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## **Captain's Close Newsletter**

18<sup>th</sup> September

### **Hello Everyone**

Welcome back

It's been great to share some key information with you at Meet and Greet events this week. If you were unable to attend the key information pack will be sent home with your child. Please sign the relevant documents and return them to school.

We have had a delay with delivery of some planners, but when we are fully stocked all letters will be sent home in these. Please sign your child's planner weekly so we can see that you are receiving key information.

I try to keep the website up to date and our blogs give you more info. Please feel free to comment. It would be great to develop this further.

This week we have had a school Twitter sensation. Our school account had a lot of attention on Monday night, particularly from educational professionals, including Dame Alison Peacock, looking at our class blogs. Congratulations.

### **Discovery Schools Academy Trust**

We are now fully fledged members of the Trust and our staff are all working across Networks to build on previous Curriculum work we have done. There is a Nationwide expectation that all teaching staff, including myself improve education across all schools. Our teaching and leadership standards have been revised and we are expected to work across groups of schools and support joint practice. You will be aware we were doing this across networks over the last two years and other professionals have worked here with us. We are very excited at the benefits working with DSAT will offer to our children as well as across the Trust.

This week we had a visit from our new Educational Psychology team. We have improved access to support through membership of the Trust and Mr Pearce is leading our team to build on this.

The children's Parliament will meet for the first time this week and our 2 cabinet members Jack and Rosie will represent Captain's Close. They will work with our other members: Max, Charlie, Mathew, Noah and James to consider the arts, Science Technology and Maths, wellbeing and literacy and Learning throughout the year. They will liaise with our own School Council and Road Safety team to support school leadership. We are also looking forward to welcoming Parent Partnership and FOACC into some of these initiatives. Keep an eye on dates for further information.

### **Staffing update**

Mr Pearce is now officially welcomed as Deputy Headteacher and Mrs Llewelyn is our Key Stage 1 and EYFS leader. Mr Rick Hall, our Site Manager and Miss Giles, our Office Manager, complete our Senior Leadership team.

Our website details the areas that all our staff lead across the school.

We are also pleased to welcome Miss Rowland and Miss Lambat to our team. They will be working with us across the year as part of School Centred Initial Teacher Training.

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### Local Business Links

We always seek to work with local organisations to support children's understanding of their place in the world and build aspirational values. If you know of any local businesses that would like to support the work we do, please let myself or the office know.

### Code of Conduct

As part of our membership of DSAT, there will be a review of a number of policies. We have recently revised our parent and visitor Code of Conduct, which is visible on noticeboards and on our website. If you have any issues on our premises please refer them to the relevant member of staff who can support you. It is imperative if you have any issues relating to another child that you refer this to school rather than take matters into your own hands. Please arrange to see the relevant Key stage leader or contact us in the office. Please be advised, anyone threatening the positive ethos or reputation of the school or Trust will be subject to procedures outlined in this Code of Conduct.

### Dates for your diary

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2:30 pm MacMillan Coffee afternoon  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October Pupil Maths Conference (places still available)  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> October Year 5/6 Badminton festival  
Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> October Cross Country  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 3:15pm Condover parents meeting  
Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October DSAT Banangrams @Sileby Redlands  
Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October Adam Walker visit Key Stage 2 1:30 pm  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October half term Break up

### Punctuality

The school day starts at 8.50am. It is the responsibility of every parent to ensure that each child routinely arrives at school on time. Children who regularly arrive late to school are denied the structured start to the day which is vital to their development. Regular lateness is also disruptive to the class and the class teacher. Lateness is recorded and persistent lateness will be followed up by the School Welfare Officer. Please make sure that your child is at school by 8.50am.

Unforeseen and isolated occurrences of lateness for reasons outside of your control do, of course happen. This is perfectly understood and is different to the routine lateness outlined above.

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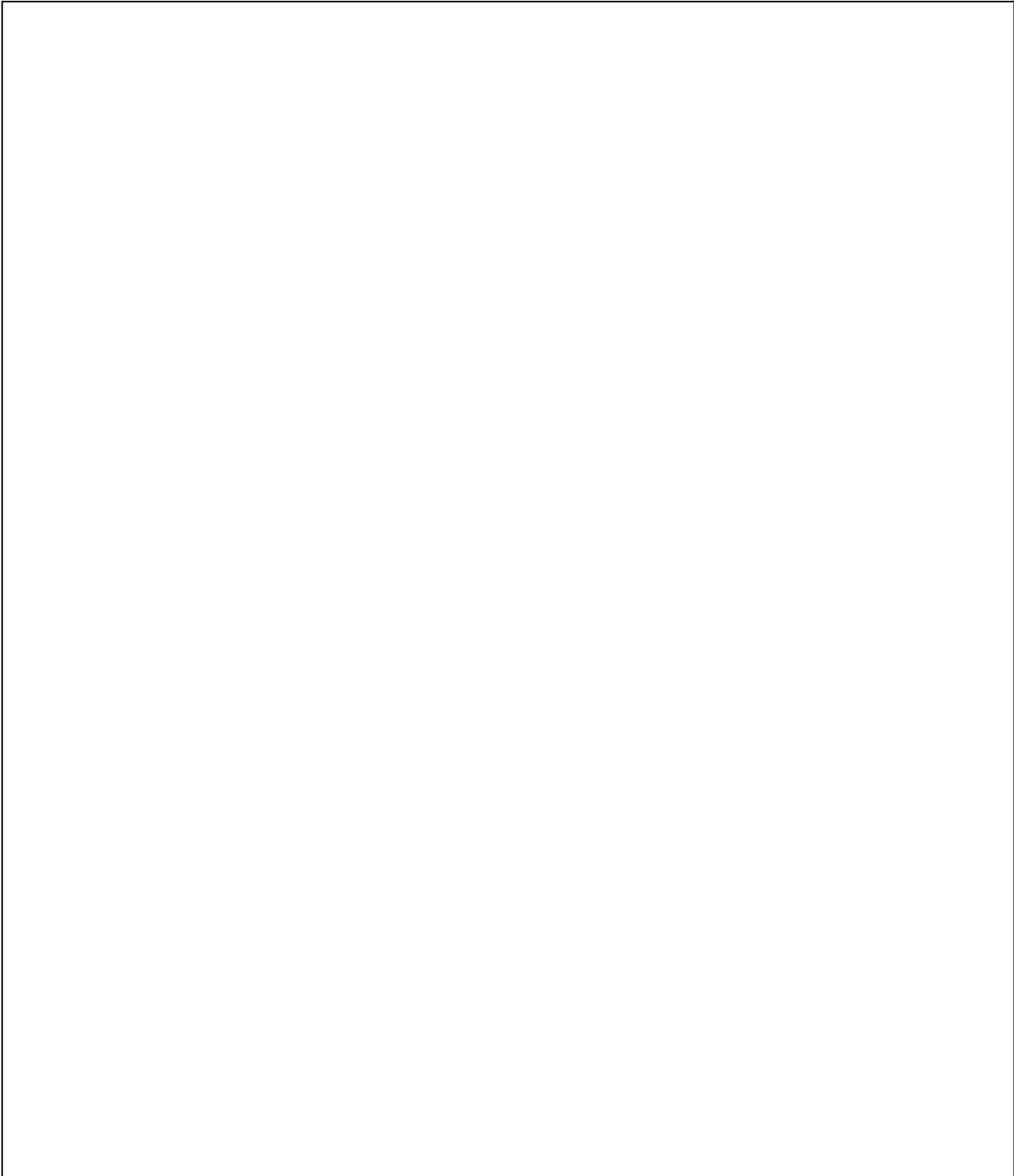
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