

# Dingle Community Primary School

## Newsletter 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2024

### Message from Mrs Anderson

The first windows on the advent calendars have been opened and we getting closer to all of our special Christmas events here at Dingle Community Primary. Here are some updates of events of the last couple of weeks and things to come along with a few reminders

#### **Christmas events:**

Thankyou very much to everyone who attended our Craft and Reading afternoon on Friday. The decorations look wonderful and the tradition of our Community Christmas Tree being decorated with a contribution from every child in school continues!

It is our annual Christmas Fayre on Friday. Please remember this is a non-uniform day and we are asking for children to bring in donations of sweet treats or bottles for one of our stalls. We look forward to seeing lots of you at the event.

Classes G, L, E and S are going to the church on 11<sup>th</sup> Dec. Please remember to complete the Microsoft Forms survey about whether your child is to be dismissed at the church or walked back to school. This form, at <https://forms.office.com/e/Gy6uU5kucw>, will be live until 12pm this Friday (6<sup>th</sup>). Apologies for the disappearance of the link for the last few days. This was due not our website providers updating a page a losing everything uploaded this half term in the process! The link has also been re-shared with this newsletter.

Parents will be contacted about nativity tickets etc and all of our Christmas events are in the diary dates included in this newsletter.

If any parents are able to help out at the Fayre or Film Night, please call school. Your help would be greatly appreciated. Christmas Clobber Day, as most of you will remember from previous years, is our way of supporting Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day. Please send your child in wearing something festive, whether it be festive colours, their Christmas party clothes, festive headwear- the options are endless! If your child does have a Christmas jumper, great! But please do not buy one for the occasion. If you wish to support Save the Children on this day, please send your child in with a small monetary donation.

I look forward to seeing lots of you at our Christmas event over the next 3 weeks- it is always such a lovely time of year!

#### **Staffing changes for January 2025:**

As you are all aware, myself, Mrs Thomas and Miss Jones are leaving at the end of term. Following on from the letter sent to you by the governing body, I am very pleased to be able to update you on staffing.

Ms. Heather will take post as the Acting Headteacher and Mrs Wallis as the Acting Deputy Headteacher in January; both are already part of the Senior Leadership Team at Dingle and will do an amazing job for our children.

Class D (Reception) will be taught, after Christmas until February half term, by Miss Slater and Mrs Downing, both of whom are experienced teachers who are familiar with Dingle and familiar to the children in class D. Our new EYFS lead, Mrs Kitching, will be in post after February half term and is a very experienced EYFS teacher and lead.

Class N (Year 2) will be being taught by Miss Mullard from January onwards- she is also a very experienced teacher.

Class E, will be taught by Mrs Danks, who is an establish member of the Dingle team and very familiar to the children in this class and has been working with them throughout the academic year.

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 Diary Dates:

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

- 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
- Christmas Clobber Day and school Christmas Lunch: Fri 13<sup>th</sup> Dec
- 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
- 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

### School Diary Dates continued:

- 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.

### 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.

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### 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.

### Sent on behalf of Dudley MBC, re HAF activities.

For more information about HAF, including eligibility, please go to <https://www.dudleyholidayactivities.org.uk/>

Dudley HAF Winter activities will be running from Friday 20th December - starting with an evening at the Black Country Museum and running right through to the weekend before school starts- so plenty of chances to use your **4 credits each!**

Log into the [Parent Portal](#) to book activities or register.

Please be aware that bookings and cancellations can be made up to 1 day before an event. If you change your mind about going to a booked activity, please can you cancel in good time so the place can be booked by someone else. If you do not cancel and simply don't show up to an event, you will lose that credit and it means someone else could potentially have taken the place. Most providers will have a waiting list, so please don't leave empty spaces this Winter!

Make sure you are following us on **Facebook** for the most up to date information, provider information and availability <https://www.facebook.com/dudleyhaf/>

**Winter Wonderland Funland Tickets** Thankyou so much for your interest and congratulations to the successful families who have been emailed about tickets. We are keeping a waiting list in case of last minute unavoidable cancellations, so if you registered initially, you may still hear from us in the coming weeks.

If you have any issues, please contact us at [enquiries@hafdudley.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@hafdudley.co.uk)



### 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.

### 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.

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