



Monthly Parent/Carer Update Sheet June 2017/July 2017

Year 11 PE Kits

If you do not plan on re-using your child's PE kit when they leave school in the summer, can you please hand any spare items in to the PE Office. It would be gratefully received and appreciated as it will be used as spare kit.

Medical Information Request *IMPORTANT

If you have not already returned your child's Medical Details Form please could you do so as a matter of urgency. Without this pupils will not be able to receive the appropriate medical input they may require. Please can you check your child's bag as very few forms have been returned since they were sent out.

Sainsbury's Active Kids for School 2017

Thanks to all the parents and staff who have collected the Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers 2017. Stores are no longer issuing vouchers. If you have any vouchers that you have not yet handed in please can you donate these to the PE Department by 23 June 2017.

Safeguarding

Dormston School takes the safeguarding and welfare of all pupils very seriously. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of pupils at this school please report them to either Mr Dixon, Mrs Elliott or Miss Smith. Further information and guidance for parents/carers on safeguarding issues can also be found on the school website.

Medical Appointments *REMINDER

The school will not authorise medical or dental appointments unless they are supported by a doctor's/dentist's letter (a copy is acceptable) or an appointment slip or card clearly stating the appointment date and time. When a pupil needs to leave school for a medical or dental appointment, the parent/carers or child must show a letter/appointment slip/card to the Office when they sign out or when they sign in after attending the appointment or the absence will not be authorised. GP/Dental surgeries can issue appointment slips. When a pupil arrives late to school after a medical or dental appointment, a parent/carers or child must show their letter/appointment slip/card to the Office when they sign in otherwise the absence will not be authorised.

Pupil Illness

When you report your child's absence you may be asked to provide information and discuss the symptoms that are being displayed by your child. You may then be advised whether time off is recommended or not. We are relying upon **Public Health England Guidelines**.

Dormston Mock Election

On Wednesday 7 June 2017, pupils took part in our own 'Dormston General Election'. After seeing brief manifestos from each of the parties in form during the week, students had the opportunity to vote for which party they agreed with most in our mock election. The results were announced in the afternoon. Our pupils voted by a 46% majority for Labour to win - the nation didn't quite agree!

Citizenship Trip

On Tuesday 27 June 2017, GCSE Citizenship students have the opportunity to visit Nottingham's National Galleries of Justice Museum. Here, they get a guided tour of crime and punishment through the ages, seeing real life gallows and Victorian prison cells. They also get to act a real life court case and discuss the outcome and its fairness. Maybe some of the class will be there in real life soon as a barrister or judge?

School Summer Reading Challenge

Set your own challenge to read during the summer holidays. What better time is there than the long summer holidays to chill, relax, pick up a great book and spend lots of time reading?

Following the success of last year's first school Summer Reading Challenge we will be encouraging as many pupils as possible to take part this year. Rather than reading a set number of books, the focus is for pupils to set their own target to achieve their PERSONAL BEST READING CHALLENGE. Pupils have access to a wonderful selection of books to borrow from the PLC but whatever they read whether it's from school, the local borough Library, their own book, or an e book, they all count towards the challenge. The most important thing is for them to be reading. Pupils can get all the details, sign up and collect their Summer Reading Challenge log book anytime from the **launch day on Monday 3 July 2017 to the end of term. Pupils should return their completed reading log to the PLC by Thursday 7 September 2017.** There will be prizes for all pupils who complete the challenge with an extra prize draw for the 5 best book reviews. **Prize giving will take place in the PLC at lunchtime on Friday 8 September 2017.** Apart from reading for pleasure, it is really important that pupils continue to read during the holidays to ensure the reading skills they have been building on don't dip during the long break. Your support in encouraging your child to take part is very much appreciated. Please do not hesitate to contact, Mrs Ellsmore, PLC Manager, if we can in any way help further with your child's reading for pleasure.

Languages Trip 2018

We will shortly be launching our trip for 2018. All language students currently in Year 9, please express interest to your German and French teachers. We will again be visiting the Black Forest and Strasbourg allowing us to take both German and French pupils. Letters will be with language teachers very soon.

Year 7 to 10 Examinations Week - WC 19 June 2017

As preparation for your child's GCSE exams, and to support their continued progress, we will be holding an exam week beginning Monday 19 June 2017. During this week all pupils will be given a summative, written exam in many of their subjects. Your child's teachers will be preparing them for their exams in the weeks preceding Monday 19 June 2017. Homework tasks will largely be revision and past papers or preparation activities. Could you please support us by ensuring that your child revises thoroughly. We are also holding a 'Revision Support Evening' on Wednesday 24 May 2017 which will give an overview of what "Good" revision should look like. As I am sure you can appreciate, the lead up to exams is a crucial time. Therefore, it is imperative that all pupils attend every day in the coming weeks. Your child will receive their exam timetable and there will also be a copy on the website/VLE. If you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact school.

Oscar Awards Evening - Tuesday 27 June 2017 at 7.00pm

We will be holding our annual Oscar Awards Evening on Tuesday 27 June 2017. If your child has been invited to this event you will receive a letter inviting you to attend shortly. As always, this promises to be a great evening packed full of awards and entertainment, celebrating some of the most dedicated pupils' achievements and hard work. Please note however that due to seating restrictions not all pupils will receive an invitation. Please reassure your child that if they do not get invited to this event it is not because we do not recognise their hard work and effort. The criteria for selection is very broad to encompass a range of pupils. There are only 7 awards per subject and Heads of Department spend a great deal of time deciding on their nominations with their subject teachers.

INSET Day - Friday 30 June 2017

We will be closed for INSET on Friday 30 June 2017. Pupils should return to school on Monday 3 July 2017.

Year 6 Induction Days - Tuesday 4 July to Thursday 6 July 2017

We are very much looking forward to welcoming all 226 Year 6 pupils on Tuesday 4 July for a 3 day Induction experience here at Dormston, along with a Parents' Induction Evening on Thursday 6 July 2017. We are sure that all our pupils will join us in welcoming Year 6 and help the transition process to be a smooth and enjoyable experience for all.

Sports Day - Thursday 13 July 2017

We will be holding our annual Sports Day on Thursday 13 July 2017. Pupils will need to be at the Dell Stadium, Bryce Road, Brierley Hill DY5 4NB for 8.30am. We have 2 coaches booked from

school to the Stadium and returning. Places will be available on a first come first served basis. Pupils should sign up in the PE office if they require this transport. A letter containing full details for the event will be sent out in due course.

Activities Week - WC Monday 17 July 2017

Activities week will soon be here and there are lots of varied and exciting activities taking place. Letters will be sent home with pupils shortly giving more information on each day. Should you have any queries before then please contact Mrs Gamble at pgamble@dormston.dudley.sch.uk.

Last Day of Term - Friday 21 July 2017 at 12.00pm *EARLY FINISH

As per the Head Teacher's recent letter the last day of the Summer Term will now be **Friday 21 July 2017 finishing at 12.00pm**. Pupils should return to school on Tuesday 5 September 2017. Pupils will be returning to a Week 1 Timetable.