

A Message from Mrs Waters

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy half-term we've had! EYFS children have had great fun creating marvellous mess and mixtures, including potions for Meg from the stories 'Meg and Mog'. Children in Year 1 have been Super Scientists and have investigated animal groups, whilst Year 2 have been pondering on the question 'Why don't animals wear clothes?' I have had lots of fun visiting classrooms and seeing the children so engaged in their learning.

We have focused all our Shine Ambassadors awards on **RESPECT**. Our children KNOW what respect is and what it means but, sadly, sometimes they forget to SHOW respect. We are working hard to remind children to use their manners and to treat other people in the way they would like to be treated. We have also reminded them about looking after our resources. We would love you to help us with this by ensuring your children always say 'please' and 'thank you'. It is such a simple thing to do and it takes no time at all.

We are looking forward to what Spring 2 brings. We have lots of exciting plans to celebrate World Book Day and Science Week - more details to follow.

Please keep reading over the half-term break. Why not visit the library for a free trip out one day?

Thank you for your continued support
Wishing you all an enjoyable half-term holiday, take good care
Mrs Waters 😊

Communicating with school.

We have several ways that parents can communicate messages/information to school:-

- Speak to staff outside during 'meet & greet'
- Speak to your child's class teacher before or after school. The Class teacher is **always** the first person you need to speak to regarding your child's learning or any incidents involving your child.
- Come into school to speak to the Office staff. Please be aware that the foyer can be very congested at key times of the day and therefore does not offer any privacy for conversations.
- Call us on 01733 566849 - this is best for absence notification, preferably before 9am on the first day of absence. There is an answerphone facility for out of school hours.
- You can email us on office@dogsthorpeinfants.org.uk This account is checked regularly throughout the school day and ensures that your email gets to the correct person.
- School Website - messages can be sent via the contact page on our school website, however, please do not use this for urgent messages as messages take longer to come through via this platform.
- Class Dojos - this is our online platform for sharing information about the children's learning. **Please DO NOT use this messaging system for any messages regarding attendance, or other urgent matters, as Dojos may not be checked during the school day.**

The school is happy to complete forms or letters for families i.e. on roll letters, benefit applications etc however we do need you to give us **at least a week's notice please.**

If you request a call back from a specific member of staff then they will endeavour to return your call within 24 hours as they may have other commitments which means they cannot act straight away.

Useful contacts:-

Mrs Gardner - Administration Manager & PA to the Headteacher

Mrs Streeter & Mrs Marriott - Administration Assistants

Rainbow Team - Mrs Hibbert (Family Well-being Champion) & Mrs Creasey (Child Well-being Champion)

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

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, Mrs Hibbert 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. Alternatively you can email Mrs Waters/Mrs Gardner on: office@dogsthorpeinfants.org.uk or click on the link on our school website www.dogsthorpeinfants.com

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.**

Therefore, if your child has their ears pierced, please ensure that they are taken out on the days that the class has PE. 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.

Ideally, if you are considering having your child's ears pierced, this should be done at the beginning of the Summer holiday to give earrings time to settle before they are taken out.

Thank you for your support and cooperation.

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-  **Morrisons** - Kids under 16 eat for free at Morrisons Café when an adult spends £4.99 or more on a meal.
-  **ASDA** Kids Free Hot Breakfast Between 8am-12pm every day during Half Term no purchase necessary.
-  **Bella Italia** - Kids Eat for £1 with no purchase necessary until end of March 2023
-  **Bella Italia** - Kids Eat for £1 when an adult purchases a main meal between 4pm-6pm at Bella Italia.
-  **Dunelm** - Kids Eat for Free at Dunelm when an adult spends £4 or more at Pausa Cafe.
-  **YO! 活** **YO Sushi** - Kids Under 10 Eat for Free at YO Sushi Between 13th - 24th Feb when an adult spends £10 or more.
-  **dobbies** **Dobbies** - Kids Eat for Free at Dobbies Garden Centre Cafes when an adult purchases a main meal.
-  **SIZZLING** **Sizzling** - Kids Eat for £1 at Sizzling Pub and Grill when an adult meal is purchased.
-  **HUNGRY HORSE** **Hungry Horse** - Free Kids Breakfast at Hungry Horse Pubs when an adult spends at least £3.49.
-  **FARMHOUSE INNS** **Farmhouse Inns** - Kids Eat For £1 when you sign up to receive their email newsletter on their website.
-  **IKEA** - Pasta with Tomato Sauce and a soft drink for 95p or any other Kids Meal for £1.50. Available every day from 11am in their restaurants.
-  **Beefeater, Brewer's Fayre & Table Table** - Two kids under 16 eat breakfast for FREE with every adult breakfast purchased.

INFORMATION CORRECT AT TIME OF POSTING

Staffing update

Due to ill-health, Miss Widomska (Year 1 teacher) will not be returning to our school.

Mrs Walker and Mrs Creasey will continue to teach Cavell class for the rest of the school year.

We have sent Miss Widomska our love and best wishes for a speedy recovery.

Term Dates

School Closes	3.15pm Friday 10 th February 2023
Half Term	Monday 13 to Friday 17 February 2023
School reopens	8.45am Monday 20 th February 2023
Spring Term closes	3.15pm Friday 31 March 2023
Summer Term opens	8.45am Tuesday 18 April 2023
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 1 May 2023
Additional Bank Holiday	Monday 8th May 2023
Half Term	Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2023
Summer Term closes	3.15pm Wednesday 19 July 2023