Dogsthorpe Infant School

Whole School Newsletter

26.5.20

Message from Mrs Waters

It feels very strange to be saying we reached the end of Summer 1 last Friday! Life at DIS has been very different over the last 9 weeks and I know the next few months will also feel very different too. As you know the Government has proposed a partial re-opening after half-term and Reception and Year 1 parents have been contacted about our proposed plans. **Just to remind you all that this is still not a definite plan and the Prime Minister will make a final decision at the end of this week.**

Whatever happens, DIS will continue to shine brightly into our community and meet the expectations the Government and Local Authority ask of us. If we do not re-open, we will continue to care for the children of our keyworkers.

Last Wednesday was 'Thank a Teacher' day. I decided to extend this to 'Thank everyone who works in a school' day as every single member of the DIS team works tirelessly to support our children and their families. Of course teachers are vital, but our jobs are made easier by having Teaching Assistants, Admin Staff, Midday Supervisors and Site Management – we are a team, we are a family. Sadly, you will have seen a lot of negativity towards teachers over the last few weeks. With people suggesting we are lazy and that we have been on holiday for the last 9 weeks. I would like to assure you all that my team have worked incredibly hard throughout this challenging time with many supporting their own children with home learning as well as caring for elderly relatives. On your behalf, I would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to every member of DIS staff for their hard work and dedication.

On behalf of the staff, I would like to thank those of you who have sent messages and videos from yourselves and the children, they have been greatly appreciated by us all.

We look forward to seeing you as soon as it is safe for us to be together again
Take care of yourselves and of each other.
Hugs and smiles
Mrs Waters

LEARNING AT HOME

It is now half-term, so please give your little star a rest from home learning!

We will not be updating the website with a new activity for each subject this week, but there are still plenty of activities to do: www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk

Why not spend some time this week, reading stories in the garden? It would be lovely to receive photos of you reading on your trampoline or sitting in a tree!

If you have any queries about home learning, 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

Reception Parents/Carers

If you did not confirm with us by the end of Friday 22nd May that you wanted your child to return to school if we re-open (we tried to contact you all!) then we have NOT allocated your child a place, Staffing and 'Star Bubbles' have now been created and we will not be able to add any additional children at this stage as it will compromise the health and safety guidance. We will carry out a review and there MAY be an opportunity to offer more places following this.

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.

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.

We have been making lots of well-being calls over the last 9 weeks and have discovered some of you have changed your numbers without letting us know!