

A Message from Mrs Waters

I would like to begin by wishing you all a very Happy New Year! I hope you have enjoyed a lovely holiday with family and friends. It was great to welcome everyone back last week looking rested and ready for the term ahead.

We have already started our Spring 1 topics, please ensure you read the year group newsletters to find out all about them. These newsletters also include helpful topic vocabulary and links to websites which will support your child's learning this half-term. Don't forget to keep an eye on Class Dojos too as we are uploading learning videos, Powerpoints and resources every week.

We have a NEW YEAR CHALLENGE for you! 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!

Unfortunately, we are facing challenging times ahead with Covid numbers increasing once again. Our staff and children are being impacted by this. We will do everything we can to keep things as normal as possible, but some days your child will be taught by different adults. Please help us by wearing a face covering when you are on the school site and maintaining social distancing. We are ready to deliver remote learning if we have to, but would much prefer to keep the school open to everyone and see you every day!

A big THANK YOU to all children, parents and staff for a great start to the Spring term!

Please take care and keep yourselves safe 😊.

Mrs Waters

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.

PE

Please ensure you check Class Dojo so you know your child's PE days and send them into school wearing appropriate PE kit.

Earrings and other jewellery should not be worn.

If you have any questions, please speak to your child's teacher/TA.

Attendance Reminders

Reminder that is parents/carers responsibility to inform the school if your child is absent, regardless of the reason.

If you take your child for a PCR test, then please inform the school and update us with the results as soon as they are known. These can be emailed to office@dogsthorpe-inf.peterborough.sch.uk You will then be given appropriate guidance depending on the outcome. You will be notified, by Parentmail, if there is a positive case in your child's class. The letter will contain the suggested government guidance to follow. If you have any questions, please speak to the school office.

Thank you for your continued support during this time.

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. We have always held an annual collection for the Foodbank but as they need supplies the whole year round we have decided to 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

Toilet Roll

They are currently in desperate need of:

Tins of meat – things like stewed steak, corned beef, hotdogs etc

Cartons of juice

Jars of Pasta sauce

Many thanks for your continued support of this vital community resource.

**BE KIND, BE RESPECTFUL AND
DON'T FORGET TO DREAM,
BELIEVE AND SHINE 😊!**