



# DAUBENEY DESPATCH

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## Message from the Head:

We are not far into 2016, but already it's looking like a very significant year for the school. Following the Local Authority decision to reorganise education in Bedford Borough, and the completion of a period of consultation with parents/carers, Daubeney is determined to continue to work closely with other local schools to develop within a primary/secondary system.

We received a total of 48 responses to our consultation regarding the possibility of Daubeney becoming a secondary school. This may seem like a very low 'turn out', but is in-line with many other schools in Bedford Borough. Of these responses, 39 supported the move, 2 did not support the move and the remaining 7 recorded 'don't know'. This information was taken to a meeting of the governors. Please see the 'Message from the new Chair of Governors' on the last page of this newsletter.

A second 'big decision' will be whether or not to join the Challenger Multi-Academy Trust. With significant government spending reductions nationally, the resulting shrinking of the Local Authority and pressures on school budgets, not to mention the new staffing and building considerations connected to converting to a secondary school, it seems sensible to look for outside support. We want to make sure that, while dealing with all the above, we find a partner (or partners) able to ensure we maintain a programme of steady school improvement.

Any move towards joining the Challenger Multi-Academy Trust will include a second consultation process with parents/carers. I think the phrase is 'watch this space!'

**Jeremy Chopping**  
Head teacher

## New Mini Bus for Daubeney

Pupils received a late Christmas present during the first week of the new term. We are frequently being told about the health benefits of regular exercise. It is not only our body, but also our psychological wellbeing that can be improved by keeping fit. As with so many things, the earlier in life we get into good habits, the easier it is to maintain them.

We already have a proud tradition of encouraging healthy exercise through a variety of sporting activities, therefore we have decided to increase its capacity to offer regular physical activities to its pupils by purchasing an additional minibus. Having the use of two minibuses will enable the school to field more teams and to take part in a greater variety of sports and other activities.

## Poppy Appeal 2015

A very big thank you goes to everyone who gave generous donations for poppies, poppy reflectors, snap bracelets and many other items supplied by the Royal British Legion. This charity does a tremendous amount of work to support service personnel and their families from all the armed forces.



Our annual poppy appeal raised a total of £296.18 which will be of great help in the on-going work of this charity.

Thank you again for your support.





### Uniform

At Daubeney Academy, we consider wearing correct school uniform an indication of commitment to our school. It is the responsibility of both parents and pupils to ensure that correct and appropriate uniform is worn every day. Currently, pupils in Years 6 - 8 can wear either the old Daubeney uniform of blue sweatshirt, white shirt, Daubeney tie, black tailored trousers/skirts and black shoes or the new Daubeney uniform of Daubeney blazer and tie, white shirt, black v-neck jumper, black tailored trousers/skirt and black shoes. Year 5 pupils must wear the latter uniform. For all pupils, it is not acceptable to wear trainers or inappropriate trousers or to arrive without a tie.

By September 2016, we would like to see all pupils wearing the new school uniform that we introduced as compulsory to Year 5



### PTFA News

The PTFA would like to thank everyone for their continued support during the last term. We have again raised a significant amount of money for the school and this would not have been possible without your help.

We always welcome new members/helpers and ideas for future events so do get in touch if you would like to be involved. We would also welcome suggestions on how to spend our available funds to enhance life for the children at school.

Please have a look at the PTFA page on the school website as this is where we publish the latest information on meetings and events. Our contact details are [daubeneypfta@gmail.com](mailto:daubeneypfta@gmail.com)

### Attendance

We are pleased to report that our current school attendance is 96.59%, which exceeds the figure of 95.31% that we achieved at the end of the last academic year.

The current totals for each year group are as follows:

- Year 5: 96.91%**
- Year 6: 96.76%**
- Year 7: 96.07%**
- Year 8: 96.53%**

As a school we aim for all our pupils' attendance to be consistently above 95.5%. Recent Government changes to the Persistent Absentee rate to schools in England from September 2015 means that attendance below 94.9% could trigger intervention from the School's Attendance office and the Education Welfare Service.

### Year 5 Progress Leader Drop-In Sessions

Mrs Kaler will be holding a child progress session every Wednesday between 3-4 pm.

This will be in the form of a 'drop-in' where you can come and discuss any issues regarding your child.

### ParentMail

If you are experiencing difficulties with your ParentMail App, please contact Mrs Arkley in the school office who will be able to assist you.

### Voluntary Help Needed

Are you or do you know someone who would be willing to volunteer to help look after the school's Memorial Garden? If so, please contact the school for further details.



### Reminders

Parents/carers need to telephone the school each day their child is absent giving details of their child's full name, registration group and stating the reason for the absence.



The school car park is for school staff and visitors only. Please do not use the car park for dropping off or picking up your child as an increase in traffic at these times causes severe congestion and poses a danger to our pupils.

Thank you for your cooperation.

## Attendance

We are also pleased to report that the following pupils have 100% attendance for this academic year so far:

Abbey, Emma	6FK	Craddock, Amber	8CM	Jackson, Danielle	6JB	Pheasant, Bailey	6FK
Afreh, Perez	7SM	Cranston, Carys	5MJ	Jakings, Will	6JB	Prestedge, Tom	6FK
Ainley, Chloe	5NP	Davidson, Jessica	8JW	Jeeves, Madison	5DS	Rahal, Aleeya	8CM
Allison, Joe	6JB	De Quincey, Mason	5NP	Jeffrin, Jeeva	5NP	Reid, Lashawntay	5NP
Almasy, Jeremiah	6MA	Deag, Lisha	6MA	Jeffrin, Merin	7SO	Richards, Amy	5NP
Almasy, Saffron	8JW	Dean, Callum	8JW	Jones, Megan	6MA	Roberts, Thea	5DS
Armitage, Taylor	7NS	Deloubes, Xavier	8HL	Judge, Alexander	6FK	Rowkins, Samantha	8CM
Asare, Emmanuel	8JW	Dennis-Beddall, Leigha	7NS	Kaur, Prabhjot	8JW	Rowland, George	7SM
Asare, Freddy	6BY	Dillon, Antoine	7NS	Kaur, Priya	5MJ	Sabu, Aiden	6MA
Ashby, Kyron	5CK	Doerffer, Daisy	7SM	Kaur, Preeti	5DS	Sadowska, Ewelina	7NS
Bains, Ria	6JB	Dowle, Courtney	5DS	Keep, Thomas	6JB	Santhosh, Abel	8BP
Baldassarre, Carmela	6JB	Elliott, Molly	6BY	Kolesnik, Veronika	7SO	Scales, Ruby	5MJ
Bandoh, Kwasi	6MA	English, Mary	7RG	Kolesnik, Violetta	7SO	Sheimar, Roma	7NS
Barlow, Oscar	5MJ	Filby, Joshua	6BY	Konieczna, Klaudia	8BP	Shoker, Ria	6MA
Basra, Deepika	7RG	Fincham-Thomas, Jack	5MJ	Kore, Ofori	5CK	Siddy, Tamzin	5DS
Bedeau-Andrews, Tyreese	6FK	Fletcher, Bernice	8CM	Leach-Proffitt, Durrell	5CK	Singh, Harrai	8HL
Bhimsingh, Kiran	7SM	Fouhey, Joshua	6JB	Loi, Rajan	7NS	Sivanesan, Thuwaragan	5DS
Biby, Delna	8JW	Freeman, Sophie	8CM	Loi, Riya	6MA	Slater, Abbie	8HL
Bino, Merin	6JB	Gale, George	6MA	Major, Rebekah	5DS	Smith, Cameron	6FK
Brackin, Cameron	5DS	Gardner, Kyle	8HL	Mall, Taran	7RG	Snooks, Reuben	6MA
Brown, Archie	5NP	Garnham, Faye	5MJ	Marlton, Jake	5DS	Soho, Kismet	5DS
Buzzle, Leia	8CM	Gill, Jay	6JB	Marshall, Jessica	7RG	Spencer, Lewis	7SM
Buzzle, Luke	5DS	Gill, Kiran	6FK	Mason, Callum	8CM	Starosta, Kimberley	8CM
Cadman, Colt	5NP	Goodship, Tiah	5DS	Mattu, Gaurav	6JB	Stein, Keeley	6FK
Catchpole, Rhys	5DS	Goss, Harry	8BP	McClelland, Bronagh	6JB	Sunda, Jessica	6BY
Champkin, Dylan	8HL	Green, Ethan	7SO	Mehmi, Akiesha	6BY	Tarkowski, Patrycjusz	5MJ
Champkin, Harley	7RG	Green, Harley	7SO	Mehmi, Kethan	6BY	Taylor, Liarna	7RG
Chand, Mya	6JB	Gyamfiwa, Melody	7RG	Merry, Lucy-Jane	5MJ	Thagie, Tiana	8HL
Chand, Sophie	8BP	Hancock, Rebecca	5MJ	Miller, Abby	7SO	Thompson, Ciara	7RG
Chanetsa, Christian	6BY	Hans, Aaliyah	6FK	Nandra, Dia	8CM	Thompson, Jozef	8HL
Chohan, Esha	5MJ	Hans, Faith	5MJ	Nandra, Ria	6FK	Thorman, Jack	8CM
Chumber, Khushi	5MJ	Harding, Caitlin	6JB	Nemeth, Koppany	7SM	Toora, Priya	8CM
Cimmino, Sofia	6MA	Harris, Nico	5CK	Ngabesong, Joel	5NP	Townhill, Sebastian	6BY
Clare, Pippa	6BY	Heley, Emma	7NS	Nicholls-Fountain,	6BY	Velius, Vidmantas	7RG
Clarke, Charlie	5DS	Hemming, Harry	6MA	Norman, Jessica	5MJ	Waller, Megan	6MA
Clarke, Shannon	8BP	Horne, Amy	7RG	Ofori, Jeslyn	5DS	Watt, William	6BY
Cooper, Emily	7SM	Horner, Ella	5MJ	Patel, Kamari	7RG	Williams, Charley	7SM
		Hulett, Niamh	7SO	Paul, Natasha	8JW	Wing, Thomas	8CM

## Message from Chair of Governors—Mr Geof Cole



First of all I would like to thank all of you who were able to attend the recent Consultation Meetings and returned the feedback forms for the formal Consultation Document. The Governors of the school really appreciate your support and views at this time of potential radical change to Daubeney's role in the education of your children.

I can now report the decision was taken to seek the permission of the Secretary of State for Education to develop Daubeney Academy as a secondary school (taking students from Year 7 to Year 11).

It was also decided to move towards Daubeney becoming part of the Challenger Multi-Academy Trust, which would aim to support the school during the transition, should a move from middle school to secondary school be approved, both by the governors and the Secretary of State.

I can assure you all that at the forefront of our minds is the short and long term benefits for the children of Kempston and we are determined to continue to build on the successes of the children of Daubeney Academy.

I should like to take this opportunity to suggest if you have any concerns over the changes (or any other matter) that you speak to either of your elected parent governors or if that is not possible then to contact me. We are always willing to listen and try to resolve any matter that gives cause for worry.

I would like to wish you all a belated Happy New Year.

## Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 3rd February 2016—Book Fair

Thursday 4th February, 2016—Year 5 Parents Evening 4pm—8pm

Tuesday 9th February, 2016—Year 5 Parents Evening 4pm—8pm

Friday 12th February, 2016—25 Merits non-school uniform day

Friday 12th February, 2016—last day of half-term (school open to pupils)

Monday 15th February, 2016 to Friday 19th February, 2016—Half-term

**Monday 22nd February, 2016—School open to pupils**

Thursday 3rd March, 2016—Year 6 Parents Evening 4pm—7pm

Tuesday 8th March, 2016 - Year 6 Parents Evening 4pm—7pm

Thursday 24th March, 2016—last day of term (school open to pupils)

Friday 25th March 2016 to Friday 8th April 2016—Easter Holiday (school closed to pupils)

Monday 11th April 2016—Training Day (school closed to pupils)

## Book Fair

The Scholastic Book Fair will be visiting Daubeney for one week starting on **Wednesday 3rd February 2016** for one week.

All pupils will have the opportunity to browse and reserve books in their library lessons.

