

A Message from Mrs Waters

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed a great holiday with family and friends.

As always, we are looking forward to a busy half-term. The children started their new topics today so we are sure they will have lots to talk about! Please don't forget to keep an eye on Class Dojos too as we upload learning videos, Powerpoints and resources every week. We also upload letters and 'reminder messages' so it is very important you register and check regularly. If you are unsure, please speak to your child's teacher.

Every January I set everyone a NEW YEAR CHALLENGE...lots of children are not reading regularly at home. We know it can be hard to find the time, but just 5-10 minutes every day could help increase your child's confidence in reading and they will then make great progress. Please can we ask you ALL to find that time as much as you can? Once your child can read confidently, they will be able to access and do so much!

Thanks for your support.
Take care ☺.
Mrs Waters

Forward Planning - Dates for your diary!

Tuesday 23rd January - Class Photos. The Tempest photographer will be in school to take a whole class photo. Proofs will be sent out at a later date for parents to order copies.

Wednesday 24th January - EYFS Maths Workshop for parents, 2.00pm - 2.50pm. A separate letter will be sent out shortly.

Spring Term Book Buzz sessions

EYFS	Tuesday 30 th January - 2.45pm - 3.00pm
Year 2	Wednesday 31 st January - 8.45am - 9.00am
Year 1	Thursday 1 st February - 8.45am - 9.00am

Tuesday 6th February - Online Safety Workshop for Parents, 9.00am - 9.30am

Tuesday 14th & Wednesday 15th February - Parent Consultation Evenings. These will be face-to-face this term so you will also have the opportunity to look at your child's work.

IMPORTANT UPDATES!

A few reminders from the last newsletter...

- Mrs Akintomide has been appointed as the Year 2 Learning and Teaching Manager, Miss Gattuso will continue leading EYFS and Mrs Tanner will continue to lead Year 1.
- Mrs Marshall-Sully has changed her working pattern and will be in school on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays ONLY.
- We said a fond farewell to Mrs Hibbert on Friday. As she is remaining in the Trust, I am sure we will still see her lots.

We also welcome back Mrs Butkute and Mrs Roberts as Teaching Assistants.

COMMUNICATION

We will be advertising for a new Family Wellbeing Champion in due course. We are aware that many of you used to talk to Mrs Hibbert outside and pop into see her when you needed some advice and a listening ear. From now on, if you need to speak to someone, please let us know by talking to someone in the office. You can ring us, email or just pop in. The Admin Team will take your details and then pass them onto the person who is best placed to meet with you. Whilst we cannot guarantee being able to get back to you on the same day, we will endeavour to speak to you within 48 hours. If you have an emergency, please make the member of staff you are speaking to aware that you need to speak to someone urgently.

Thank you for your co-operation with this.

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.

We are also happy to take in any donations for the foodbank. They are currently in short supply of:-

- Tinned soup
- Pasta sauce ie pasta bake and bolognese sauces
- Tinned vegetables
- Instant mash
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned meat (meatballs ,sausages in beans , chilli con carne)
- Cereals 500gm or 375gm not porridge oats please
- Tea bags boxes of 40 or 80 tea bags
- UHT Milk

Any gifts of toiletries, chocolates etc that are unwanted from Christmas would also be appreciated.

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.

PE

Please ensure you check Parentmail & Class Dojo so you know your child's PE days and send them into school wearing appropriate PE kit. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher/TA.

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.