

# Dogsthorpe Infant School

## Whole School Newsletter

21/7/21

### A Message from Mrs Waters

The last day of the school year can be filled with different emotions...

**Happiness**...because we have made it to the end of the year

**Pride**...because we have all achieved so much

**Sadness**...because the year is over and we are saying goodbye to Year 2 and to Mrs Barnes

**Anxiety**...because we are worried about next year

As I write this, I am feeling all of these emotions. I wonder how you and your child are feeling today. I know some of our Year 2 children (and staff too!) have had a few tears as saying goodbye can be hard but we are confident they will all settle well and will shine brightly in Year 3!

Today is a day for saying **THANK YOU** so...

Thank you for your continued support, especially during the lockdown period.

Thank you to all our amazing little stars who have worked so hard and made so much progress.

Thank you to our fantastic staff – they work tirelessly every day to make DIS a wonderful place to be!

I am sure, like us, you are all looking forward to a great holiday – having fun in the garden, visiting different places, spending time with family and friends, having relaxing PJ days. Whatever you have planned, **please enjoy every precious moment creating memories together.**

I wish you all a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to seeing you in Sept, ready to SHINE!

Take care

*Mrs Waters*

### MORE THANK YOU'S!

We are absolutely delighted to inform you that we have raised over £2000 so far for Cancer Research. We are blown away by this huge amount of money.

**Well done DIS families! You are shown such kindness towards all those affected by this illness.**

On behalf of all the staff, I would like to say thank you for all the cards, gifts and kind words we have received at the end of this very challenging year for us all. It has been our aim to ensure DIS continues to shine brightly throughout these difficult times and we believe we have achieved this ☺.

### Foodbank

Reminder that 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 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 over the holiday period, please contact Mrs Gardner on:

[office@dogsthorpeinf.peterborough.sch.uk](mailto:office@dogsthorpeinf.peterborough.sch.uk) giving your child's name and reason for needing the voucher.

### SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

Need some ideas for the holidays? Look no further! We have recently uploaded a leaflet full of activities and places to visit onto Class Dojo and the website. We have also created a special 'Summer holiday' page on our website with links to zoos to watch the animals, a '50 things to do this summer' poster and don't forget the Summer Reading Challenge too!

**Visit us now: [www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk](http://www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk)**

### School Uniform

Don't forget that uniform with the school logo on is available from Chroma Sports, Wulfric Square, Bretton, PE3 8RF. This includes book bags and PE bags. You do not have to buy logo'd uniform but please keep to the school colour of red jumpers or cardigans please. No hoodies.

You can go down to the store or order online. A link to their website can be found on our website [www.dogsthorpeinfants.com](http://www.dogsthorpeinfants.com)

**Please ensure all items of clothing are named!**

**The following plans are based on the assumption that we continue on the pathway of returning to 'normal' in Sept.**

**We will continue to have the following Covid measures in place (as required by the DfE):**

- Regular cleaning of surfaces and hand washing/sanitising.
- Rooms/corridors will be well-ventilated.

**General information:**

- The children will no longer be in bubbles. We are not required to keep the children separate inside or outside.
- We will return to our normal classroom set-up in regards the layout of tables and the resources we have in rooms.
- We will return to our pre-Covid way of issuing reading books (i.e. your child can change their book when they are ready to).
- Children will need to come in PE kit on PE days – this has had a very good impact on time in school and reduced lost property too! **We will inform you of PE days in September.**
- We will return to the dining hall for lunchtimes and year groups will be able to mix again. Children will be able to mix at playtimes, although we will continue to stagger timings for playtimes and lunchtimes (as we did pre-Covid).

**Entrances, exits and timings**

There is no requirement for us to have separate timings or one-way systems in place. However, we have learnt a lot over the last 18 months and will be keeping some things in place to help everyone move around the site smoothly.

**EYFS**

- Initially, children will start at 9am and finish at 3pm. When we start the full-time programme, we aim to move to 8:45-3:15pm.
- Children will enter the site via the walkway and will wait on the back playground.
- Parents will exit the site via the main carpark.

**Year 1**

- We return to 8:45am-3:15pm.
- Children will enter the site via the walkway and will wait in the middle playground.
- Parents will exit the site via the main carpark.

**Year 2**

- Timings remain the same – 8:45am-3:15pm.
- Children will enter/exit via the fire doors at the front of school. Parents and children will wait on the grassed area at the front.

**PLEASE NOTE - We will no longer have a sibling entrance/exit system.**

**PLEASE KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON YOUR PARENTMAIL ACCOUNT AS THIS IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE AT SHORT NOTICE.**