

Dogsthorpe Infant School

Whole School Newsletter

08.11.2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Autumn 2! The children have enjoyed starting their new topics - learning about castles and heroes. Please read the topic newsletters sent out earlier this week for more information.

Obviously, we are now looking ahead to Christmas. At this stage, we are unable to confirm whether we can do any of our usual events. This will depend on the Covid figures, and we will be directed by the Local Authority and our Trust. Please rest assured that if we cannot hold events where parents can join us, we will come up with some creative ideas so you can join in some of the festive fun virtually!

A big thank you to Year 1 and Year 2 parents for taking our calls for parents' evenings this week. It was great to talk to you about your child's learning and progress. We look forward to speaking to our parents in EYFS next week.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend
Take good care
Mrs Waters

Fundraising Update

Cancer Research UK - Race For Life July 2021

We now have the final figure of our fundraising in July for Cancer UK. Our children, staff, parents & families raised a staggering **£2245.28** which is a whopping 449% of our £500 target! **THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH.** This money will ensure that vital research into the many different cancers can continue and benefit many cancer patients throughout the UK. We know from the stories and pictures we saw on the children's shirts that day that cancer is something that has affected many of our DIS families.



Young Minds - October 2022

By wearing yellow or bright colours on Friday 22nd October and making a donation instead of wearing uniform, our children raised **£285.67** for this children's Mental Health charity.

Trust Fundraising 2021-2022

As a trust the main focus of our fundraising will be Macmillan Cancer Support & Cancer Research UK plus Children in Need & Comic Relief.

For **Children in Need day on Friday 19th November** we will be asking children & staff to come dressed as bears (or wear bear colour clothes) instead of school uniform and make a donation of a coin or coins for this worthy charity.

We will also be doing our own fundraising which will go towards the cost of curriculum visitors and hopefully summer trips, if Covid restrictions allow. Look out shortly for details of our Christmas Hamper Raffle.

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 the people who support us. Eddie has had so many guest speakers wanting to appear on the podcast so they will now be a new podcast **every week!**

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.

School Lunch Menu Reminder

Reminder that our new school menu started this week. The new menu is on the website and a copy was emailed to parents via Parentmail over the half term break.

Our Staff & Children's Christmas Lunch will be on Monday 13th December - more information on this will follow shortly.

Contact Details

It is that time of year again when we need parents to check their contact details are up to date. A copy of your current details will be sent out next week. It is important that you check the details, make any necessary adjustments and return to the school office. There is a box for you to tick to confirm that you do not need to make any changes. **It is really important that you send the form back to us.**

Water Bottles

Please ensure your child brings a **NAMED** water bottle to school every day. The water fountains are back on again, but water bottles ensure the children can have access to a drink more readily throughout the day.

Foodbank

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, Mrs Hibbert 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.



British Legion Poppy Appeal

Reminder that children can still bring in donations for the British Legion Poppy Appeal to buy a poppy until Thursday 11th November.