



Final Message of the year from Mrs Waters

To our lovely DIS families,

On 20th March we closed our school and re-opened as a childcare provider for the children of keyworkers. At the time, like you I am sure, I did not think for one minute that we would not re-open to all our children before the end of the school year. However, here we are, the last day of 2019-20 and we have not all been together for 4 months. We have missed you SO much and we are all very sad that we cannot be together today. It was a pleasure to attend all 10 Zoom meetings this week and see so many of you on screen and hear about the things you have been doing during the lockdown period – learning how to cook, ride a bike without stabilisers, carry out Science experiments, reading and writing...we are super proud of everything you have achieved during this tricky time.

Year 2 – I have made each class a promise. When it is safe, when we are allowed to be together again, we will have a PARTY so we can say a proper goodbye! Wherever you go and whatever you do, remember to always DREAM, BELIEVE and SHINE!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank my staff team for their unending support and dedication to DIS. It has been an incredibly challenging year and they have faced it with positivity and determination. Day after day they have worked tirelessly to ensure we have a website full of home learning activities, great provision for the children in school whilst some have also balanced home educating their own children and looking after elderly/vulnerable family members. I hope you agree that they are truly AMAZING!

As you know, the current Government guidance is that **ALL** children will return to school in September. Current Reception and Year 1 parents were sent the information about this via Parentmail yesterday. **PLEASE READ THIS** as it contains vital information about the times of the school day and drop-off/collection points.

Wishing you all a summer full of fun and making special memories

Take care of yourselves and of each other.

Hugs and sparkles

Mrs Waters

Gift Collection

If anyone has not yet collected their end of year gift then the school office will be open next week (**20th – 24th July**) for collection. Any gifts not collected by the 24th may have to be forfeited!

If your child has left any belongings in school before the lockdown (i.e. PE bag/water bottles/inhaler etc) and you would like to collect this at the same time, then please ring us beforehand so that we can ensure it is at the office.

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 can go down to the store or order online. A link to their website can be found on our website www.dogsthorpeinfants.com

You do not have to buy logo'd uniform but please keep to the school colour of red jumpers or cardigans please. No hoodies.

Please ensure all items of clothing are named!

See you all soon!

School Website

Whilst we will not be adding new home learning for each subject (it is the holidays!), we have created a SUMMER ACTIVITIES section with some ideas in to keep you all busy during the 7 week break. Don't forget you can email EDDIE too!

Purple Mash Home Learning

We are going to set some weekly activities on Purple Mash that children can access over the Summer holidays. There is no expectation that children complete these, however should they wish to, there will be a range of tasks they can access. These tasks will **NOT be marked or commented on by staff and I** want to reiterate that it is optional for the children to complete them.

Have a wonderful Summer from Mrs Marks.

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: tgardner@dogsthorpeinf.peterborough.sch.uk giving your child's name and reason for needing the voucher.

Term Dates 2020/2021

Autumn Term 2020

School opens	Monday 7 th September 2020
Half Term	26 th October – 30 th October 2020
School Closes	Friday 18 th December 2020

Spring Term 2021

School Opens	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Half Term	15 th – 19 th February 2021
School Closes	Friday 26 th March 2021

Summer Term 2021

School Opens	Tuesday 13 th April 2021
May Day	Monday 3 rd May 2021
Half Term	31 st May – 4 th June 2021
School Closes	Wednesday 21 st July 2021

One final message...

