Paces School for Conductive Education.

Summer Term 2 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by saying how proud I am of all our pupils. Their resilience and determination to keep working hard over the past year has been fantastic. It has been lovely for pupils to get back to educational visits, Sports day, swimming and other exciting activities. We have had a year to remember for so many of the right reasons.

I would like to end by thanking all of our fantastic staff. It has been an incredibly challenging year and a particularly challenging end of term. Staff have had to cope with constant changes in Covid related working practices whilst delivering high quality education, all with smiles on their faces. I am so thankful for their constant support and dedication to our wonderful pupils.

I would like to wish you all a lovely, relaxing Summer. I hope you enjoy a little bit of normality and some quality time with your families and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Best wishes Ruth Liu- Headteacher

Summer School:

We look forward to welcoming pupils from Key Stage 1 and above to Summer School starting Monday 26th July to Friday 30th July.

We have some lovely activities planned and we ask that parents drop their children off at 9.00am and pick up at 3.00pm. Packed lunches will be required. We can heat food up if required.

Pupils will be involved in Conductive Education programmes in the morning and then we have a range of fun activities and visitors coming to work with us in the afternoon.

Pupil Update:

At the end of this term we will be saying goodbye to Jack M a much loved and important part of our school team. Jack has been a pupil at Paces since the age of 3 and is an absolute credit to his family and the staff in school. We will miss him dearly but hope that we will keep in touch with Jack as he continues to develop his Conductive Education skills in LtV, as well as starting at Barnsley College in September.

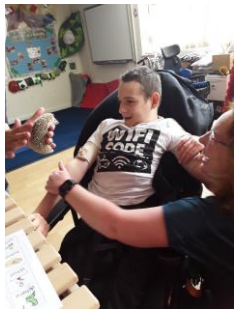
Paces won't be quite the same without you Jack! Good luck with everything you do.

Safeguarding Update:
From September there will be some changes to our safeguarding team in school. Ruth Liu will now be the Designated Safeguarding Lead and will be supported by Eva Sebeszta, Sam Rowland and Becca Toone. Safeguarding of our pupils continues to be a high priority within our school and expanding our safeguarding team will ensure that we have the capacity to do this. Please see our safeguarding policy on the school website. The policy will be updated over the Summer to reflect the changes to our safeguarding team.

Hardwick Class:
In Hardwick class, we have had an amazing half-term before the summer holidays!
We have enjoyed making use of the good weather and going outside to learn more about our topic: *What can you see in summer?* We have been outside to collect resources for our summer story all about us and what we would get up to at the beach! We have also collected lots of natural resources to create some lovely artwork.
We have all enjoyed our sensory writing sessions where we have had a little warm up of ripping up paper or scrunching tinfoil – then for the messy part! We have used brushes, sticks and even our hands to make marks in oats, flour, glitter and paint; all with a sensory twist: adding coffee, hot chocolate and lavender for some smells as we make marks!
It has been a great half term for us all getting moving around the classroom as much as we can! We have been pulling along mats, getting down to the floor as indepedently as we can, pushing legs out to move as far as we can and developing our standing and walking skills to move even further!

Warwick Class:
Warwick class have had a half term full of fun and adventure! It's been great to welcome Leo to our class- he settled with us in no time at all! We've loved continuing with our seaside themed topic and have made the most of opportunities to go outside and explore our environment- even going on a mission to rescue sea birds! We really enjoyed our 'Holiday Train' poem, especially junk modelling our own trains. In maths, we've gone fishing for numbers and we've sorted and counted shells and pebbles. As always, everyone has worked extremely hard on their physical targets and we love celebrating our progress throughout every day.

Windsor Class:
This half term in Windsor class we have been having a very exciting time exploring how different animals and plants are adapted to the places where they live. We had some unusual visitors from Mayfield Animal Park – including a very friendly meerkat; a super speedy hairy armadillo, an enormous tortoise and an incredibly cute hedgehog. We have been tending to plants and investigating the conditions they need in our Science experiments. This term we say goodbye to Jack. We will all miss him very much; he is such a kind, helpful and cheery member of the class who likes to look after everyone and keep us all smiling! We all feel very lucky to have Jack as our friend.



Durham Class:

We had a busy pirate themed half term. Pupils developed their construction skills whilst making a range of pirate themed objects and developed their imagination whilst role-playing pirates.

The children participated in an experiment with materials to explore which is the best for building a boat (float and sink). We then designed and made model ships using a variety of materials. We have worked on map reading skills identifying continents, different seas and oceans, and we learned about a famous sea explorer.

Due to the lovely weather we spent lot of time outdoor and children had fun whilst improved their bike riding skills.

Future dates for your diary:

Summer School	26 July-30th July
Training Day	1 September 2021
Pupils return	2 September 2021
Finish for half term	Fri 22 October 2021
Return to school	1 November 2021

Balmoral Class:

In Balmoral, we have had a very busy term, with lots of exciting activities to get our teeth stuck into! In food tech, we had a master chef competition where the children came up with their very own recipes. Obviously, the quadruple chocolate trifle was the winner!

In ICT, we've moved on up to Scratch and have been working on debugging codes, and creating sequences to tell stories! In Literacy, we have focused on creating our very own sentences about stories using Clicker 8!

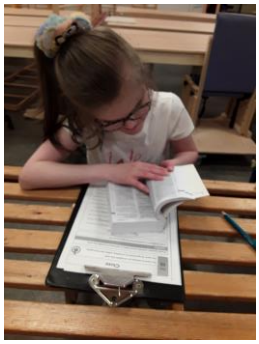
In our AAC and communication sessions, we have been exploring music, volume, pitch, directions and opinions have been offered on all different types of music. The pupils have also explored lots of different instruments, with the piano being the favourite.

Wentworth Class:

This term Wentworth has been as excited about football as everyone else. We played lots of different ball games indoors and outdoors.

We've been learning about the USA and did lots of research to create fact files. In PSHE we discussed the importance and diversity of families and friendships and how we can make choices.

We are really looking forward to next school year to start our new curriculum and work towards some qualifications.



New Staff and pupil update:

We are pleased to be able to inform you that our desire to support more pupils is becoming a reality. Our Warwick class, that currently operates Monday-Wednesday, will now be full time from September.
We are also pleased to be welcoming some new pupils to Paces from September. Archie, Jack, Beau and Louie will join our Warwick class. Luca will join the Balmoral class, Lillia will join Windsor class, Finlay will join the Hardwick class and Grace will join the Wentworth class.
To accommodate these changes, we welcome a number of new staff. Briana Campbell is our new Conductor Teacher,
Vicky Whitmore will be supporting pupils in Balmoral, Rebecca Searle will be helping pupils in Durham, Carla will be joining the Windsor class and Nicola will be a welcome addition to the Wentworth class.

Message from Briana:
My name is Briana Campbell and I am delighted to be joining the Paces team in September as a Conductor-Teacher. I'm really looking forward to meeting you all but in the meantime here is a little bit about me…
I have recently completed my teacher training through University of Leicester and prior to that I graduated from Birmingham City University with a first-class degree in Conductive Education. Around my studies I have worked part time in a holistic therapy centre and have a keen interest in yoga and mindfulness. I am looking forward to visiting my family in Northern Ireland over the summer and I'm sure we are all hoping for some sunshine!
I hope you all have a great summer, see you in September!

Briana Campbell- Teacher Conductor

Beat the Street:
We enjoyed a visit from Beat the Street. Pupils enjoyed getting out and about within the school grounds.

Covid Update:

We continue to receive all the latest information from Public Health Sheffield whose guidance we have followed throughout the pandemic. Having attended a recent meeting with them we expect that there will be additional guidance issues issued throughout the Summer holiday.
I thank parents for their continued support in helping us follow the guidance and keeping everyone safe. I understand that at times it has been frustrating and look forward to next term when hopefully things will return to a bit more normality.

Live Music Now:

Pupils enjoyed a visit from folk group Mishra. We all enjoyed listening to the music and joining in with a variety of instruments.

Educational Visits:

It has been lovely this half term for some of our classes to go out on Educational Visits. Here are some pictures below of groups out and about. Windsor Class: It was an absolute pleasure to enjoy a class trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park, where we saw animals adapted to both polar and desert climate zones; we saw very hairy monkeys, giant otters, a red panda, and a sunbathing lioness as well as being just in time for seeing the polar bear mum and cubs being fed.

The Balmoral and Wentworth classes went to Hesley wood and enjoyed archery and canoeing.

The Durham Class enjoyed a trip Frankie and Benny's and bowling to devlop their team building skills.

Sports Day:

On Friday 16 July we held an Olympic themed Sports Day. Each class represented a different country from round the world and competed in a range of different sporting events. Although it was a very hot day, the pupils and staff all worked extremely hard and enjoyed exploring the day very much.

Fundraising in school:

We continue to be amazed by all the fundraising efforts from our pupils.

Not to be left behind staff are now participating in events to fundraise money for our New School.

This Summer Vera Takacs and Becky Eve will be taking on the London Landmarks Half Marathon.
http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/RebeccaandVerasLLHMforPaces

Rochelle Pearce and Claire Walker are gathering support for their sky dive in September.
http://www.justgiving.com/campaign/RochelleandClaireSkydiveforPaces

Well done to Ben for raising £730.00 following his 3 peaks challenge in May. We are super proud of you all!

We are extremely grateful for any support for these staff members. And good luck to them all.

New Home for Paces Update:

This term we have been busy planning the internal works for the new school building. Each teacher now has their allocated classroom and we are working hard to ensure that the spaces work well for the individual class group. We continue to work closely with the fundraising team to ensure that we can provide all the essential added extras, such as the sensory room and life skills kitchen. We can't wait for the work to start early in the Autumn Term.

A little note:

Jayne Lowson would like to thank parents for the lovely hamper and best wishes. She was truly thankful and overwhelmed by everyone's support. We continue to keep Jayne in our thoughts and wish her well with her treatment.