



Christmas Message from Mrs Waters.

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot quite believe I am writing to you on the last day of the Autumn term. With the very cold weather last week, the Summer holiday seems a distant memory now!

This term has been action-packed, and everyone is definitely ready for a holiday. It has been wonderful to welcome you all back into school for the Monster Phonics workshop, Book Buzzes, Learning Looks and, not forgetting, last week's wonderful Nativity performances. Thank you for everyone who has supported these events.

Our Podcast continues to go from strength to strength and we are fortunate to receive gifts of 'hot off the press' story books, IT subscriptions and other great resources for our school. We are also very lucky have received two monetary donations from the congregations of **ST MARY'S CHURCH, PETERBOROUGH** and **DOGSTHORPE METHODIST CHURCH**. We will be using this money to support our breakfast snack programme and our Curriculum events. We are so grateful for their generosity. It truly shows how brightly our school shines into our community.

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 also to the Foodbank and for the good wishes we have received. Your kindness means a great deal to all of us.

Keep safe, take care
Mrs Waters & Eddie

Message from Sue Hartropp, Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been really good to see so many of you at school recently, and I'm sure you'll agree it has been a real treat to enjoy the DIS Christmas events. For some of you, and your children, it will have been your first experience of these, and hopefully the first of many more to come, now we are back to 'normality'. The Nativity performances were a real delight and everyone seemed to enjoy the activity sessions. A huge thank you to all staff and volunteers who helped to make these happen, as well as to everyone who has worked as tirelessly as ever, and despite the seemingly never-ending challenges of illness, weather and other difficulties, to provide such a first-class education and such a caring environment for all children at DIS.

I wish you all - children, parents and carers, and staff - a really happy Christmas, a healthy New Year, and a very well-deserved rest.

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:

New to You Sales/Book Sales - £369.00
School Disco - £157.10
Family Festive Fun Evenings - £133.00
Christmas Raffle - £166.00
Total amount raised for school - £825.10

Charity Fundraising:

Children In Need - £381.65
Sue Ryder Collection at the end of Nativity performances - £126.83. John Gilligan, Head of Hampton College thanks you all for your generosity & support.

Term Dates

School Closes tonight at **3.15pm**.

School reopens at 8.45am on Thursday 5th January 2023

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 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.com

The Foodbank is open as follows over the Christmas period:

Sat 24th Dec - Dogsthorpe open, 11am-1pm
Sun 25th Dec - Closed
Mon 26th Dec - Closed
Tues 27th Dec - Bretton open, 11am-1pm
Wed 28th Dec - Closed
Thur 29th Dec - Hampton open, 7pm-9pm
Fri 30th Dec - Dogsthorpe open, 11am-1pm
Sat 31st Dec - Dogsthorpe open, 11am-1pm
Sun 1st Jan - Closed
Mon 2nd Jan - Closed

Staffing update

We are delighted to share that Mrs Tanner will begin a new role as Learning and Teaching Manager from January 2023. Mrs Tanner will be leading Year 1 and Miss Gattuso will lead EYFS and Year 2.

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. As they need supplies the whole year round we have a permanent Foodbank drop-off point in school. If you would like to donate any items, at any time, please bring to the school office.

The Foodbank always needs the following items:

Tins of: meat, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding, soup, beans
Pasta & pasta sauces, noodles, instant mash
Biscuits/cake
Tea/coffee/sugar
Longlife milk or cartons of juice
Squash/pop
Cereals
Crisps/sweets
Toiletries including sanitary products
Toilet Roll

The Foodbank is also happy to accept donations on the days they are open.

Thank you to those parents who have donated items for the Foodbank instead of giving gifts to the staff. These donations will be delivered to the Foodbank in time to be used for Christmas parcels.

Your generosity will be appreciated by many families who are struggling at this time.



A final message from The DIS Team...
We would like to wish you all a very
MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY HOLIDAY!