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Dear Parents and Carers

We are now approaching the end of another successful school year and I am delighted to write out to you with up-dates and information.

End of term information

Reports and review meetings:

For Danesgate primary pupils the review day is Wednesday 12th July, for Kestrel Class pupils the review day is Thursday 13th July and for Kestrel House pupils the review day is Friday 14th July. Danesgate secondary pupils have a review day on Friday 21st July. Teaching is suspended on these days to allow for flexibility around review appointments. There will be no alternative provision (Boxing Club, Ad Astra, Toolbox, RockschooL, Country Classroom, Rossmoor Grange) on Friday 21st July, Monday 24th July or Tuesday 25th July.

Reports for all pupils and students will be handed out at the review meetings. For any parents or carers who cannot make the review meeting we will post a copy of the report home.

Last day of term:

Tuesday 25th July – last day with a 12 noon closure.

Exam results day:

All results will be available from 9.30am on Thursday 24th August.

Start of next term:

Teaching for Primary aged pupils will begin on **Wednesday 6th September**.

Secondary aged students will have a timetable and induction meeting on Wednesday 6th September (key worker will make appointments with parents). Teaching for secondary aged students will start on **Thursday 7th September..**

Staff and Governor news

Leaving our staff team:

Mrs Cath Norris is retiring at the end of this term and Mrs Pam Jackson is retiring at the end of September. Mrs Sharon Graham, Mrs Sue Howard and Mrs Sian Abbey have decided to have a change of pace and so are moving onto new projects next year.

Cath has been a superb Deputy Headteacher. Cath has worked at Danesgate since 2004 having left mainstream teaching to join the Behaviour Support Service in 1996. Cath has made such an impact on the lives of so many young people and it is impossible to capture the positive energy she brings to the school in this letter. Pam has worked in the Outreach team since 1996 advising schools and working with primary aged pupils.

Sharon and Sue also joined the Behaviour Support Service in 1996 and moved to work at Danesgate in 2004. Sharon is an exceptionally creative teacher who has, in recent years, been the school's Professional Tutor responsible for mentoring newly qualified teachers and trainee teachers on placement. Sue is an outstanding teacher who has led our Opening Minds curriculum offer which is the central part of our Key Stage 3 teaching.

Sian has worked at Danesgate since 2008. Sian's passion for Science and her access to interesting (and sometimes gory) scientific objects has brought Science alive to our learners.

We wish those colleagues who are retiring a very happy and well-earned retirement and look forward to getting regular up-dates from everyone on all the new projects that they have in their sights.

Leaving us for new posts in other schools are Sofia Valades, Kathryn Fenwick Hannah Turlington, Matt Tee, Tess Grant and Rick Cobbold.

Sofia has worked at Danesgate for 5 years and has been a truly excellent key worker and History teacher. Sofia is moving back to Mexico and we wish her well.

Hannah has been promoted to the post of Assistant Headteacher at Filey School. Hannah has brought her own distinctive style to the KS4 group teaching and will be a sad loss for us but I am delighted for her at the same time and wish her well with her new challenge. Kathryn is leaving us to take up a post at Stamford Bridge Primary School and we wish her every success in her new post. Matt and Rick have been with us since 2014; Matt is going off to do his teacher training qualification and Rick is joining the team at Hob Moor Oaks School. Tess has been a super teaching assistant in the Outreach team and is moving to a new job at Tang Hall Primary School.

Lauren King and Lana Hardiman are on maternity leave from September and we look forward to seeing them back in a few months time.

Joining our staff team:

Gareth Morton (Deputy Headteacher), Faye Riley (KS3 teacher), Andrea Ford (KS3 teacher), Steve Nicholson (Maths teacher), Nick Bradley (History teacher) are all new colleagues who join us in September.

Governor information:

The Chair of the Management Committee (this is the same as a Governing Body in other schools) is Mr Paul Guilfoyle. Paul is regularly in school seeing what we do and attending meetings and parents can contact him via the School Business Manager, Mrs Melanie Shepherd. A full list of our management committee members is on our website.

Happy holidays

I have attached the school calendar for 2017/18 and all up-dates and other essential information can always be found on our website www.danesgatecommunity.org.uk .

I hope you have a safe and happy holiday and look forward to working with you in the Autumn term.

Yours sincerely



Patricia Head (Mrs)

Headteacher

PS – please find calendar dates for next school year on the next page – please try to keep family holidays to school holiday times wherever possible. Thank you.

Calendar 2017/18

Mon 4.9 INSET DAY – staff only	Mon 6.11 start of second half term
Tues 5.9 INSET DAY – staff only	Wed 6.12 Kestrel House review day
Wed 6.9 – first day in for primary pupils, induction day for secondary pupils	Thu 7.12 Kestrel Class review day
Fri 6.10 INSET day – staff only	
Wed 11.10 Kestrel House review day	Wed 13.12 Danesgate primary review day
Wed 18.10 Danesgate primary review day	Fri 15.12 KS3/4 review day
Fri 20.10 Kestrel Class review day	Fri 15.12 Christmas Fair
Fri 27.10 last day of half term	Fri 22.12 last day of term (normal finish time)
Mon 30.10-Fri 3.11 half term holiday week	Mon 25.12- Fri 5.1.18 Christmas holiday
Mon 8.1.18 start of Spring term	Mon 19.2 start of second half term
	Tue 13.3 twilight inset event for staff (3.30-6pm)
Thu 8.2 Kestrel Class review day	Wed 14.3 Danesgate Primary review day
Fri 9.2 Kestrel House review day	Tue 20.3 Kestrel Class review day
	Wed 21.3 KS3/4 review day
	Thu 22.3 Kestrel House review day
Fri 9.2 last day of half term	Fri 23.3 last day of term (normal finish time)
Mon 12.2-Fri 16.2 half term holiday week	Mon 26.3-Fri 6.4.18 Easter holiday
Mon 9.4 start of Summer term	Mon 4.6 start of second half term
	Mon 19.6 twilight inset event for staff (3.30-6pm)
	Wed 4.7 INSET day – staff only
Mon 7.5 May Day Bank Holiday	Wed 11.7 Danesgate primary review day
Wed 23.5 Danesgate primary review day	Thu 12.7 Kestrel Class review day
Thu 17.5 Kestrel Class review day	Fri 13.7 Kestrel House review day
Fri 18.5 Kestrel House review day	Thu 19.7 KS3/4 review day
Fri 25.5 last day of half term	Fri 20.7 last day of term (12 noon)
Mon 28.5-Fri 1.6 half term holiday week	M 23.7 disaggregated inset day- staff only – balanced by 5 hours of inset time as twilights on 13.3 and 19.6