

# LORD DERAMORE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

9 September 2011

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back to the start of a new school year. Over the next week we will be sending a calendar of events home alongside our Home/School agreement 2011/12.

## School Developments

During the holidays the entrance hall, school office and staffroom were refurbished as a result of the flood damage at Christmas. Unfortunately as with many old buildings several more problems were uncovered as the repair work was undertaken and we face further repairs during the term. The walls in the entrance are still damp and we have been advised not to put displays up until the area has dried out. As we pride ourselves on the quality of our artwork we are rather disappointed by this and hope that we will soon be able to decorate the entrance with children's work.

I am pleased to welcome Mrs Julie Worth to the Office team. Mrs Cornford our Office Manager has reduced her working hours to four days a week (Mon-Thursday). Mrs Worth will be in the Office on a Friday. To further enhance our security systems an electronic entry system has been installed on several of our external doors. Access to school will be at the main entrance after 9.00am as the gates from School Lane and Field Lane will be locked. The gates will be unlocked from 3pm so that parents/carers can collect their children at the end of the school day. Please can all children be in school for a prompt start to the day at 8.50am. Parents/carers are welcome to stay in the playground until the classes are collected by staff from the playground at 8.50am.

The School Office is open from 8.30am until 4pm daily.

## Meet the Teacher Afternoon -Years 1-6

At Lord Deramore's we value the good relationships which exist between parents and teachers. We feel that this partnership is beneficial to all of us, especially the children, who can feel secure and confident that we are all committed to their education and well being.

To continue to develop this partnership, we would like to invite you to a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon. This is not an opportunity to discuss your child, but rather an informal opportunity to meet the teacher, chat about school or classroom procedures, look at the classroom and resources and ask any questions. You can also use this as an opportunity to walk around the school, our grounds and talk to the staff.

To enable this to take place, we request that **children are collected from school at 2.30 pm on Thursday 29 September**. You can then come into school with your child anytime until 3.30 pm. Please complete the attached proforma.

The school gates will be open at 2.30pm to enable access to the playground and classrooms. Please can junior parents/carers enter the school via the junior door and Year 1 parents by the infant entrance and Year 2 parents/carers at their classroom door.

If you are unable to attend the 'Meet the Teacher afternoon', your child will stay in school until the usual finishing time.

We look forward to seeing you.

## Harvest

This year our Harvest Assembly will take place on **Monday 3 October**. We will talk to the children about the Arc Light Project which is a charity providing night shelter and food to homeless people.

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We would like to ask the children to support this project by bringing in donations of tinned food on the morning of the assembly. Items that would be useful include coffee, tea, sugar, tins of beans, fruit, spaghetti, tomatoes, ham and corned beef. One tin/donation per family would be gratefully received by the Charity.

The Arc Light Project is a local charity that relies on the generosity of donations and volunteer helpers to provide a service for the homeless people of York.

I hope you will be able to support us with our collection.

## **Dinner Money**

Please note that dinner money is £2.20 per day (£11 for a full week). Please make cheques payable to City of York Council. If you wish to pay half termly in advance the amount up to the October half term is £77 per child.

We have several children in school with allergies. Please can you ensure we have up to date medical information concerning your child. If your child is allergic to certain foods and you would like the catering service to provide a menu, please collect a form to complete from the School Office.

## **A few reminders for the start of term**

Please can

- Children have their named PE kit in school at all times
- Long hair be tied back
- Jewellery not be worn to school
- Water bottles come to school every day
- We all have a fantastic start to the new school year!

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Sheena Powley  
Headteacher

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## **Meet the Teacher Afternoon**

My child .....(name) will be collected at 2.30 pm on

Thursday 29 September by .....(name/relationship of adult)

If you are unable to arrange to have your child collected please tick this box

Signature of parent/carer .....