

# Dingle Community Primary School

## Newsletter 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024

### Message from Mrs Anderson

The first half of the Autumn Term is drawing to an end and I cannot believe how quickly it has flown by! Here are some updates of events of the last couple of weeks and things to come along with a few reminders. The diary dates have been included in the newsletter again. Please note that any additions or amendments are in italics.

**School Uniform:** It is absolutely imperative that children from classes D to S wear correct uniform (or PE kit on PE days). This included either our school logo jumper or plain royal blue jumper or cardigan and, for PE days, a plain black sweatshirt or hoodie. Details of correct uniform can be found on the school website. Moving forward, should children repeatedly not be wearing correct uniform, school will contact parents.

If any parents are struggling to provide this uniform, please do not hesitate to contact school. As I have mentioned before, we currently have funding that enables us to provide supermarket vouchers that can be used to help with this.

**Dingle Parent Partnership events:** Thank you to those of you who came to help set up and run our Macmillan Coffee Morning, donated cakes or biscuits or came along to have a drink and treat and make donations. £160 was raised for this incredible charity.

Our Scarecrow Festival was really well attended and there was a wonderful buzz in school. Similarly our Halloween Discos went really well and the children had a great time. Thank you for your continued support of the DPP. We will let you know how much money was raised by these events soon. All money raised by the DPP is used to benefit the brilliant children at Dingle Community Primary.

As you know, there are a number of DPP events planned for the run up to Christmas. If anyone is able to support any of the events this term, either in organising or running the event, please email me at [info@dingle.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@dingle.dudley.sch.uk), call on 01384818305 or let me know when you see me on the playground at the start of the day. For those of you planning to go and see the big man in red, there will be the option of buying tickets for our 'Elves Workshop', during the Christmas Fayre, where the children will participate in a number of craft activities and I have been assured that Father Christmas will be coming along. Details will follow after the half term break. If any of our parents are business owners or you know anyone who might be interested in having a stall at our Christmas Fayre, on Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec, please ask them to contact school.

**Sporting events:** Overly the last couple of weeks, pupils from our school have competed in a range of sports events and should be very proud of themselves! A group of Year 5/6 competed in a 5-a-side football event, last week a Year 3/4 team represented school in a Dodgeball Tournament and this week our Year 5/6 Tag Rugby teams competed at Stourbridge Rugby Club. Well done to all of the athletes that went and represented Dingle Community Primary so well. They were determined and resilient, behaved beautifully and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship.

**Staffing updates:** Miss Jones and Mrs Thomas will both be leaving at Christmas, having been successfully in securing new jobs for January 2025. Mrs Thomas is off to work at a different setting, at a primary school in Dudley, and Miss Jones is going to apply her leadership of EYFS to another local school. I am sure you all agree that they are going to be assets to their new schools and I wish them both well for their new adventures and am incredibly proud of them both. We will celebrate their time here and their dedication to the children of Dingle Community Primary next half term!

I am both very sad and excited to share that I will also be leaving at Christmas to take on the headship of a school and SEMH base. As this is a school quite close to our own, I felt it was important to share this news with you myself rather than it come from other people in our community. I am really excited about everything that we are doing during my last half term at Dingle Community Primary School but will miss our brilliant children immensely.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact school on 01384818305, at [info@dingle.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:info@dingle.dudley.sch.uk) or by speaking to myself or Ms. Heather on the playground. Unless it has been pre-arranged, any email correspondence to individual staff email addresses will not be responded to, so please use the info email address to ensure we can follow up appropriately and efficiently.

Gemma Anderson (Headteacher)

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### **School applications**

If your child was born between 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 and 31<sup>st</sup> August 2021, it is time to consider Reception placements for September 2025. Further details about this, from the Local Authority, have been uploaded with this letter.

For pupils in year 6, please remember that the deadline for Secondary applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October.

### **Attendance**

Please remember that if you are planning to take your child out of school, a Leave of Absence form must be completed and given in to the school office 4 weeks ahead of the planned absence. Please also remember that no term time holidays are authorised and unauthorised absence may lead to referral to the LA or other outside agencies.

Parents are contacted, as part of school's policy and procedure, where attendance is of a concern. If a child's absence is of a concern, school can, at our discretion, choose to not authorise absence without medical evidence. Parents must also try to ensure that routine medical appointments, such as regular dental check-ups and opticians' appointments, are made outside of the school day.

### **If anyone is struggling financially**

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, purchasing school uniform or even buying essentials like toiletries and sunscreen. These vouchers are not specifically for families in receipt of benefits. If any families are struggling, they are encouraged to contact school.

### **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 or Ms Heather for advice or support.

### **Parental conduct**

Parents must be mindful of their own conduct at school. Verbal or physical aggression of any form towards members of staff will not be tolerated. Inappropriate conduct can lead to actions including parents being banned from school premises.

### **School drop-off and collection, classes D to S**

Please remember that the school doors open at 8.40am and children are expected to be in class by 8.45am when the doors will be closed. This is signalled by a bell. Children arriving after this time will need to come through the main office and will be registered as late. They must be signed in using the electronic system, for Health and Safety reasons.

The school day ends at 3.10pm and children must be collected by 3.15pm. If they are not collected by then, they will be taken to After School Club and charges will apply. Information on these charges can be found on the school website and have been implemented by the governing body.

### **PE days for the coming weeks will be:**

Class D- Wednesday  
Class I- Wednesday and Friday  
Class N- Monday and Thursday  
Class G- Monday  
Class L- Tuesday and Friday  
Class E- Wednesday\* and Thursday  
Class S- Tuesday and Wednesday\*

\*Please note on Wednesday some year 5/6 children will continue to swim, and need to bring kits, and the others will have PE and need to wear their PE kits. This information will be shared with individuals.

Class G will also be participating in Forest School and have received letters about this. The groups have been based on the children's individual target areas, which they will be completing focused learning on when the other group is at Forest School.

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### 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/>

- Half Term: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> Oct to Fri 1<sup>st</sup> Nov
- Children returning to school: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Reading Reward for Aut 1: Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Children in Need Day (non-uniform, for donations of a silver coin): Fri 15<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Family craft afternoon: 1.30pm, Fri 29<sup>th</sup> Nov
- Open the Book leading assembly: Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec
- Christmas Fayre: 3.30-5.30pm, Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Dec (Non-uniform day that day, with children being asked to bring donations of sweets/chocolates or bottles)
- Year 3-6 Carol Services at Holy Trinity (parents invited): 1.45pm, Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Christmas Film Night (class D upwards): 5.00pm, Thu 12<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Breakfast with Santa: Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Dec (details to follow soon!)
- DPP Wrapping Room: Mon 16<sup>th</sup> and Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Classes D, I and N Nativity performance: 9.30am, Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Classes D, I and N Nativity performance: 2.15pm, Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Rocksteady performance: 10.15am, Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Christmas discos: Ducks and classes D, I and N at 3.30pm, Classes G, L, E and S 4.45pm, Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Term Ends: Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec
- Spring: Term starts: Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Reading Reward for Aut 2: Fri 10<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Year 6 working with Road Safety team: Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jan
- Parental workshops for National Story Telling Week: 2.00pm starts
  - Years 1 and 5: Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Jan
  - Reception: Tue 28<sup>th</sup> Jan
  - Year 2: Wed 29<sup>th</sup> Jan
  - Year 3: Thu 30<sup>th</sup> Jan
  - Years 4 and 6: Fri 31<sup>st</sup> Jan
- Mid-point reports for class D upwards to parents: Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb
- Uniform swap Shop, organised by DPP: w/b 10<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Classes D-S Parents' Evening: 3.30-6.00pm, Thu 13<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Please note school is closed to pupils on Fri 14<sup>th</sup> Feb for INSET.
- Half Term: Mon 17<sup>th</sup> Feb to Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb
- Children returning to school: Mon 24<sup>th</sup> Feb
- Reading reward for Spring 1: Fri 28<sup>th</sup> Feb

### School Diary Dates continued:

- Family learning sessions: 1.30pm starts:
  - Year 6: Thu 6<sup>th</sup> March
  - Year 1 and Year 5: Fri 7<sup>th</sup> March
  - Reception: Thu 13<sup>th</sup> March
  - Year 4: Fri 14<sup>th</sup> March
  - Year 2: Thu 20<sup>th</sup> March
  - Year 3: Fri 21<sup>st</sup> March
- Mother's Day afternoon tea (arranged by DPP): Fri 28<sup>th</sup> March
- Rocksteady performance: 10.15am, Thu 10<sup>th</sup> April
- Easter Film Night for class D upwards: 5.00pm, Thu 10<sup>th</sup> April
- Around the World Day: Fri 11<sup>th</sup> April Please note that there will be no Praise Assembly on this day.
- Term ends: Fri 11<sup>th</sup> April
- Easter break: Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - Fri 25<sup>th</sup> April
- Summer: Term starts: Mon 28<sup>th</sup> April
- Reading Reward for Spring 2: Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- School closed (May Bank Holiday): Mon 5<sup>th</sup> May
- Key Stage 2 SATs (Year 6): Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - Thu 15<sup>th</sup> May
- Parental meeting re year 6 residential visit: 2.30pm, Wed 21<sup>st</sup> May
- Please note school is closed to pupils on Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> May for INSET.
- Half Term - Mon 26<sup>th</sup> May to Fri 30<sup>th</sup> May
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Checks: w/b Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> June
- Reading reward for Summer 1: Fri 6<sup>th</sup> June
- Year 1 (and those who are to be re-screened in year 2) Phonics Screening: w/b Mon 9<sup>th</sup> June
- Father's Day event (arranged by DPP): Fri 13<sup>th</sup> June
- Sports Days: Thu 26<sup>th</sup> June
  - Classes G, L, E and S at 9.30am
  - Classes D, I and N at 1.30pm
- Transition Tuesdays beginning Tue 1<sup>st</sup> July
- Summer discos: Thu 3<sup>rd</sup> July
- Annual reports (all pupils) to parents: Wed 9<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 performances for parents: 1.30pm and 5.00pm, Thu 10<sup>th</sup> July
- Uniform swap Shop, organised by DPP: w/b 14<sup>th</sup> July
- Year 6 residential visit: Mon 14<sup>th</sup> - Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July
- Reading reward for Summer 2: Thu 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Rocksteady performance: 10.15am, Thu 17<sup>th</sup> July
- Leavers' Assembly (year 6): 9.00am, Fri 18<sup>th</sup> July
- Term Ends - Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July
- Please note school is closed to pupils on Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July for INSET.

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