

NEWSLETTER

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PRIMARY ACADEMY

#proudtobeDAPA

Our school community is absolutely the best!

#bestschoolcommunityinCrawley

This week has been one of those weeks where our community just shine out and show off. The DAPA community is made up of parents, carers, grandparents, staff, pupils and Local Board members... so lots of us! It feels like we are really working towards improving the school together and giving the children the absolute best. It has been brilliant to see how inspired some of our community are to get involved – thank you!! Read below to see a few ways our local community have shown off how much they are #proudtobeDAPA.

Mrs Cottrell

September Staffing

It's that time of year when we reluctantly have to say goodbye to some members of staff as they move on to new adventures. At the end of this year we will be saying a fond farewell to Miss Mackenzie who currently teaches in Klimt Class and Mrs Golding who works in the SSC. Miss Mackenzie is going off to do some travelling and pursue some other interests. Mrs Golding is retiring and will be enjoying some more time to herself and with her family. We wish them all the best!

Look out in the newsletter next week for an update on our new teachers for September.

Summer Fair

Thank you to everyone who came to the Summer Fair today. It was so heartening to see so many of you there! Look out for a special feature in the newsletter next week.



Mrs George is showing off her resilience...

Mrs George, who works in SSC1 is going on an amazing adventure of resilience in August just before we come back to school. Mrs

George says:

I'm taking part in a 100km walk over the South downs (nearly 63 miles) over 2 days in August. It's going to be a huge challenge but every step will be in memory of my Mum and every step will be raising money for Sepsis UK.

If you would like to donate towards her amazing adventure you can either visit <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/nannygorgeous>

or pop some pennies into the office and we will make sure Mrs George gets these.

Local Board update

We are delighted to welcome three new volunteer members to our Local Board (Governors) at Desmond Anderson. We have been very lucky to appoint Leanne George, Rhianna Patel and Robyn Desso who bring a variety of skills with them.

The Board would also like to thank the DAPTFA for all the hard work they have put into planning events and raising money for our Academy. This is completely voluntary and those involved often have to slot things in before and after their day jobs. We really appreciate the enormous effort that goes into everything they do.

Clare Hoggan

Year 5 Visit TBCC

Year 5 enjoyed a taster session at Thomas Bennett this week and were able to experience life at a secondary school as they prepare for their final year of primary school. They really enjoyed the experience and came back feeling very grown up!

Coats from the community

We have a really generous member of the community who regularly donates part of his pension to 'keep the children warm and dry'. We have saved this money and decided to buy some DAPA coats to use at playtimes and lunchtimes for those children who often need one. We have 20 blue coats to use at playtimes in the colder and wetter weather for children who do not have coats with them. The amazing Zoe from TaylorMade gave us a great deal to help us get more for our money – thank you to both our kind donator and also Zoe!



Mr Stepney's Book Corner

Issue 3



I have had some help this week for the reviews. Miss Butler's Book Club meets every week and is split into Y3 and 4 and Y5 and 6. They read books and enjoy talking about them. Thank you so much to the book club for their help this week.

Review: Marge and the Pirate Baby by Isla Fisher (Yr 3/4 Book Club)

We think this book is aimed at children aged between 5 and 9 years old. You can share this book with a friend or by yourself. The book contains a few stories including the title story Marge and the Pirate Baby. In the book, we meet Marge the babysitter who helps set the children off on imaginary adventures. These adventures help the children accomplish things they have never done before and help them to overcome their fears.

"I think this book is funny because the author uses some funny words in the book.

My favourite character is Jake." Ray - Year 3

"This book is funny because the author uses made up words to make the reader laugh." Izabele – Year 3



Review: The Many Worlds of Albie Bright by Christopher Edge (Yr 5/6 Book Club)

This book involves Science, Quantum Physics and a very battered banana. Albie, a young boy, travels through universes to try and find a cherished family member, and we follow his many amazing adventures. If you enjoy Science you will love this book. We feel that it is aimed at children aged 8 and above.

"I really liked this book due to the adventures that the book went on. Before I read this book I did not enjoy Science and now I do." Ella - Year 6.

"It is a very scientific book and I would recommend it to people who like Science." Lucy - Year 6.

"A very enjoyable book." Rosie - Year 6.

"This book really inspired me." Neffi - Year 6.

"I am now regretting that I eat bananas." Tinka - Year 5.



Our Superstars of the week are...

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Klimt
Kandins
Van Gog
Cezanne
Matisse
Mackint
SSC1

... going to be announced next week!

Due to the Summer Fair after school, Mrs Cottrell has not been able to get the names to pop in the newsletter.

We will have extra celebration next week.

Uniform Swap Shop – watch this space!

Some of our fabulous staff have volunteered to begin to run a uniform swap shop. They are in the initial stages of organising this and more information will be sent out soon. What an exciting opportunity to exchange uniform within our community!

The Railway Children

The whole academy enjoyed a performance of The Railway Children this week to help support children's experiences of live theatre and story-telling. Many of the children had never heard of the story and so enjoyed something new. Thank you to all helping to provide this experience by paying - it makes all the difference to our children.

The performance sparked a conversation among staff members about how a lot of children miss out on the classic stories and have not heard of many of them.

So if you are stuck for something to do over the summer holidays, why not visit your local library and get out some children's classics to read with your children. This will benefit the children's reading and writing in many different ways and might bring back some childhood memories of your own!

Hot weather reminder

Please make sure your child comes to school with:

- A named water bottle
- A named sun hat
- A light weight raincoat if it is forecast to rain
- Sun cream applied in the morning. Children can bring sun cream in and re-apply themselves if in a named bottle. Please be aware staff are not permitted to help children with the application of sun cream. This is standard procedure in most schools.

Dates for your Diary

June

Friday 28th	Year 6 to Go Ape
Friday 28th	Year 4 Camp at school

July

Week beginning 1st	Year 6 Bikeability
Wednesday 3rd	Transition Day/Moving Up Day
Monday 8th	Sports Day
Monday 8th	Scholastic Book Fair all week
Tuesday 9th	Reserve Sports Day
Wednesday 10th	Parents Evening
Thursday 11th	Parents Evening
Friday 12th	School Discos and Year 6 Barbeque
Tuesday 16	Year 1 Trip to Wilderness Wood
Friday 19th	Year 6 Leavers Assembly AM
Friday 19th	Bartram's Picnic 12.15 – School closes at 1.30 pm for the summer holidays
Monday 22nd July 2019	Inset Day
Tuesday 23rd July 2019	Inset Day