



Little Pirates Newsletter

20/07/18

Farewell Message from Mrs Bartrop

Dear Children, Parents and Families,

I feel quite emotional saying goodbye. Drake has been part of my life for twenty-five years and it has become very special to me. Over the years Drake has grown firstly with Little Pirates opening and now becoming a Primary School - it has always kept me busy and wanting to come to work. But the most important part of Drake and Little Pirates are the people. The staff, who are fantastic and dedicated and always put the children at the heart of their work. The families, who are always supportive and work with us to help the children achieve their best. The children, who are exceptional and really do make coming to work a pleasure.

Next term Louise Rosen will start as head of Drake and Little Pirates, she has a wealth of experience and is looking forward to taking the setting forward.

One parent asked me how many children I have known since starting here in September 1993, I estimate around 3,000. I feel very privileged to have been part of their young lives.

I wish you all every happiness and success for the future.

Moving Up

Some children will be moving up to the next room in September. To help prepare them for this, they have been visiting their new room with a familiar member of staff. These transitions will continue throughout the Summer holidays for the children who attend all year round.

Term Dates

24/07/2018 closes

Summer Holiday

25/07/2018 – 03/09/2018
– closed to children on term time attendance.

**Closed – Monday 27th
August – Bank Holiday**

04/09/18 & 05/09/18 –
closed for staff training

Autumn Term

6/9/18 opens

18/12/18 closes

October Half Term

18/10/18 – 26/10/18 –
closed to children on term time attendance



Reminders

- Little Pirates will be closed on Tuesday 4th and Wednesday 5th September 2018 for staff training. The new term begins on Thursday 6th September 2018.
- If your child attends Breakfast and/or After School Club, please confirm as soon as possible, if you still require the same hours in September.
- Please remember that children who attend Holiday Club will need to bring a sunhat, sun lotion and a bag containing a change of clothes. We do not allow open toed sandals and children's shoulders need to be covered.
- If your child is absent through illness or holiday, please speak to Karen or Susan or leave a telephone message.
- If you have any invoice or financial queries, please contact Sue Stanislowski on 01842 762055 or by email at littlepirates@drake.norfolk.sch.uk Sue works on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

After a busy term we would like to wish you all a happy and safe Summer holiday and thank you for your continued support!

Good luck to all of those who are leaving Little Pirates to start school and thank you for all of the lovely cards and gifts.