

Dogsthorpe Infant School

Whole School Newsletter

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Harvest Festival - Friday 8th October

One of our core SHINE values is NURTURE - being kind and caring. One way we can show this is through sharing what we have with others. On **Friday 8th October** we will holding our Shine Time Harvest Festival in year groups. Once again, we will be supporting the Peterborough Foodbank. The Foodbank helps individuals and families in crisis, through the provision of emergency food supplies. Therefore, we would welcome any gifts as per the list below. Please ensure all food items have a sell by/use by date of over a month. Unfortunately, we cannot accept fresh produce.

Your child needs to bring their food donation to school on Friday 8th October and not before please.

Suggested items

Tins of meat, vegetables, fruit, rice pudding, soup, beans
Pasta & pasta sauces, noodles, instant mash
Biscuits/cake
Tea/coffee/sugar
Longlife milk or juice
Squash/pop
Cereals
Crisps/sweets
Toiletries

Many thanks for your support ☺

Autumn Term Parents Evenings

As we continue to take a cautious approach to school life returning to normal, we have decided to hold our Parent Evenings via telephone for the Autumn Term.

Your child's class teacher will call you between 3.30pm - 5:30pm on one of the days specified below. It is vital that we speak to you about your child's learning & progress so we respectfully ask that you are available on those days:

Year 2 calls to parents - Monday 1st November & Tuesday 2nd November

Year 1 calls to parents - Wednesday 3rd November & Thursday 4th November

EYFS calls to parents - Wednesday 10th November & Thursday 11th November

If you have changed your contact number recently, please inform the school office so our records can be updated.

Friday 22nd October - Hello Yellow Day!

On this day we will be supporting the Young Minds Mental Health Charity for children and young people. More information about their work can be found at:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk>

We are asking children & staff to come to school, on that day, dressed in a yellow/orange item of clothing rather than school uniform and make a donation of a coin/coins for the charity.

Class Dojos

Class Dojos is our online platform for sharing information about the children's learning and how you can support them at home. If you connect your email to Dojos you can then communicate directly with the class teacher to ask any questions you may have regarding their learning. However, please **DO NOT** use this messaging system for any messages regarding attendance, or other urgent matters, as Dojos may not be checked during the school day.

COVID Reminders

COVID cases still remain high in the city so may we remind you of the following procedures/process to take should your child show any of the following symptoms:

- A high temperature
 - A continuous cough
 - Loss of taste and/or smell
1. Book a **PCR test** as soon as symptoms develop - government guidance is that children under 12 should not take a lateral flow test
 2. Inform the school that your child is taking a test and they should remain at home until the result is known.
 3. If the result is **NEGATIVE** and the child is well they can return to school.
 4. If the result is **POSITIVE**, Test & Trace will contact you and advise you of the 'from & to' dates of the self-isolation period for your child. You will then need to contact us with that information as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support & understanding with this. We need to all work together to protect our school community.

I have attached the government guidance that was sent out in September for your reference but if you have any questions please speak to the school office.

On Thursday there is a change to the advertised menu – please see flyer below.



Eddie's Launchpad!

Have you tuned in to our new school podcasts available for free via our school website yet?

<https://www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk/launchpad>

They are full of information about our school and Eddie has invited lots of guest speakers with an association with our school to join in. A new podcast will be launched on the 1st of every month.