

26<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Our summer 1 half-term concludes today and we have closed in tandem with celebrating a most momentous occasion, the platinum jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II. A British monarch reigning for 70 years has never happened before and is unlikely to be seen again. It is truly a historic moment, that our children will reflect on in years to come with memories which will include sharing today's **jubilee celebrations** with friends.

Before we reflect on the week, please note **pupils return to school on Tuesday 7th June**. Our **Breakfast Club** (7:45am – 8:45am) **Extended Day Care** (3:30pm – 5:45pm) & **After-school Clubs** (3:30pm – 4:30pm) will be accessible to those registered, as of the morning of 7.6.22.

As we now reflect on the week at Daubeney, a slightly less auspicious event but historic nonetheless happened today, the conclusion of our **KS1 SATs**. This marks the cessation of statutory tests for children in Year 2 in England. For many, I am sure that this will be music to your ears! Going forward schools will be held to account for the progress pupils make from their time in Reception through to their SATs in Year 6. We do however, still have the Y1 Phonics screener and the Y4 Multiplication Times Tables Check (MTC) taking place in June when we return after the holiday. As mentioned last week we now patiently await this year's **KS2 SATs** results on 5.7.22.

In the meantime, many of our **Year 6's** (and some Year 5's) have been enjoying their **residential trip** this week in Danbury, Essex. We know that their parents have been keeping a keen eye on what they've been up to via our website. For those that would like to see what the children have been up to, and what your children could be experiencing in the future, access the link below. We must express our gratitude to the adults who have gone above and beyond to make this week possible for the children and they are: **Miss Cheung; Miss McDonald; Miss Phillips; Miss Prisca; Miss O'Brien; Mr Ricardo & Mr Swarbrick** – can I get a whoop whoop?! We look forward to their return tomorrow afternoon. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/year6/residential-2022-day-3>

For those at school, our **'Word of the Week'** and **'Golden Expectation of the Week'** were **'Supportive'** & **'Be kind, helpful and gentle'**.

Our children brought our DT half-term to a close by celebrating their learning on Wednesday's WOW Day.

As well as organising the WOW day, **Miss Smith**, our **Creativity Lead Teacher** was instrumental in facilitating a Year 4 student, **Alice**, to be chosen as third place winner in the Hackney Speaker's Queen's Platinum Jubilee Art Competition with the amazing creation at the end of the letter!

Today everyone had the opportunity to enjoy a picnic dressed as royalty and enjoy an exhibition of crowns and gifts made for the queen to bring the half-term to a close and celebrate the platinum jubilee. In addition to the fun learning and good time had today the children get a chance to celebrate the jubilee all over again next weekend with you!

As we look forward **Year 4 parents**, please remember that we begin our swimming sessions immediately upon our return on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> June. Please refer to your child's letter sent previously.

In the immediate future please ask your child for their **'beach letter'** after school today. We ask that you sign and return this immediately after the holiday.

We would also like to ask you, if you have not done so already, to please take two minutes to complete our short **parent questionnaire** emailed to you last week as we seek your thoughts on how we have can serve you, your child(ren) and our community even better than we currently do. This questionnaire is integral to our **school improvement journey**; your contributions will be very much appreciated the deadline for completion is **Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June**. <https://forms.gle/PDE9aVtmuBYJM9ok6>

For those who have not read it, we ask you to engage with this term's **SENDfriend** newsletter, which summarises some key points from the government's recent SEND green paper. There is also a google link included so that you can attend our inaugural **SEND parent forum** scheduled for the first week of the summer 2 half-term on Wednesday June 8<sup>th</sup>. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/543>

As well as completing a questionnaire, and attending a virtual forum we'd love to have you at our **Saturday Fun Day** (25.6.22, 11am – 3pm). In addition to a range of sporting activities on the day parents will also have the opportunity to secure a table to sell their 'wares' (£15 per table). Look out for more information or email if you'd like to get involved just email [admin@daubeney.hackney.ch.uk](mailto:admin@daubeney.hackney.ch.uk)

Finally, to reiterate what was said previously, with lots of events including the one's identified above. We strongly encourage you to check the News and Letters section of our website on a regular basis <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/news> and our calendar to stay abreast of the upcoming events for the remainder of the term <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>

Enjoy a great half-term holiday, and a once in a lifetime Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday!



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