



Inspiring children through excellence

The Dawnay News

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A Note From The Head

We have had a busy couple of weeks with lots to celebrate already.

On Thursday 21st September two teams of Year 5 pupils competed against around 40 other schools in a maths competition held at Christ's Hospital School near Horsham in West Sussex. Our children were amazing, competing against a number of private schools and some primary schools that are much bigger than ours. Team 1 and Team 2 came 12th and 7th respectively. The teams comprised Sophie B, James T, Max J and JoJo, very well done to them all.

As well as success in maths, we also have some highly successful cross country runners. The lunchtime running and addition of Run 10 to our clubs list have spurred children on to run for enjoyment. The cross country competition held on Friday 22nd September was very well attended with 26 children participating in the competition, with the following successes:

Keira B, 1st in Junior Girls; Isaac W, 7th in Junior Boys; Luke S, 10th in Junior Boys and Lily B, 5th in Senior Girls – very well done to everyone. Team Dawnay, resplendent in matching 'competition' kit did us proud!

And for some fun...

I hope those of you who attended the Snail Race on Friday evening have recovered your hearing! What a brilliant evening it was with great (and loud) excitement from adults and children alike. The Snail Race evening has become a favourite at the start of the school year and is a wonderful opportunity for new parents to get to know everyone. Thank you to The Friends for organising the event and to all who attended. Thank you also for a very enjoyable coffee morning in aid of Macmillan's Cancer and all your contributions of cakes; I am delighted to say we raised £146.31 for this charity.

And finally, more good news – Max Hewitt-Lee is to become a big brother! Congratulations to Kayleigh Hewitt-Lee and husband James on the expected arrival of a brother or sister for Max next March. We look forward to another Dawnay baby!

Gail Hard

The Dawnay School Rules



We care,
about ourselves.



We care,
about each other.



We care,
about our environment.



We care,
about learning.

The Dawnay has PRIDE! We use the letters of the word PRIDE to share the moral purpose of the school with all children. They know what each letter stands for and how we can demonstrate these values. Assemblies often make reference to one or more elements of this word and their links to the school's caring rules opposite.

P – Positive

R – Respect

I – Independence

D – Difference

E – Excellence

Each month we also focus on a specific learning skill and draw attention to its use in lessons.

October's learning skill is: **Confidence:** Learning to give it a go, try your best

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Do remember that all the information included in newsletters together with a list of dates is also available on our website: www.dawnay.surrey.sch.uk.

Upcoming date reminders:

Tuesday 3 rd October From 3.00 pm	Sign-up sheets for parents' evening outside the office (Years 1-5 only; NOT Ladybirds)	Please sign up to a convenient time for your 10 minute appointment.
Tuesday 11 th October	Year 2 and visiting schools – Super Hero day	Get your super hero costume
Wednesday 11 th October	Parents' Evening – 3.30 – 6.00	Sign up for an appointment
Thursday 12 th October	Parents' Evening – 6.00 – 8.00	Sign up for an appointment
Tuesday 17 th October	Sign-up sheets available for Ladybirds parents' evening	These will be located outside Ladybirds classroom
Tuesday 17 th October	Year 1 and year 2 Harvest Festival 2.00pm@ St Nicolas Church – check time!	Children may be taken home after the service if you wish, alternatively, they will be brought back to school to finish at the usual time
Thursday 19 th October	Open morning and afternoon	Please encourage any prospective parents for Reception 2018 or Year 3 2018 to come and look around
Thursday 19 th October	Reception Class and Year1 – Under the Sea day	Get your sea related costume and keep it all a secret!
Friday 20 th October	INSET DAY	School closed to children for staff development
Monday 23 rd October – Friday 27 th October	Half Term Holiday	

Mentoring at The Dawnay

Thank you to all those who have offered help with mentoring, we are almost ready to launch and hope that the impact of an additional adult will be beneficial to all those who are able to take part.



Attendance Matters

We will be monitoring any attendance that falls below 95% in order to take preventative action. Please be assured that this is to help keep attendance as high as possible. This week the top scorers are:

Foxes **97.9%**
Kestrels **97.8%**
Hedgehogs **97%**

Fantastic, well done!



Working party

Very many thanks for the continued support of our volunteers who have been working to improve the outside areas in the school. There is no doubt that a great difference has been made. We are particularly grateful for the attention given to the forest schools area by our Dawnay dads, Mark Heather, Dan Coffin, Tim Spencer and Chris Cannacott, this area continues to provide a great space for children to work and play together.



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Parents' Consultation Evenings

For parents who are new to the school, this is how it works:

- Lists will be available by the school office from 3.00pm on Tuesday 3rd October (apart from Ladybirds Class which will be available on Tuesday 17th October) so that you can sign up for an appointment (and co-ordinate appointments if you have more than one child!).

On the evening itself:

- Books will be available for you to look at in your child's classroom or, for Bumblebees and Dragonflies, in the Languages room in the Juniors, you can do this before or after your appointment but please take the books to the appointment to refer to
- Before your appointment you will wait in the library and at the appointed time, a bell will ring for you to meet with your child's teacher in the hall.
- At the end of the 10 minute slot, a bell will ring to indicate the end of your time and a changeover

This system works really well and keeps everyone on time, so, in consideration of all parents, please end your conversations promptly when the bell rings so that everyone has their full time with their child's teacher.

We do encourage you to bring your child to parents' evening, particularly for the Juniors, as it is good practice to involve all parties in the conversations, however, if you have an issue you would like to discuss without your child present, then please do mention this to your child's teacher.

Flu Immunisations Reminder

We are still outstanding return slips for the Flu Immunisations. Parents of children in Reception Class up to, and including, Year 4 have received letters with information and a reply form regarding vaccination against flu. Please note you are required to complete the enclosed form and **return it to the school office, regardless of whether or not you wish to have your child immunised, as soon as possible.**

For more information please visit www.nhs.uk/child-flu and should you wish to prepare your child you may wish to view a short video found via the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1jHWwm8NQUw>

Data Collection Sheets Reminder

So that we have our parents' most up to date contact details, we have sent you all data collections sheets. Please return, with any amendments or additions you may have, so that we may amend our records accordingly.

Year 6 Academic Tutoring

Once again, this was a great success this year, thank you for committing to this. If you have a child in Year 6 and you haven't yet met with your child and classteacher together, then either you or they will arrange a convenient time which could be a double appointment at parents' evening. Generally speaking though, parents of Year 6 children who have already attended a slot during the academic tutoring day, do not need to make an appointment for parents' evening

Year 6 Secondary Application

A reminder that the deadline for all Year 6 children to apply for secondary school is 31st October 2017. For more information you might like to visit the > [Surrey School Admission website page](#)

Secondary School Open Days

The Dawnay has been advised of various secondary school open days.

The Howard of Effingham School

Open Evening - Thursday 12th October 2017 5pm - 8pm

Manor House School

Senior Scholarship Open Morning – Saturday 7th October 2017 10am

Therfield School

Open Morning - Friday 6th October 9am – 11am

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Past Pupil Success

We are delighted to inform you that former Dawnay student Conor Gallagher, a member of the Chelsea youth set-up, has been included in the England U17 squad for the World Cup next month - we wish him every success!

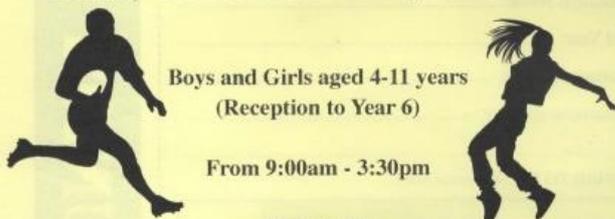
MULTI SPORTS ACTIVITIES

OCTOBER HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSE

Oakfield Junior School, Bell Lane,
Fetcham, Surrey, KT22 9ND

Dates:

Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October



Boys and Girls aged 4-11 years
(Reception to Year 6)

From 9:00am - 3:30pm

£26 per day

£22 per day if you book all five days

10% sibling discount for all/any attending siblings



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Should you wish for any further information about the holiday club then please feel free to contact Naz (Head Coach) on 07793 815 752 or by e-mail at info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk or check out our website at www.ca-sportscoaching.co.uk

Your child should arrive with:

Weather appropriate sports clothing and footwear
Snacks and a drink (non fizzy)

All bookings should be made via email to info@ca-sportscoaching.co.uk where you will need to confirm:

Your Child/Childrens Name:

Current School Year:

Emergency Contact Number:

Medical Requirements (if any):

DATES YOU WISH TO BOOK (please tick):

Monday 23rd October:	Football	
Tuesday 24th October:	Tag Rugby / Basketball	
Wednesday 25th October:	Athletics / Football	
Thursday 26th October:	Street Dance / Gymnastics	
Friday 27th October:	Football	

Once we have received your booking request, we will respond to confirm details on how to make payment to secure the booking.

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