

### First message of 2022-23 from Mrs Waters

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would usually send our first newsletter out during the first week of term. However, once we learnt that Queen Elizabeth II had died, we felt it would be respectful to wait. I hope that you were able to watch some of the events which took place in London yesterday, it really was a moment of historical significance for our country.

As always, it has been a busy start to term with children getting used to their new teachers, classrooms, and routines. Everyone is enjoying their first topics of the new school year; I hope you have managed to read the year group newsletters to find out what the children will be learning about.

I am sure that this year will continue to bring us some challenges, particularly around finances. If you are worried, please come and speak to us and we will do our best to help. Don't forget we are agents for Foodbank vouchers and we will continue to have regular 'New-2-U' sales for good quality second-hand uniform and books too. Let's hope we hear some good news about heating costs once our new Government is up and running!

Take good care, keep smiling  
*Mrs Waters*

### Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a NAMED water bottle to school every day. This should contain water and not juice or fizzy drinks please. Bottles can be refilled throughout the day.

### 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.

### Cycles/Scooters

We are happy for child to come to school on bikes & scooters. However, you need to ensure these are left securely i.e. locked with a padlock in our cycle storage. **We do not accept any responsibility for loss or damage.** Our cycle shed should only be used by INFANT school children.

Bikes and scooters should NOT be ridden on school premises, and we respectfully ask that you dismount before entering the gates.

### 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 Marriott**

Administration Assistants

We also have our **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!**

### 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 can actively participate without endangering themselves or those around them. **This applies to all earrings including retainer earrings. We do not allow earrings to be covered by plasters.**

Therefore, if your child has their ears pierced, please ensure that earrings are taken out before school on the days that the class has PE (school staff are not permitted to remove them). 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.

For children that choose to wear earrings to school these should be small studs and not hoops, for health & safety reasons.

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

## Message from the Chair of Governors

Dear Parents and Carers,

On behalf of the governors, I would like to give you all a very warm welcome to the Dogsthorpe Infant School 'family'.

Just as the whole nation is now starting on the next stage of its history with a change of monarch, so too you and your children are all beginning a new phase in your lives. For some of you, with older children who have attended our school, this will already be a familiar change. For others of you, it might all seem a very big step. But I can assure you that Mrs Waters and her team will all do everything they possibly can to make sure that you and your family are all welcomed and cared for, that they get to know you and your children individually, and that your children are given the very best possible start to their school lives.

The governors and I also look forward to meeting you all, and getting to know you, in due course, so do please come and talk to us when we are in school. We really do want to hear your views, thoughts and suggestions.

Dogsthorpe Infant School is a place I am very proud to be associated with, and it is a school which I would have been very happy for my own children to have attended. I hope that you will feel the same.

Have a wonderful start to the school year and your children's school career!

**Sue Hartropp**  
Chair of Governors

## Get Reading!

Enjoying a book together is very important for every child and family! We want every child in our school to enjoy reading which is why we send reading books and reading records home. But reading doesn't always involve a book. It might be following a recipe to cook something together, following instructions (even to make a paper aeroplane), reading a road sign, a comic or a book from the library.

At Dogsthorpe Infants, we really want to bring the enjoyment of reading back to the children, so if your child doesn't want to read their school reading book but has happily read one of their own books with you or a comic please write the date, what they have read and sign your name in the reading record. Any reading they have done is perfect to write down for us!

Reading should be enjoyable for everyone! Even the parents listening and helping...

We would really like you to write in their reading record at least 3 times a week. 5 times would be **AMAZING!**

