



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Autumn term 2! We have had a great start to the half-term, with Year 1 and Year 2 travelling back in time to find out about 'The Great Fire of London' and our EYFS children have welcomed 'Atomic Tom' to lead sessions all about BUBBLES!

As you know, our Ofsted Inspection also took place during last week. Thank you for your support during the two days. We will share further information with you later in the half-term. I would like to take this opportunity to also say a big THANK YOU to the DIS Staff Team for their continued hard work.

Please look carefully at all the diary dates on the newsletter. We are looking forward to welcoming you into school for some or all of these events.

Take good care
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.

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

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.

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.

Peterborough 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

Your kind donations from our Harvest Festival were gratefully received by the Foodbank however they are still desperately in need of the following items:-

- tinned soup
- pasta sauce i.e. pasta bake and bolognese sauces
- tinned vegetables
- instant mash
- tinned fruit
- tinned meat (meatballs, sausages in beans, chilli con carne)
- cereals 500gm or 375gm not porridge oats please
- tea bags boxes of 40 or 80 tea bags
- UHT milk

Other items needed:

- long life fruit juice
- puddings/desserts
- rice pudding
- tinned fish
- toiletries, deodorant and shower gel
- bottles of squash 1tr
- toilet rolls

Donations can be brought into school, and we will pass them on for you.

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

Forward Planning!

We are pleased to announce a full programme of parental opportunities for Autumn 2. Below are dates that we know parents will be keen to get in their diaries to book time off work if necessary:

Book Buzz Sessions - Come and spend 15 minutes in the classroom reading/sharing a book with your child. Younger siblings are welcome to join in too.

EYFS Tuesday 14th November, 2.45pm - 3.00pm
Year 1 Wednesday 15th November, 8.45am - 9.00am
Year 2 Thursday 16th November, 8.45am - 9.00am

Year 1 Phonics Workshop for parents/carers - Thursday 16th November 9.00am - 10.00am.

Come and find out how we teach children to read using our Monster Phonics scheme. This will include time in the classroom for parents to experience a Phonics Session. A separate letter with full details will follow shortly.

Children in Need Day - Friday 17th November. This will be a non-uniform day! The choice of dress is down to you, but please ensure outfits are practical for the school day including playtimes and if your child has PE on that day. A donation of a coin/s for this worthy charity would be appreciated. Please send the donation in a named envelope. We will also be setting up a 'Just Giving Page' for online donations.

'Learning Look' sessions for parents/carers

This will be an opportunity for you to come and spend the afternoon in the classroom to see what the children have been learning and are currently learning.

Year 1 Wednesday 22nd November, 2.30pm
EYFS Tuesday 28th November, 2.30pm
Year 2 Thursday 30th November, 2.30pm

We will be sending a separate letter out next week for you to sign up for this event. **Please note that, due to space, we can only accommodate 1 adult per child and no pre-school siblings/babies.**

Nativity Performances

As always, there will be 3 separate performances of our Nativity. The dates are:

Monday 11th December, 2.30pm
Tuesday 12th December, 2:30pm
Wednesday 13th December, 2:30pm

We will confirm which classes are performing on each day as soon as possible so you can book this in your diary! **Please ensure you only attend on the day that your child's class is performing.**

We cannot accommodate ANY babies/pre-schoolers in the hall for the performances so please ensure you make alternative childcare arrangements. There will be a creche with limited spaces, which needs to be pre-booked, for anyone who cannot find childcare.

Children & Staff Christmas Lunch - Friday 14th December - menu to follow. Children can come to school in festive outfits on this day.

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| Year Group Christmas Parties: | Reception | Friday 15 th December |
| | Year 1 | Monday 18 th December |
| | Year 2 | Tuesday 19 th December |

Christingle Service - Wednesday 20th December, 9.00am in the school hall. Year 2 children will be making a circle of light carrying the Christingles.

Please note: whilst all parents/carers are welcome to attend, EYFS and Year 1 children will access this via Teams in the classrooms. Only Year 2 will be in the hall.

**School will close at 3.15pm on Wednesday 20th December for the Christmas Holidays.
School re-opens at 8.45am on Monday 8th January 2024.**