.