

Dingle Community Primary School

Newsletter 18th December 2024

Message from Mrs Anderson

We have come to the end of the term! I don't know about you, but it feels like 5 minutes ago that I was taking a photo of my son in his new school uniform in September!

Christmas events:

This is always such a super time of year in school and 2024 did not disappoint! The Carol Service at Holy Trinity was really wonderful; our children sang beautifully and were respectful of the fact we were in people's place of worship. The Nativity performances were as lovely as always; I always find the sheer confidence of our youngest pupils staggering. Thank you to family members who have attended performance, provided costumes and to the adults in school for working so hard to put together our special performances.

Our DPP fundraising events went well and everyone seemed to have a good time! The Christmas Fayre, Film Night and Discos were all well attended and great fun. The children who participated in Wrapping Room also enjoyed selecting and wrapping gifts for their loved ones. We will let you know how much money was raised by these events.

Christmas Clobber Day, the same day we had our school Christmas Lunch, was also a triumph! The children all sat down together and thoroughly enjoyed pulling their crackers!

The children are having class parties this Friday so are invited to come into in non-uniform, wearing part clothes.

Fond farewells:

As you all know, the wonderful Mrs Thomas and Miss Jones are leaving school at the end of this week, to embark on new adventures and professional challenges. We celebrated their time at Dingle in a very special assembly this morning, complete with performances that the children (and staff!) had been rehearsing in secret for the last few weeks! It has been a joy to work with both of these super teachers and everyone at Dingle Community Primary wishes them all the best for the future- your new schools are incredibly lucky to have you joining them.

I also wanted to say goodbye to everyone ahead of my last day on Friday. Whilst I am excited to be moving on to my new school in January, I am also very emotional about it and am really going to miss being part of Team Dingle. It has been an absolute pleasure to be the Headteacher here for the last 6 years. I am incredibly proud of everything that has been achieved here and I am going to miss the children of our school dearly- they are confident, hilarious young people and I look forward to hearing about their successes at Dingle and beyond.

I wish you all a very merry Christmas and a wonderful start to 2025. Treasure all the precious moments with your children over the next couple of weeks. The children are back in school on Monday 6th January for the Spring term, to start a wonderful new year of learning.

Gemma Anderson (one very proud Headteacher- Dingle it has been a pleasure!)

E-Safety and new devices

As some children may well be receiving new devices over the festive period, I have uploaded some advice from internetmatters.org on keeping your children E-Safe. Technology is a brilliant thing but can also pose real dangers to our children when it is not used appropriately. Please look at the poster shared with this newsletter to help keep your children safe.

PE days in January will be:

Class D: Thursdays
Class I: Wednesdays
Class N: Tuesdays and Thursdays
Class G: Mondays and Fridays
Class L: Mondays
Class E: Wednesdays
Class S: Tuesdays and Fridays

Children should come to school wearing correct PE kit on their PE days.

Classes I and L will participate in Forest Schools next half term and will have received further information about what is needed for these sessions.

If children are late to school, after 8.45am

If children are brought to school after 8.45am, class doors will be closed and children must be brought to the main office.

Parents must sign the children in on the sign-in screen. This is for health and safety reasons, including fire regulations.

Thank you for your understanding on this.

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Our new answer phone service

If you have called school recently you may have heard our brilliant Planet Captains and their new answer phone message. Please make sure that you listen to the full message and follow the instructions to ensure that we receive messages you may need to leave.

Financial support

As has been shared before, if any families are struggling financially, in the difficult current climate, I urge you to come and speak to school. Thanks to some funding received by school, we have supermarket vouchers that we can distribute which you could use as needed, whether it be for food or other essentials.

You should also have received a letter this week about support with school uniform. Please complete any requests by 10th January and contact the office if you have not received this letter.

Applications for Reception places, for September 2025

Please remember that the deadline for Reception applications is 15th January 2025. Applications must be made through Dudley Admissions.

School Diary Dates:

Please note that term dates are taken from <https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-term-dates/>

- Spring: Term starts: Mon 6th Jan
- Reading Reward for Aut 2: Fri 10th Jan
- Year 6 working with Road Safety team: Fri 17th Jan
- Parental workshops for National Story Telling Week: 2.00pm starts
 - Years 1 and 5: Mon 27th Jan
 - Reception: Tue 28th Jan
 - Year 2: Wed 29th Jan
 - Year 3: Thu 30th Jan
 - Years 4 and 6: Fri 31st Jan
- Mid-point reports for class D upwards to parents: Mon 3rd Feb
- Uniform swap Shop, organised by DPP: w/b 10th Feb
- Classes D-S Parents' Evening: 3.30-6.00pm, Thu 13th Feb
- Please note school is closed to pupils on Fri 14th Feb for INSET.
- Half Term: Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st Feb
- Children returning to school: Mon 24th Feb
- Reading reward for Spring 1: Fri 28th Feb
- Family learning sessions: 1.30pm starts:
 - Year 6: Thu 6th March
 - Year 1 and Year 5: Fri 7th March
 - Reception: Thu 13th March
 - Year 4: Fri 14th March
 - Year 2: Thu 20th March
 - Year 3: Fri 21st March
- Mother's Day afternoon tea (arranged by DPP): Fri 28th March
- Rocksteady performance: 10.15am, Thu 10th April
- Easter Film Night for class D upwards: 5.00pm, Thu 10th April

School Diary Dates continued:

- Around the World Day: Fri 11th April Please note that there will be no Praise Assembly on this day.
- Term ends: Fri 11th April
- Easter break: Mon 14th- Fri 25th April
- Summer: Term starts: Mon 28th April
- Reading Reward for Spring 2: Fri 2nd May
- School closed (May Bank Holiday): Mon 5th May
- Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6): Mon 12th-Thu 15th May
- Parental meeting re year 6 residential visit: 2.30pm, Wed 21st May
- Please note school is closed to pupils on Fri 23rd May for INSET.
- Half Term - Mon 26th May to Fri 30th May
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks: w/b Mon 2nd June
- Reading reward for Summer 1: Fri 6th June
- Year 1 (and those who are to be re-screened in year 2) Phonics Screening: w/b Mon 9th June
- Father's Day event (arranged by DPP): Fri 13th June
- Sports Days: Thu 26th June
 - Classes G, L, E and S at 9.30am
 - Classes D, I and N at 1.30pm
- Transition Tuesdays beginning Tue 1st July
- Summer discos: Thu 3rd July
- Annual reports (all pupils) to parents: Wed 9th July
- Year 6 performances for parents: 1.30pm and 5.00pm, Thu 10th July
- Uniform swap Shop, organised by DPP: w/b 14th July
- Year 6 residential visit: Mon 14th- Wed 16th July
- Reading reward for Summer 2: Thu 17th July
- Rocksteady performance: 10.15am, Thu 17th July
- Leavers' Assembly (year 6): 9.00am, Fri 18th July
- Term Ends - Mon 21st July
- Please note school is closed to pupils on Mon 21st July for INSET.

Safeguarding

At Dingle Community Primary, safeguarding is of the upmost importance. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please contact Mrs Anderson, Ms Heather or Mrs Wallis for advice or support.

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