

**School closes at 3.15pm today for the Half Term Holiday and reopens at 8.45am on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June.**

### Message from the Headteacher

Dear DIS families,

We have reached the end of the first half of the summer term and I really don't know where the time has gone! As always, life at DIS has been busy with lots of exciting learning experiences. We are all incredibly proud of our Year 2 children as they have worked hard to complete their 'special work' over the last few weeks. They have shown great resilience, determination, and perseverance. A big **THANK YOU** goes to our Year 2 team as they have organised and managed the timetable to complete these assessments. It hasn't been easy, but you have done it Year 2 😊!

As we move into Summer 2, we start to think about moving on. I am sure some of you are already thinking about your child's next year group. As you may know, we usually change the classes around and often move staff too. Please be assured that all changes will be carefully considered to ensure we have the right people, in the right places with the right children. It is like a giant jigsaw puzzle!

We hope you have a lovely half-term break. Please keep going with reading and also check into Class Dojo for the great activities the teachers add on every week. There is no reason for your child to say "I'm bored" as there is so much to do to keep them busy!

Thank you for your continued support.  
Take good care of yourselves and each other.

Best wishes  
Mrs Waters



### Parental Engagement Opportunities, Summer 2.

We are delighted to be able to welcome you to the following events this half-term:

#### 'FIT 4 FUN' Afternoons

This year each year group will be having a designated afternoon for their sports activities. Families are invited to come and join in the fun from 2.30pm:

EYFS	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June
Year 1	Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June
Year 2	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - this will be our 'Move up' day. There will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's new teacher/teaching assistant at **2:30pm**.

#### Book Week - 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> July

Miss Colbeck and Mrs Grainger are planning an exciting week of activities based on stories from around the world! This will include our Book Buzz Sessions that parents/carers are welcome to attend **8.45-9am**.

Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> July	YEAR 1
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	EYFS
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> July	YEAR 2

#### End of Year Learning Looks - EYFS and YEAR 1

You will be invited to join your child in class to look at work and enjoy some time together:

EYFS - Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July, 2:30-3pm  
Year 1 - Monday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 2:30-3pm

#### Year 2 Leavers Shine Time - Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 2.15pm

Parents/carers & families are invited to join us as we say 'goodbye' to our Year 2 children.

**Please watch out for further details about all these events 😊.**

### 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 are able to actively participate without endangering themselves or those around them. **This applies to all earrings including retainer earrings.**

Therefore, if your child has their ears pierced, please ensure that they are taken out on the days that the class has PE. 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.

Ideally, if you are considering having your child's ears pierced, this should be done at the beginning of the Summer holiday to give earrings time to settle before they are taken out.

**Thank you for your support and cooperation.**

### 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](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.

### Foster Carers

Thousands of new foster families are needed every year to care for children, with the greatest need being for foster carers for older children, sibling groups, disabled children and unaccompanied asylum-seeking children.

There is a continued need in both Cambridgeshire and Peterborough for more foster carers to keep children as close to their homes and communities as they can be.

#### **Thinking about making a change?**

Have you ever thought about being a Foster Carer to children who can't live with their families?

Ever thought to yourself 'I'd love to care for a child' but then wondered how this would fit with your work commitments? Are you held back by thoughts of doubt that you could be a Foster Carer? If so, you could be denying a child or young person the opportunity to have a wonderful home with you.

There are children and young people who need a loving home, and you could be just what they need. If you would like more information about becoming a Foster Carer or know someone who could offer a safe, secure and loving home then please get in touch on:

0800 052 0078 or

email [fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:fosteringmarketing@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)

or visit [www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/fostering)

### 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  
Long-life milk or cartons of juice  
Squash/pop  
Cereals  
Crisps/sweets  
Toiletries - deodorant, shower gel, shampoo  
Toilet Roll

They are currently in desperate need of:

Tins of meat - things like stewed steak, corned beef, hotdogs etc  
Tinned Fruit  
Tinned Vegetables  
Instant Mash Potato  
Jars of Pasta sauce  
rice

**Many thanks for your continued support of this vital community resource. Your generosity is much appreciated by so many families.**