



### **Message from Mrs Waters**

The month of April has now been and gone and today we start MAY – a month closer to Summer and also (we hope) closer to us all being back together.

I am sure you are watching the news and awaiting information about when we will re-open, SO ARE WE! Whenever it is, it is highly likely to be very different for a while. Once we know and have plans in place these will, of course, be shared with you.

In the meantime, please use this time to enjoy having fun with your little stars. I am sure some are anxious and not quite sure what is going on. Please do access our vast amount of learning activities on the website and Purplemash, **BUT** taking time to bake, read, dance, sing, clean, do gardening and relax together is absolutely vital too.

Please remember that **we MUST follow the Government's rules**. If everyone stays inside, only going out for essential shopping and exercise then, together, we can all fight this virus.

Take care of yourselves and of each other.

Hugs and sparkles

*Mrs Waters & the DIS Team*

### **Year 2 /Year 3 Transfer September 2020**

Reminder to all Year 2 parents that you must accept your Year 3 place at your chosen school or the offer will be removed and you could be without a school place for September. If you have any queries regarding your offer school then you can email Admissions department on [admissions@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@peterborough.gov.uk)

### **Foodbank Vouchers**

A reminder that the school is a Foodbank agency for our families. If you require a Foodbank voucher over the coming weeks please contact the school office and speak to Mrs Waters, Mrs Hibbert or Mrs Gardner. Your request will be dealt with in the strictest confidence.

### **LEARNING AT HOME**

As explained, all our home learning activities are on our website: [www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk](http://www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk)

We are delighted that we are having 200+ hits to the website PER DAY and that children from other schools are also using our resources.

**A huge THANK YOU to Captain Dave for creating us an amazing website ☺!**

In addition to the work the staff are planning for the children, the website is also updated daily with...

Phonics lessons  
Dough disco sessions  
Cosmic Yoga  
Science sessions

Webcams at different zoos (watching the sharks and pandas is magical!)

There is plenty on to stop your little star from getting bored!

**Watch out for more online video messages and story times by our wonderful staff team!**

Reading is the one of the most important things you can do, so please ensure you are sharing a book with your child every day.

If you have any queries, please contact us either:

- Via the contact page on the school website
- On the school office number 01733 566849
- Or via email at [rwaters@dogsthorpe-inf.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:rwaters@dogsthorpe-inf.peterborough.sch.uk)

### **Parentmail**

We will be using Parentmail and our website to keep parents/carers informed of any updates relating to the current situation and when schools are allowed to re-open. Please make sure you check this regularly.

If you have changed your phone number recently, your email address or have not yet registered on Parentmail please contact the school via the methods listed above as soon as possible so your information can be updated on our systems.

### **Special gifts for all DIS children!**

We still have some gifts awaiting collection. If you haven't collected your child's gift yet, please pop in between 8:30 and 3pm.

**PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT WE WILL ADHERE TO STRICT SOCIAL DISTANCING RULES. ONLY ONE PARENT SHOULD BE IN THE PORCH AT ONE TIME AND PARENTS WAITING SHOULD MAINTAIN A 2M DISTANCE BETWEEN THEMSELVES PLEASE.**