



Christmas Message from Mrs Waters & Eddie.

Dear DIS families,

How time flies, it is almost the end of the Autumn term and what a term it has been!

Year 2 have travelled the world to find out about other countries and have also travelled back in time to find out more about 'The Great Fire of London' and meet Samuel Pepys. Year 1 have learnt more about their local community and have compared life now to life in 1666. Reception have been busy chasing the Gingerbread Man and building houses for the three little pigs!

We have loved welcoming you all into school for Book Buzzes, Phonics workshops, Learning Looks and, of course, our amazing Nativity performances last week. Thank you to everyone who has supported these events.

Of course, I cannot end the term without mentioning our Ofsted Inspection at the beginning of Autumn 2. We are SO proud of all the children as they showed the Inspector that we really do 'Dream, Believe and Shine' and that we deserve to be a **GOOD SCHOOL!** I would like to take this opportunity to say an enormous **THANK YOU** to the amazing staff team. Not only did they work incredibly hard during the 2-day inspection, but they also work tirelessly every single day to ensure every DIS star is given the chance to shine. **THEY ARE A FANTASTIC TEAM 😊!**

There's only one thing left to say...

On behalf of the staff, I would like to say **THANK YOU** for all your support this term and a special thank you for the Christmas cards, gifts to us and to the Foodbank and for the good wishes we have received. Your kindness means a great deal to all of us.

Have a wonderful holiday - make precious memories!

Keep safe, take care

Mrs Waters & Eddie

IMPORTANT STAFF UPDATE!

We are delighted to share that Mrs Akintomide will begin a new role as Year 2 Learning and Teaching Manager from January 2024. Miss Gattuso will continue leading EYFS and Mrs Tanner will continue to lead Year 1.

We are sad to share the news that **MRS HIBBERT** will be leaving us on 5th January to start a new role at Hampton College Primary. Whilst we are very sad to be losing Mrs Hibbert from DIS, we are pleased that she will be continuing with the Trust as we know we will still see her lots! I know you will join me in wishing Mrs Hibbert all the best in her new role. **Keep shining brightly Mrs Hibbert!**

Finally, Mrs Marshall-Sully will be changing her role from January and will be in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays **ONLY**. Mrs Marshall-Sully will be focusing on her SENDCO role for these 3 days. Miss Gattuso will be teaming up with Mrs Creasey to teach Rosen class.

Autumn Term Fundraising Update

A **HUGE** thank you to our Dogsthorpe Infant School families & community that have supported our Autumn Term fundraising events. The monies raised will go towards subsidising our summer trips & curriculum visitors:

Gift & Book Sale 30.11.23 - £120

Family Festive Fun Evenings - £56

Christmas Raffle - £189

Total amount raised for school - £365.00

Charity Fundraising:

Children In Need - £227.00

Collection taken at the end of Nativity - £144.69. This will also be donated to Children In Need.

Term Dates

School Closes on **WEDNESDAY 20TH DECEMBER at 3.15pm.**

School reopens at 8.45am on **Monday 8th January 2024.**

Our full term dates can be found on our website www.dogsthorpeinfants.com

Please note: Our term dates differ from Dogsthorpe Academy & our other Trust Schools

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.

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.

Keep Learning!

We know the Christmas holidays can become very hectic. However, please try to continue hearing your child read as much as possible. Hopefully, Santa may bring them a new book or two to help with this!

There are some great holiday activities on the website to keep you busy and keep an eye on Class Dojo too!

Foodbank Donations

As you may be aware we have a foodbank in the Methodist Church next to the school which is well used by the families of the Dogsthorpe Community

The Foodbank are running low on the following items:-

- Tinned meat
- Tinned fish
- Instant Mash
- Tinned Fruit
- Toilet Rolls
- Jam
- Pasta Sauces
- Cereal
- Tea bags

Other items needed:

- long life fruit juice
- puddings -desserts
- rice pudding
- toiletries ,
- deodorant and shower gel
- bottles of squash 1tr
- rice

PLEASE NOTE - THEY CURRENTLY DO NOT REQUIRE PASTA, BAKED BEANS OR FEMALE SANITARY PRODUCTS.

Donations can be brought into school and we will pass them on for you.

Many thanks for your continued support of this vital community resource. Your generosity is much appreciated by so many families.

A final message from the DIS Team...

**We would like to wish
you all a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS and a
HAPPY HOLIDAY!**

