

## WELCOME BACK!

Hi everyone,

Welcome to the Summer term - we really can't believe how quickly the school year is going! We hope you all had a lovely, restful break and you are ready for the fun we are going to have this half-term.

New topics are underway, and Year 1 and Year 2 had a great time enjoying their Sparkly Starts. I know children in EYFS are getting excited about their trip to the zoo next week.

I am delighted to share the news that our School Podcast - **EDDIE'S LAUNCHPAD** is BACK! Eddie will be helping to interview a range of different special guests including lots of authors of children's books. You can find our Podcast by visiting our school website ([www.dogsthorpeinfants](http://www.dogsthorpeinfants)) and viewing the **HOME PAGE**.

Please ensure you read the 'Topic Tasters' our Learning and Teaching Managers have created so you know what your child will be learning about during the coming weeks. There are some links to stories and activities they can do at home too. Please don't forget to log into NUMBOTS for some marvellous Maths games (log-ins were given out at Parents' Evenings).

With thanks for your support.  
Take care, best wishes  
Mrs Waters

## Being on time!

Please remember that our doors open at **8.45am** and children must be here on time to start learning promptly at 8.50am. Learning starts as soon as your child comes in, so being late leads to missed learning opportunities. If you are running unavoidably late then ring us so that we know you are on your way. We expect all children to arrive **ON TIME**. Late marks can affect your child's attendance figures. Arriving late on a regular basis will lead to a school attendance meeting and could lead to a penalty notice fine. If there are any particular circumstances that the school may not be aware of, please come and talk to us.

## Monster Phonics E-books

Due to the lack of 'take up' with the E-books, we have decided **not** to renew our subscription to this. We apologise to those of you who were accessing this on a frequent basis.

Sadly, as you have seen in the news, school budgets are getting tighter and we need to look at ways to save money.



**DIS News!  
Summer  
Term  
25/4/25**

## 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!**



### 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](mailto:office@dogsthorpeinfants.org.uk) or click on the link on our school website  
[www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk](http://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.

### DIS DIARY DATES, Summer 1

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May - School will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May** - Y1 & Y2 children will be enjoying a performance by Britten Sinfonia, This is an opportunity for the children to watch and listen to musicians performing live and join in with the songs they have been learning that accompany the story of 'Geoffrey Gets the Jitters'.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May - Pyjamarama Day!** Children and staff are invited to come to school in their PJ's for this BookTrust event to promote children's love of reading. A donation of a coin/s would be much appreciated, on this day, which the BookTrust use to ensure that all children in the UK have books to read.



**As part of this day we invite parents to a whole school BOOK BUZZ**  
**2.40pm - 3.10pm!** Come and spend time in the classroom reading/sharing a book with your child. Younger siblings are welcome to join in too.

School Closes for the half term break at 3.15pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May and reopens at 8.45am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June.

### Cycles/Scooters/Gates

We are happy for child to come to school on bikes & scooters. However, you need to ensure these are left securely i.e. locked with a padlock in our cycle storage. **We do not accept any responsibility for loss or damage.** Our cycle shed should only be used by INFANT school children.

Bikes and scooters should NOT be ridden on school premises, and we respectfully ask that you dismount before entering the gates.



**Reminder that the gate between us and the Academy is locked at 8.45am.**

### Leave of Absence Reminder

Any leave of absence, which is not illness, must be applied for in advance. Forms are available from the school office. You must supply as much evidence as possible to support your request i.e. travel booking documents. These must be a copy of the original documents showing when the flights/ferry were booked, when you are going and returning - boarding passes will not be accepted. Without these documents the absence will automatically be unauthorised. Any other evidence you can provide is essential. All unauthorised absences will be followed up in accordance with our Attendance Policy and penalty notice fines issued accordingly. Please speak to Miss Stamper, in the school office if you have any questions.

We have a duty of care to know where our children are so please talk to us if you require leave of absence for your child - do not just disappear on us! If you take leave and do not tell us then we will follow our Safeguarding procedures to establish where you are. This will include a home visit and if this proves unsuccessful, we may contact the police for a 'Safe & Well' check.