



Message from the Principal

Dear parents and carers,

It has been an incredibly rewarding year, thanks to our superb staff and children, and the support given by you, our parents and carers. Our core purpose, at Darlinghurst is always our children and they have been at the centre of every step taken and event planned. We are proud of each and every child and we have enjoyed making memories with them.

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Johnson after 15 years of being part of the Darlinghurst family. We wish her all the best.

There have been a huge number of achievements within Darlinghurst Academy for children and staff individually and collaboratively, in addition to the community as a whole. We received 'Eco School status' and successfully received the 'learning in partnership with parent's award'. Recent highlights have been final year six celebrations and transitional activities across the school as all children and staff prepare for their next stage. Our departing year six children have been a pleasure to teach and I would like to acknowledge the commitment they, and their teachers, have given to successfully navigating the final year of Primary and the SATS. I am sure that the staff in the secondary schools will welcome them as an asset to their school, recognising not only their academic success but also how kind, talented and unique they are. We are certain that our children will continue in the direction in which we have pointed them and continue to shine. I would also like to thank the Rapid Improvement Board and the Parent Focus Group who give their time to support the Academy. In addition, the PTA who have been working hard to raise funds to create extra opportunities for our children. Their contributions are appreciated.

We began this academic year with our new uniform launch and logo. We are proud to wear our 'little boat' logo, representing adventurous and playful spirits and the shining talents of our children – they are our stars! We firmly believe in our Academy values and know that children, staff and parents are committed to A – E. Whilst on the whole, uniform has been smart, please refer to the school uniform guidance which can be found at <http://darlinghurst.uk/information/school-uniform-at-darlinghurst>, so we return in full uniform in September. Can I draw Year six parent's attention to Year six uniform requirements; for the children's final year at Darlinghurst Year six children wear a blue collared shirt and a Darlinghurst tie. If you are purchasing new school bags for the new academic year, could I draw your attention to PE bags, Book bags and Darlinghurst caps which can also be purchased from our suppliers. Children keep their belongings in lockers and therefore please consider the size of the school bag in order for safe and tidy storage. Large rucksacks do not fit inside the lockers. I look forward to seeing the children flow through the gates, in September, a little older and with stories to tell of their summer break.

For the past year we have worked with you to introduce ParentPay into the school. ParentPay allows for payments to be made electronically allowing you to manage your child's account for school dinners, clubs and trips online. We are very happy that the majority of you have embraced this new way of paying and we will be continuing to use ParentPay for the new academic year. Please email finance@darlinghurst.co.uk if you need any help setting this up.

Our expectation is that parents will pay for school dinners, Acorns after school club and breakfast club fees weekly, in advance. Chasing debt is very time consuming and can be avoided by making regular payments or alternatively contacting the finance office on 01702 509202 to discuss any financial difficulties that we may be able to help with.

For September 2018 school dinners will remain at £2.20 per meal. Breakfast club has increased to £3.50 per session and Acorns after school club has increased to £8.00 a session (£3.00 if pick up is before 4:15pm). In response to parental requests, we have altered opening times for Breakfast club, from September doors will open at 7:30am. A contract must be in place for you to use these two clubs, please contact the school office



for more information.

Please log on to your child's account over the summer break to ensure that all payments are cleared before the start of the Autumn Term.

Good attendance is so important to our children's success. Holidays in term time are not authorised and we expect attendance to be above 96%. To be even better next year we are keen to start and maintain throughout the year high levels of attendance and punctuality. We will ensure that start and end of day routines are timely.

Could I please appeal to all parents to consider our close neighbours during pick up and drop off. We know that the surrounding roads were not built to cope with the volume of traffic often experienced at these two points of the day. With politeness in mind, it is important that all members of the community interact and speak respectfully to others. We will not tolerate abusive language or actions within our grounds and we are committed to our sense of belonging; ensuring our school is a happy, caring and welcoming place.

I am looking forward to the coming academic year, continuing to create a shared culture and to strengthen our community. I am proud of 'Darlinghurst Academy' and those who are a part of it. With commitment and care, investment and involvement, engagement and encouragement we will achieve excellence together. I wish you all a safe and happy holiday and look forward to seeing our children return alongside those new to Darlinghurst, who we happily welcome into our community.

As always enjoy your family time together

Mrs Nicholls

News

EYFS

It was lovely to see our big boys and girls visiting their new Reception classes again this week. They have been so grown up and have dealt with transition so well, we are very proud of them all. We are looking forward to seeing all of our younger children returning to Nursery in September and hope that everyone gets the chance to do some of the activities from our list over the summer. It has been a very exciting, busy and fun year and we hope that you get to relax a little over the holidays. It is with excitement and sadness that we say goodbye to Mrs Burns. She has been a huge part of the Nursery and Reception classes for the last few years, but a member of the school as a mum, helper, LSA and cover tutor for 19 years. She is now moving on to new adventures and we wish you all the best for your relaxing days. Staff and children from around the whole school will miss you greatly. Every member of Nursery staff would like to thank all parents for their kind words and beautiful gifts. We are as always overwhelmed with your generosity. Thank you so much, have an amazing summer and see you in the next academic year.

Team Nursery

The end of another academic year has come upon us at Darlinghurst Academy. Thank you for letting us guide your children through their Reception year. The children have been an absolute delight to teach and spend time with, on their journey. We wish them all the best for the future and are sure that they will continue to flourish in year 1. Have a lovely holiday. **The Reception Team**

This week in **Reception** the children are excited as it is nearly the holiday. They enjoyed their transition morning with their new teachers and enjoyed many parents/carers visiting during the start of the day reading (SODA). **Miss Dennis and Miss Slade, Starfish class**

I love learning. Reggie, Starfish class



KS1

This week we have been thinking about our favourite moments in Year 1 - achievements, school trips, our friends, our teachers and our goals for Year 2. **Miss Fenwick, Albatross class**

*I loved going to Hyde Hall. **Brooke, Albatross class***

*I have enjoyed football club with Mr Felton and Mr Blewett. **Ruby, Albatross class***

*My reading has improved this year. **Tommy***

*My poem was published in a book. I was really excited. **Henry, Albatross class***

The **Year 2** team would like to commend the children for the confidence and determination they have shown this year. Year 2 is an important year and the children have made us proud as a result of their ongoing commitment to learning. They will be sorely missed! Thank you to all the grown-ups for their unwavering commitment and support. We have loved teaching your children. **Miss Lynch, Lobster class**

KS2

As we nearly say goodbye for another year the **Year 3** teachers and LSAs would like to say a huge and heart felt thank you to the children and parents for your hard work and support. We would like to further thank the children for their determination and dedication this year. They have grown and developed their resilience to challenges and mistakes. They now know that every mistake is an opportunity to learn and discover. They have shown a true sense of belonging through the many trips, year group and school wide activities this year. Have a fabulous summer, see you in 6 weeks. **Mr Porter, Rockpool class**

Year 5 children will be coming home with a letter explaining Accelerated Reader and their log in details. This is the system we will be using to track home reading from September. But in the interim please encourage your child to read over the holiday, log in to the system and take a quiz based on the book they have read. There will be prizes for the children who have read the most over the holidays. Happy reading! **Mr Sykes**

*This week, in **Year 6** we have been rehearsing our Year 6 leavers' assembly. We have performed in front of KS1 and LKS2. We also found out about our SATs results and we have written letters to the current Year 5's. This has also been our last week at Darlinghurst, most of us have been here for a whole seven years! We have all enjoyed our time at Darlinghurst and we will miss everyone and everything.*
The children of Wilton class

Notices

Mrs Dutton would like to say a big thank you to Reanna, Olivia, Ruby, Ashley, Daniel, Jetson, Theo and Harshan in **Year 6** who were great ambassadors for the school when they showed parents new to Darlinghurst around during transition morning.



Parents are reminded of the need to collect all medicines from the school at the end of term, including asthma pumps, epi-pens, piriton etc and to return these to your child's new class teacher at the beginning of the Autumn term together with the completed authorisation to administer which can be obtained from the front office.



Mrs Johnson joined us in September 2003 first as an LSA and then moving on to Learning Mentor and now our Wellbeing Manager. Throughout the years she has supported and enabled children to develop their **Confidence** and encouraged them to challenge their thinking. I have worked very closely with Mrs Johnson for a number of years (an **Achievement** in itself!) and her **Determination** and drive will be greatly missed by myself and all the school community. We wish her every success in her new job, at which I am sure she will be **Excellent**, but she will always **Belong** to Darlinghurst. **Mrs Grant**



Celebrating Excellence

This week we celebrated our attendance winners, children with 100% attendance along with our highest combined attendance classes for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. The groups enjoyed a dance session with our street dance teacher.



Rebecca, Pebble class is holding a teddy tombola stall with her grandmother to raise money for the EHPPS which is the Essex Horse and Pony Protection society. The stall is part of an open day at the society based in Pitsea, Sunday 29th July from 10am till 4 pm. It's an open day and fun dog show.

Well done to the children at Darlinghurst who performed at the Palace Theatre last night in the Morgan Academy of Performing Arts production, 'Lights, Camera, Action.' The teachers who went to see the show thoroughly enjoyed it, you were all superstars!



The Early Bird catches...

Congratulations to Layla and James who correctly guessed the names of the Early Bird. We will have a new Early Bird from September, who will be out on the playground to hand out raffle tickets. Will the Early Bird catch you?



- Wed 05 Sep
New Academic Year Starts
- Mon 17 Sep
Shaping The Future Day
- Wed 26 Sep
KS2 Table Tennis (*Thorpe Hall*)
- Thu 27 Sep
PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning (*Side Hall*)
- Thu 27 Sep
Reception Drop In (*Reception Classes*)
- Fri 28 Sep
EYFS Penguin Waddle
- Fri 28 Sep
Healthy Lunchbox Workshop (*Side Hall*)

Please visit www.darlinghurst.uk/calendar/ for future dates

Group	% Attend
TIDDLERS	89.4
JELLYFISH	96.2
SEAHORSE	85.6
STARFISH	94.6
ALBATROSS	96.7
PELICAN	96.5
PUFFIN	98.5
SEAGULL	95.7
CRAB	97.6
LOBSTER	89.2
OYSTER	82.4
SHRIMP	88.9
DUNE	95.2
PEBBLE	98.1
ROCK POOL	95.4
SEASHELL	99.3
PORT JACKSON	94.3
REEF SHARK	96.7
SAND TIGER	92.6
WHITE SHARK	96.4
NEPTUNE	82.1
POSEIDON	96.9
SUSANOO	88.9
TRITON	90.4
BEMBRIDGE	95.9
MAYFLOWER	94.3
WILTON	94.6

Well done to our 100% attendance children and our combined class attendance winners. Keep up the good attendance, looking forward to the results next year.

Aladdin

Fantastic news! You can now order up to **8 tickets** per family! Final orders must be in by **12th September** so don't miss out. As you know, we have been lucky to secure tickets for this year's pantomime, 'Aladdin' featuring the FABULOUS Diversity at the Cliffs Pavilion. Tickets are for the showing on Wednesday, 19th December at 7.15pm and the seats available are located in the balcony, rows I J K L M. Tickets are available to purchase through ParentPay at £25 each. Thank you for your continued support. PTA-Jen, Lisa, Sarah, Sally & Mike



Come in to win