

WELCOME TO THE SUMMER TERM!

Hi everyone,

We hope you had a wonderful holiday and feel rested and ready for another busy half-term 😊. I really can't believe how quickly the school year is going, it will be the summer holiday before we know it!

New topics are underway and I know children in EYFS are getting excited about their trip to the zoo at the end of the month. We hope we will have some great weather over the next few months so we can get outside to our Kitchen Garden and enjoy Play2Learn activities in the sunshine.

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 in the Autumn Term - if you have misplaced this and need a copy, please contact the school office.)

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. In the Spring term, we recorded:

207 'L' lates - arrived before registers closed.
52 'U' lates - arrived after the registers closed.

THIS IS TOO MANY! 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.

Year 2 Parents Reminder National Offer Day 16th April

Parents will receive notification from the council of their child's Year 3 place allocation on Thursday 16th April. Reminder that you have 10 school days i.e. until 29th April to contact the new school to accept the place. Failure to do so may result in your child being without a school place for September.



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**Summer
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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, Mrs Gardner or Miss Stamper. You can be assured that this will be kept confidential. E-Vouchers are now available so can be sent to you electronically. **Please note - the Foodbank require certain information before the voucher can be issued so we are obliged to ask for specific details about your household.**

Polite reminder that the Foodbank is there to supply 3 days of emergency food to support families who are in crisis. This is defined as having very little or no food to eat. Please do not request a voucher unless it is really needed.

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

The Welland Pantry

Welland Pantry is open to people living in the Dogsthorpe & Welland area.

Its aim is to support individuals and families who are struggling to afford food by providing an affordable service where you can choose from the fresh food available.

It will operate like a market with fresh food provided through Fareshare each week. They will not be able to guarantee what they can offer but there should be a good selection.

Membership is £1 to join and then £6 per visit and members will get a timeslot every Friday.

If you require any further information or an application form to join, please speak to Miss Stamper or the school office.

DIS DIARY DATES, Summer 1

Monday 4th May - School will be closed for the May Day Bank Holiday

Friday 8th May - Attenborough Day! This will be a day of additional Science-based activities to celebrate the 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough. ***More information to follow.***

Fit4Fun Afternoons - all parents and families welcome from 2.30pm - 3.00pm:

Wednesday 13th May - EYFS Classes

Thursday 14th May - Year 2 Classes

Friday 15th May - Year 1 Classes

We are in the process of arranging the summer trips for Year 1 & Year 2 for Summer 2. Letters will be sent out shortly.

School Closes for the half-term break at 3.15pm on Friday 22nd May and reopens at 8.45am on Monday 1st June.

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.