



Monthly Parent Update Sheet June 2016/July 2016

House Email System

In order to improve parental communication, we now also have the option of House email accounts so that you can send emails regarding any queries you may have. We aim to respond to all emails within 48 hours. Email addresses are as follows:

avon@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

derwent@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

severn@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

trent@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

Whole School Summer Reading Challenge

Please see attached flyer for full details.

SEN News

Parents/carers of pupils on the Special Educational Needs list will receive a letter at the end of this term or the start of next term to confirm if their child is still on the list. If there are any concerns or queries about this the SENCO will be happy to talk to you. All parents of pupils with Special Educational Needs are always welcome to make an appointment to see the SENCO at any time or to ring with any concerns or queries.

PSHE Update

The 18 July 2016 is our last PSHE session. Year 7 will be running stalls to raise money and awareness for their House charity, which they have been researching in class. Year 8 will be looking at self-esteem and positive self-images. Year 9 will be looking at SRE, concentrating on breast awareness (for girls) and contraception. It will be a very useful and hopefully enjoyable day for all!

Changes to ParentPay - 'My Account'

In order to pay for school meals (and other items), after you have topped up 'My Account', remember to allocate funds as follows - click 'Pay for items', select 'Dinner money top up', or whatever item it is you wish to pay for, and then choose the 'view details and pay' button. If you would like a full copy of the ParentPay User Guide please contact Mrs Forbes-Ritte on 01384 816395.

Year 10 Citizenship Trip to Houses of Parliament - Tuesday 21 June 2016

Year 10 Citizenship students are taking a trip on 21 June 2016 to the Houses of Parliament. The trip, organised by MP Ian Austin's office, will involve a tour around both the House of Commons and the House of Lords. It promises to be an exciting day and just 2 days before the EU referendum, who knows what they will see?

EU Referendum Pupil Vote - Wednesday 22 June 2016

On 22 June 2016, Dormston students will be holding their own EU referendum. Students have been educated about both sides in form time and every pupil has the opportunity to vote for what they believe should happen. The results will be counted and revealed before students leave that day. We can then see if our verdict matches the real one the following day!

EU Election Day *SCHOOL CLOSED - Thursday 23 June 2016

The school will be closed on Thursday 23 June 2016 for the EU Elections.

INSET Day *SCHOOL CLOSED - Friday 24 June 2016

School will be closed on Friday 24 June 2016 for INSET.

Oscar Awards Evening - Wednesday 29 June 2016

We will be holding our Annual Oscar Awards Evening for Years 7 – 10 on Wednesday 29 June 2016. Gold envelope invitations to this prestigious event have been given to those pupils invited. As always, there will be awards, prizes and live entertainment and it promises to be a fantastic evening. Parental letters inviting parent/carers to this event have also gone out so please ensure you return your reply slip ASAP. Unfortunately, not every pupil who has worked hard is able to attend due to seating limitations so please don't let your child be disheartened if they have not managed to get an invite this year!

Year 6 Induction Evening & Induction Days - Tuesday 5 July to Thursday 7 July 2016

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all 255 Year 6 pupils in July for Induction Week. We are set to welcome 9 tutor groups into Dormston and begin settling them into life in High School. Tuesday 5 July - Thursday 7 July are our Induction days, along with Induction Evening on the Thursday night to welcome new parents into our school. We are sure that all our pupils will join us in welcoming Year 6 and help in making the transition process a smooth and enjoyable experience.

Activities Week - W/C 11 July 2016

Activity Week is taking place Monday 11 to Friday 15 July 2016. There are lots of different events taking place in and out of school. Over the next few days letters will be sent home with pupils detailing information for their chosen package including; a full detailed itinerary, clothing requirements, timings of the day and any other arrangements. Please ensure that if there are forms to be returned for specific activities that these are in by the deadline date as failure to do so could

prevent your son/daughter taking part in some activities. If you have any further queries please contact pgamble@dormston.dudley.sch.uk

Annual Sports Day Tuesday 19 July 2016 at The Dell Stadium - Brierley Hill

As in past years, this will take place for the whole day. Pupils will need to arrive at the venue by 9.00am and will be allowed to leave from 2.30pm. Please ensure that they are aware of whatever arrangements you have made for their journey home. All pupils should attend, in school PE kit. Parents are welcome to attend but must let the school know in advance so that they can be issued with entry tickets. Limited transport from the school to the Stadium will be provided where needed but most pupils will need to make their own travel arrangements. Pupils will need to bring packed lunches, plenty of drinks, sun lotion, coats, and tracksuits suitable for the day's weather conditions. Further details will be forthcoming.