

### **Dogsthorpe Infant School**

## Whole School Newsletter

#### A Message from Mrs Waters

We have reached the end of the week again and I am sure you are all feeling tired. The wet and dreary weather doesn't help, but I am sure the smiles of your little stars brighten your day!

Once again, we have been overwhelmed by the quality of learning on Dojos. Thank you so much for supporting your children, we know it is not easy! We are checking the system every two days and if your child hasn't completed any learning you will receive a phone call from us to check that everything is okay.

I would like to take this opportunity to remind you of some important messages:

- If a child becomes ill at school we will follow the same protocols as have been in place throughout the Autumn term and ask parents to arrange for their child to be collected as soon as possible from school. If the child has any of the symptoms for Covid-19, we will ask the parent to arrange a test and for their household to self-isolate. We are using the same list of symptoms for staff. If your child has taken a test, they MUST NOT COME TO SCHOOL. You will need to wait for the results of the test in order to inform what happens next.
- Please keep us informed if your child gets any of the symptoms listed, even if they are not currently in school. You can phone the office, use the contact page of the website or email: <a href="mailto:rwaters@dogsthorpe-inf.peterborough.sch.uk">rwaters@dogsthorpe-inf.peterborough.sch.uk</a>
- If your child tests positive for Covid, please inform us immediately, even if they are not currently attending school. It is important that we record this and update the DfE as they are closely monitoring the number of Covid cases in children.
- If your child is currently at home and becomes unwell (non-Covid), it is important that you let us know so we can keep a record of this and inform their teacher they won't be able to access dojo learning during this time.

Unfortunately, we had to close the Year 2 bubble earlier this week. If anyone in this year group develops symptoms and consequently takes a test, please let us know. If we have another positive case in that bubble, it may alter the isolation period time. Remember, the children should be completing home learning on Dojos during this isolation period please!

Thank you once again for all your support, it is appreciated by us all.

Please take care and keep yourselves safe ☺.

#### **STAY AT HOME!**

The government have made it clear that people should **STAY AT HOME.** Our current provision is offered to the children of parents who are critical workers or meet another critical criteria.

Whilst it is lovely to have the children in school, the more children we have, the more staff we need and the greater the risk of infection becomes. **WE MUST KEEP OUR NUMBERS TO A MINIMUM.** Therefore, I ask all parents/carers currently accessing a school place:

Can you keep your child at home?
If only one parent is a critical worker or you work shift patterns, can your child be with someone at home?

If our numbers continue to increase, we will have to review ALL places and prioritise according to need.



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#### 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.