

A Message from Mrs Waters

Welcome to SPRING 2!

It has been a great start to the half-term, the children are very enthusiastic about their new topics. EYFS classes enjoyed a visit from a Planetarium today and Year 2 travelled back in time to learn more about 'The Great Fire of London' with help from 'Zoom through History'. I have overheard Year 1 children thinking of great adjectives to describe a fire for their poetry work too.

We are expecting updated guidance from the DfE, Local Authority and Trust in regards Covid measures. I am sure, like us, you are all looking forward to things returning to a more normal routine over the coming months.

We are looking forward to Parents' evenings next week, please see the information below and ensure you book your appointment.

Thank you for your support
Take good care
Mrs Waters

Communicating with School Reminder

We have several ways that parents can communicate messages/information to school:

- Speak to staff outside during 'meet & greet'
- Speak to your child's class teacher before or after school
- Come into school to speak to the Admin staff (please be respectful of our rule of only one person in the foyer at a time to ensure privacy of conversations being had with parents)
- Call us on 01733 566849 - this is best for absence notification preferably before 9.00am on the first day of absence please. There is an answer machine for out of school hours.
- You can email us at office@dogsthorpe-inf.peterborough.sch.uk
We are aware that during the lockdown periods some parents may have been contacted by staff on their personal school emails. **Can we respectfully ask that you ensure that these email addresses are now deleted and you only use the office email address.** The office account is checked regularly throughout the day and using the office email address ensures your email gets to the correct person.
- School Website - messages can be sent via the contact page on our school website, however, please do not use this for urgent messages as messages take longer to come through via this platform.
- Class Dojos - this is our online platform for sharing information about the children's learning and how you can support them at home. If you connect your email to Dojos you can then communicate directly with the class teacher to ask any questions you may have regarding their learning. However, please **DO NOT** use this messaging system for any messages regarding attendance, or other urgent matters, as Dojos may not be checked during the school day.

The school is happy to support with the completion of forms or letters for families i.e. passport applications, on roll confirmations, benefit applications etc, however we do need you to give us **at least a week's notice please.**

Useful Contacts:

Mrs Gardner - Administration Manager and PA to the Headteacher

Mrs Marriott (every day) & Miss Paling (currently Wednesdays only) - Administration Assistants

Rainbow Team: Mrs Hibbert - Family Well-being Champion & Mrs Creasey - Child Well-being Champion

If you need support with anything, please ask us and we will do our very best to help!

Parents Evenings Reminder - 1st and 2nd March 2022

This is an important opportunity for you to have a discussion about your child's learning and progress with their teacher.

Please visit <https://dogsthorpeinfant.schoolcloud.co.uk> to book your appointments.

Login with the following information:

Your child's first name
Your child's surname
Your child's date of birth

You can also watch this video: <https://support.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>

If you have any difficulties with the booking process, please contact the school office.

BOOKINGS WILL CLOSE TO PARENTS at 9.00AM ON FRIDAY 25TH FEBRUARY - AFTER THAT DATE YOU WILL NEED TO CONTACT THE OFFICE WHO CAN MAKE THE APPOINTMENT FOR YOU.

Code of Conduct for online parents' evenings

Please ensure:

- All those attending the meeting are appropriately dressed for the meeting (i.e. wearing clothes, not pyjamas!).
- You are in a quiet space in your house (no TVs or radios on in the background).
- You check you are happy with what the teacher will be able to see as your background. If necessary, you can use the 'blurred background' option.
- Any mobile devices not being used for the meeting are switched off/on silent.
- No one attending the meeting is smoking or drinking alcohol. We appreciate the meeting is in your own home, but we would expect it to be treated in the same way as a face-to-face meeting in school.
- You are aware when your time is nearly up as the meeting will just end, even if you are mid-sentence!
- The children are occupied so we can have a 10 minute focused discussion with you.

Please note that the teacher reserves the right to end the meeting early if the behaviour/conduct of those attending is inappropriate.

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/Parentmail 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.

World Book Day Virtual Story Session

Join us on Monday 28th February at 4.00pm for a virtual story session on Zoom in conjunction with our World Book Day Celebrations.

https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75364343599?pwd=G1_VhvbxyqJjmh6F0mrfnA7lh4jRv.1

Meeting ID: 753 6434 3599

Passcode: u3NmEm

We look to seeing you all there!

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