

An End of Year Message from Mrs Waters

The last day of the school year can be filled with different emotions...

Happiness...because we are looking forward to a relaxing holiday.

Pride...because we have all achieved so much.

Sadness...because the year is over and we are saying goodbye to Year 2 and to some of our DIS adults.

Anxiety...because we are worried about what 24-25 will bring.

I wonder how you have all been feeling today? I know some of our Year 2 children (and adults too!) will have a few tears as saying goodbye can be hard. However, saying goodbye means we are starting a new adventure so, although we may be sad, I am sure we are excited too! I hope you all have a special DIS memory from this year that makes you smile, I know I have lots!

Today is a day for saying **THANK YOU** so...

Thank you for your continued support during 2023-24.

Thank you to all our shining little stars who have worked so hard and made so much progress.

Thank you to our **AMAZING** staff - they work tirelessly every day to make DIS a brilliant place to be!

Working at Dogsthorpe Infants is a privilege and, even after 23 years, I still love working here and feel especially lucky to be your Headteacher. We all need a rest before our next adventure begins!

Whatever you have planned for this summer break, **please enjoy every precious moment creating memories together.**

We wish you all a fabulous summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in Sept, ready to SHINE!

Take good care

Mrs Waters, Eddie and everyone at DIS

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 over the holiday period, 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.

There are also lots of activities happening in Peterborough FREE of charge - we will post details on our website as we are notified so please keep checking regularly.



Summer Reading Challenge 2024
Delivered in partnership with libraries

Marvellous Makers

Looking for ways to keep your children reading through the summer holidays?

The Summer Reading Challenge 2024 is coming soon to Peterborough Libraries!

The Reading Agency have teamed up with charity Create to develop a challenge that aims to fire up children's imaginations and unleash storytelling and creativity through the power of reading.

From Saturday July 6th, children can join the Summer Reading Challenge for free at their local library and collect a Marvellous Makers poster and stickers by reading library books over the summer holidays.

Read six or more books to earn a certificate and a Marvellous Makers door hanger.

Visit your local library from Saturday July 6th to join the fun for free!



Advanced Warning of School Attendance Changes

Please read the poster below carefully - these changes are being brought in by the Government with effect from 19th August.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE
Penalty Notice Fines are changing!

With the introduction of the new National Framework for Penalty Notices, the following changes will come into force for Penalty Notice Fines issued after 19th August 2024.

PER PARENT, PER CHILD
Penalty Notice Fines are issued to each parent, for each child that was absent. For example: 3 siblings absent for term time leave, would result in each parent receiving 3 separate fines.

NATIONAL THRESHOLD
There will be a single consistent national threshold for when a penalty notice must be considered by all schools in England of 10 sessions (usually equivalent to 5 school days) of unauthorised absence within a rolling 10 school week period. These sessions do not have to be consecutive and can be made up of a combination of any type of unauthorised absence. The 10-school week period can span different terms or school years.

First Offence
The first time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.
- Reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.

Second Offence (within 3 years)
The second time a Penalty Notice is issued for unauthorised absence the amount will be:
- £160 per parent, per child paid within 28 days.

Third and any other Offence (within 3 years)
The third time an offence is committed a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrate's Court. Prosecution can result of up to £2,500.
Cases found guilty in on the parent's future DBS certificate due to 'failure to safeguard a child's education'.

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1st offence	2nd offence (within 3 years)	3rd offence (5th offence within 3 years)
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Class Dojo

Teachers will be closing their current class Dojo pages down after school on **Friday 19th July**. The children will then be sorted into their new class at the beginning of September. If you are already connected to Dojos, then you will automatically be connected to your child's new teacher. If you have not signed up, you will receive a notification to do so.

If you need to contact school urgently over the holiday period, you can email office@dogsthorpeinfants.org.uk or fill in the contact form on the website. We cannot guarantee that we will be able to answer your query but will endeavour to do so, where possible.

WE DIDN'T REALISE WE WERE
MAKING MEMORIES, WE JUST KNEW
WE WERE HAVING FUN



'Thank You'

A huge thank you to ALL parents & families who have supported our school fundraising events over the last academic year - it is much appreciated as we know that times are hard for families at present. Your donations have meant that we have been able to give the children lots of opportunities and experiences, in and out of school, that our budget wouldn't ordinarily stretch too!

Thank you to the parents that have donated vital supplies for the Foodbank instead of giving staff gifts. Your donations will help many families in our community who are struggling at present.

Finally, **THANK YOU** for all the lovely words, cards and gifts you have given to us, we appreciate your kindness.