

WELCOME BACK!

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, the summer break seems to have flown by! We hope you all enjoyed some wonderful times together and created special memories.

Once again, we have been busy getting the school ready for the new year. You may have spotted Mr Leggett's handy work - the new fence around our kitchen garden, a new gravel pathway for Hillary class and the sheds on the back playground have new doors too. I had great fun using the power washer to clean the bus and outdoor classroom! I would like to say a big THANK YOU to everyone who has worked over the summer to get our school ready for the start of term. We are very lucky to have such a brilliant team of staff 😊!

We are so proud of our Year 1 and 2 children and how they have returned to school, showing us that they are ready to learn. They have spent the first two days thinking about their CLASS COMMUNITY; how they can all work together to ensure their class is the best it can be and how they can help each other to SHINE! We can't wait to welcome our EYFS children this week. Thank you to parents/carers for welcoming staff into your homes last week, these visits really help us to get to know you all.

We are all very excited about this year - what an adventure we are going to have!

As always, if you have any queries, please speak to one of us.

Take good care, keep smiling

Mrs Waters

Foodbank

Dogsthorpe Infants is an agent for foodbank vouchers. If you are currently going through a difficult financial time and need a food parcel, please speak to Mrs Waters or Mrs Gardner. You can be assured that this will be kept confidential. E-Vouchers are now available so can be sent to you electronically.

If you require a voucher please email Mrs Waters/Mrs Gardner on: office@dogsthorpeinfants.org.uk or click on the link on our school website www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk

Cost of Living Crisis Support

Under the 'Parents' tab on our school website there is further information on financial support available to families along with some money saving ideas, including online food at reduced prices. If you know of any further websites/money saving tips or advice that may be of benefit to our families, please email the details to the address above and we will add to the list.



**DIS News!
Autumn Term
9/9/24**

If you need help...

If you have any questions/concerns regarding your child's learning, then please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Don't forget our **Admin Staff** are always ready and willing to help you with any general school questions you may have:

Mrs Gardner, Administration Manager and PA to the Headteacher

Mrs Streeter & Mrs Sendall, Administration Assistants

Miss Stamper - Family Well-being Champion

If you need support with anything, please ask us and we will do our very best to help!



PE REMINDER - EARRINGS.

The Association of Physical Education (2020) strongly recommends that the removal of personal items before every PE lesson (this includes our sports clubs). This is to ensure children can actively participate without endangering themselves or those around them. **This applies to all earrings including retainer earrings. We do not allow earrings to be covered by plasters.**

Therefore, if your child has their ears pierced, please ensure that earrings are taken out before school on the days that the class has PE (school staff are not permitted to remove them). This will enable your child to be fully active in our PE Curriculum and to develop the key skills taught by teaching staff and sports coaches safely.

For children who choose to wear earrings to school, these should be small studs and not hoops, for health & safety reasons.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

Cycles/Scooters/Gates

We are happy for child to come to school on bikes & scooters. However, you need to ensure these are left securely i.e. locked with a padlock in our cycle storage. **We do not accept any responsibility for loss or damage.** Our cycle shed should only be used by INFANT school children.

Bikes and scooters should NOT be ridden on school premises, and we respectfully ask that you dismount before entering the gates.



Reminder that the gate between us and the Academy is locked at 8.45am.

DIS DIARY DATES, AUTUMN 1

Thursday 26th September - Tempest Photography will be in school to take the children's photographs.

Wednesday 25th September, 9-10am - EYFS Phonics Workshop for parents/carers

Come and find out how we teach children to read using our Monster Phonics scheme. This will include time in the classroom for parents to experience a Phonics Session. A separate letter with full details will follow shortly.



BOOK BUZZ! Come and spend 15 minutes in the classroom reading/sharing a book with your child. Younger siblings are welcome to join in too.

Tuesday 8th October, 8.45am-9.00am Year 1 Classes

Wednesday 9th October, 8.45am-9.00am EYFS Classes

Thursday 10th October, 8.45am-9.00am Year 2 Classes

Tuesday 22nd & Wednesday 23rd October, 4.00- 6.30pm - Parent Consultation Evenings

This is an opportunity for you to discuss your child's learning & progress with the class teacher. **The appointment will be online via Schoolcloud.** Further details to follow.

Friday 25th October - This will be a non-uniform day! We are asking staff & children to dress in an item of YELLOW clothing in support of Young Minds, a children's mental health charity. This could be a T-shirt, jumper, socks, hairband etc whatever you may have in the wardrobe, please do not spend money buying something particularly for this event! A donation of a coin/s for this worthy charity would be appreciated. Please send the donation in a named envelope on the day and not before.

Friday 25th October School will close at 3.15pm for the October half-term holiday. School reopens at 8.45am on Monday 4th November.