



SUTTON-UPON-DERWENT C.E. SCHOOL



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"To foster a love of learning through environment, encouragement and endeavour".

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Dear Parents,

End of Year Service

As I explained last week, the end of year service will take place in Church on Friday 17th July at 11am. I just wanted to mention it again to make it clear that family members are welcome for the service **and** the picnic lunch.

September

You will have noticed that our pupil numbers continue to rise. It is lovely to hear that our good reputation is attracting new families; even from America! The increase in numbers has an effect on the provision we offer in school. I am committed to providing your child(ren) with personalised learning; an environment where each and every child matters. In order to do this I am splitting the Junior Class in half, for the majority of the curriculum, from September.

This will mean that the Y3/4 class will be taught predominately by Mrs Stephenson and Mrs Fox. The Y5/6 children will be taught by me, and a new member of staff. I will hopefully be interviewing for the new addition to our team during August. The Y5/6 class will also be supported by Mrs Musson, a graduate trainee teacher. I hope you will agree that the move to keep our class sizes small is vital in ensuring all of our children get the support and encouragement they deserve. I realise that it is late in the term to be finalising these decisions but the plans are all driven by pupil numbers. We have admitted several pupils in recent weeks which could have resulted in us having thirty five children in the Juniors next year, far too many in my opinion. The local authority is now happy for us to admit children again, based on us having the three classes.

Dates for your diary

School will be closed on Friday 23rd October for a non-contact day.
SATs for next year's Year 6 will take place in the week beginning May 10th 2010. Please avoid taking any holidays in and around this week

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S. A. Woodhouse
Headteacher

