

A Message from Mrs Waters

Dear Parents/Carers,

What has been the best part of your week? Mine was to lead the first Key Stage One Shine Time in the hall yesterday. This is the first time since the end of September when our children have been able to come together as a school family. EYFS haven't joined us yet, as they are still practicing what they need to do when we have Shine time in the hall. I am looking forward to leading a whole school Shine Time later this half-term. It will be the first one for two years, I think I may need some tissues!

I hope you have been enjoying the Spring weather this week. Whilst the sun has started to appear, it is still chilly so please ensure your child brings a coat for playtime.

You may recall on a recent newsletter, we reminded you all that children should not be riding their bikes/scooters on the school site. Sadly, this is still happening. **Please ensure your child walks with their scooter/bike.** Even if you are holding the handlebars and guiding them, we will still ask your child to walk. This is to reduce the chance of accidents. We respectfully ask you to support us with this please.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend making lots of memories together!

Take care

Mrs Waters



Comic Relief

As a Trust, we will be supporting the national fundraising for Comic Relief on **Friday 18th March**. The theme for this year is '**Be Your Self!**' so staff & children can come to school dressed in their own clothes rather than in uniform. Remember that outfits have to be practical for the school day.

Columbus & Armstrong Classes will still need to wear PE kit on this day

We have set up a school 'Just giving' page for donations or you can bring a coin/coins in a named envelope on the day.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/DogsthorpeInfantSchool>

Our cook has also prepared a special lunch menu which is **FREE** for all Dogsthorpe Infant children. This will be instead of the normal menu for that day. Menu details are attached.

Parents' Evenings 1st & 2nd March

Thank you to all parents who attended the Spring term parents' evenings via our new system School Cloud. We apologise for the technical issues we experienced on Tuesday evening but these were beyond the school's control.

If you did not book an appointment but would still like to speak to your child's class teacher regarding your child's learning & progress, then please contact the school office. The class teacher will then ring you, at some point, before the end of term.

Easter Raffle

The staff are currently putting a hamper together as the first prize for our Easter raffle along with numerous other prizes. The tickets are £1 per strip and will be on sale, from the school office, from Monday 21st March until 9am on Wednesday 30th March. The winners will be drawn during that day.

All monies raised from the raffle will go towards subsidising the summer trips.



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

Ukraine Appeal

You will be aware, from Dr Price's recent letter, that the Trust have set up a 'Just giving' page for the Ukraine:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/hampton-academies-trust>

On **Friday 1st April** we will do our own fundraising event for this appeal. We will be having a dress down day where staff & children may wish to choose to wear clothes in the colours of the Ukraine flag i.e. yellow & blue. A donation of a coin/coins can also be brought in on the day in a named envelope.

We are aware that some parents may wish to support the Ukraine appeal in a more practical way i.e. donate clothes, medical supplies, dried food etc. We do not have the capacity to take such items in school but the following places are collecting items:

St Olga's Church, Woodston, PE2 9HD

Firmin Estate Agent, 381 Eastfield Road, PE1 4RA

House of Feasts, Crowland Road, Eye, PE6 7TP



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 for PE including After School Clubs.

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

Foodbank Donations

Thank you to those parents who have already donated vital supplies for the foodbank. These have now been taken to the Foodbank for distribution

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

The items highlighted in yellow are the things that they are short of at the present time.

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

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a NAMED water bottle to school every day. This will ensure your child can have access to a drink more readily throughout the day. Please do not fill bottles with juice or fizzy drinks.

Eddie's Launchpad!

Have you tuned in to our new school podcasts available for free via our school website yet?

<https://www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk/launchpad>

They are full of information about our school and Eddie has invited lots of guest speakers with an association with our school to join in.

Don't forget to regularly check the school website www.dogsthorpeinfants.com and Twitter page @Dogsthorpeinf for all the latest news.