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Dear Parent,

I can hardly believe I'm writing the end of year news-letter – this year has 'flown by'. As you prepare for a well earned summer break, we just want to share some information with you.

School Leadership

In anticipation of my retirement (end of September this year) Governors carried out, firstly the procedure to appoint my successor. As you know, Mrs Bentley was the successful candidate and will take up position on 1st October 2023. This left the post of Vice-Principal vacant, so Governors conducted another appointment procedure last month. We can now tell you that Mrs C Murray has been successful and will join our staff during the last week of October. I wish them both every success as they take DCPS on the next step of its development.

The 2023 – 2024 term

The new term begins on Tuesday 29th August with a staggered return, which will operate as follows:

Tuesday 29 th August	Only P3, P5 & P7 classes attend	P1 pupils know their own arrangements
Wednesday 30 th August	Only P2, P4 & P6 classes attend	
Thursday 31 st August	All pupils will attend	

Please see the holiday list attached.

P7 Meeting

There will be a meeting for parents of P7 pupils on Thursday 7th September (time to be confirmed). This is for parents to meet with their child's teacher to discuss P7 routines, homeworks, curriculum and expectations.

Car Parking

During the summer break the EA are carrying out remedial works on our car parking. This will result in new arrangements for parents accessing the school grounds via cars. Please be cautious when parking and look out for new signs and directions.

Friday 30th June

School will close early on the last day of term, as follows:

11:30 am	P5 & P6, along with younger siblings
11:40 am	P3 & P4, along with younger siblings
11:50 am	All remaining pupils
12:00 pm	Nursery providers

Free School Meals and Uniform/Physical Education Allowances for School Year 2023/24

If you believe your child is entitled to free school meals or that you may be entitled to assistance with purchasing school uniform, this is available via application to the EA.

To ensure the process is complete before the start of the new please apply before 28 July. Late applications may not be processed in time for the start of the new term.

If your child is already in receipt of free school meals, you still must reapply for the 2023-2024 year

Special Diet

Parents/Guardians whose child has a Statement of Special Educational Needs (Stage 3) and requires a special diet should contact the Meals and Uniform Section for a paper application form if they wish to apply under the special diet criterion.

The Free Schools Meals and Uniform Allowance Helpdesk is operated by staff across the EA Free School Meals/Uniform Allowance service.

It is available to assist parents and guardians who may have any queries. The Helpdesk operates Monday – Friday from 9am to 4.30pm and can be contacted via email: mealsanduniform@eani.org.uk.

Finally, it only remains for me to thank you for your support throughout this past year, and to wish you a restful and safe summer break.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs L Allen
Principal