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DIS News! Autumn Term 03 03/11/26

Message from Mrs Waters

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you have had a lovely holiday. I can't quite believe we are now heading towards Christmas, time certainly flies by! We have super SPARKLY STARTS planned for our new topics this week…Year 1 will head to the DIS seaside for a chilly coastal day and Year 2 will head back in time to meet Samual Pepys and learn about 'The Great Fire of London'.

On Friday, we will welcome a very special visitor to school as author, SIAN LEWIN, will be coming in to share her wonderful stories with us as well as encouraging the children to create their own stories. If you are curious to find out about Sian's books, you can visit her website: Siân Lewin - Children's Author | Nottingham, UK

Now we are heading to the colder weather, please ensure children are bringing coats to school as, unless it is heavy rain or icy conditions, we will go outside at playtimes/lunchtimes. It would be a big help if you could spend a few minutes with your child helping them to learn to put their coats on and zip/button them up by themselves. It can take us a long time to do 30 coats ready for playtime!

Don't forget there are lots of ways you can keep in touch with us including Class Dojo, our school website and you can follow us on various social media channels – DIS news gets everywhere!

We have finalised plans for our DIS Christmas events – key dates are listed on the back of this letter so please add them to your calendars.

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

Staffing Update

We are sad to share the news that Mrs Marshall-Sully we be leaving us at the end of the Autumn term. As part of the transition to her new role with the Local Authority, Mrs Marshall-Sully will only be working on THURSDAYS during this half-term. If you have an urgent query, please speak to Mrs Waters, Miss Gattuso or Mrs Gardner so we can pass information to Mrs Marshall-Sully. We will share news about our new SENDCO in due course.

GOOD LUCK IN YOUR NEW JOB MRS M-S!

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!



DIS DIARY DATES, AUTUMN 2 2025

BBC Children in Need Day – **Friday 13th November**. This will be a non-uniform day. Please ensure that your child's outfit is practical for the school day. If you wish to send a donation for this worthy charity, then please send your donation in a named envelope.

Flu Vaccinations – these will take place on **Monday 16th November**. If you would like your child to have the vaccination, then you must consent to this by following the link that was sent to you by Vaccinations For Schools. **PLEASE NOTE THAT YOU CHILD WILL ONLY HAVE THE VACCINATION IF YOU HAVE GIVEN CONSENT.**

'Festive Play2Learn' sessions for parents/carers
This will be an opportunity for you to spend time working alongside your child to create a fantastic project!

Tuesday 17th November	9-10am	INKPEN CLASS
Tuesday 17th November	2-3pm	DONALDSON CLASS
Friday 20th November	9-10am	ARMSTRONG CLASS
Friday 20th November	2-3pm	ATTENBOROUGH CLASS
Monday 23rd November	9-10am	HILLARY CLASS
Tuesday 24th November	9-10am	SEACOLE CLASS
Tuesday 24th November	9-10am	NIGHTINGALE CLASS

We will be sending a separate letter out for you to sign up for this event.

Please note that, due to space, we can only accommodate 1 adult per child and NO pre-school siblings/babies or older siblings.

Christmas Performances:
Our EYFS children will share the Nativity story on **Wednesday 9th December, 2:15pm.**

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children will be performing an amazing Christmas Concert on **Thursday 10th Dec, 2:15pm.**

All families & siblings are welcome to join us.

Children & Staff Christmas Lunch Friday 11th December. Menu to follow. Children can come to school in festive outfits on this day!

Year Group Christmas Parties:

Reception	Tuesday 15th December
Year 1	Wednesday 16th December
Year 2	Thursday 17th December

Christingle Service – **Friday 18th December, 9.00am** in the school hall. Year 2 children will be making a circle of light carrying the Christingles.
Please note: whilst all parents/carers are welcome to attend, EYFS and Year 1 children will access this via Teams in the classrooms. Only Year 2 will be in the hall.

School will close at 3.15pm on Friday 18th December for the Christmas Holidays.

School re-opens at 8.45am on Monday 4th January 2027.
PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS DIFFERENT TO DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY – ALL DOGSTHORPE INFANT CHILDREN ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN SCHOOL ON THIS DAY.