

Dingle Community Primary School

Newsletter 10th June 2024

Message from Mrs Anderson

Hello everyone. This half term has started beautifully and I continue to be flabbergasted by our brilliant children, how kind they are and how hard they work. There were just a few things that I felt were worth sharing with you.

Cricket- years 3-6: Last week various members of years 3, 4, 5 and 6 represented our school in Cricket tournaments. Thank you to the wonderful staff that took them to these events. Well done to these children for their effort and success, but most of all for their exemplary behaviour and sportsmanship. We're really proud of you all and hope you feel proud of yourselves!

Dingle Village: Our brand new EYFS outdoor learning environment was officially opened on Friday afternoon- we had such fun! The children really enjoyed accessing the new areas and were very excited about all of the things to be explored. As Miss Jones said on Friday, the learning that happens outside is phenomenal and we know this new area will have a really positive impact on the children. Thank you so much to Miss Jones, supported by Ms Heather and Mrs Hall, for making our Dingle Village go from a dream to reality.

PE kit- September: At the request of our children, we will be changing our PE kit tops for September. If you are thinking about uniform for the new year, the rest of the uniform requirements will remain the same, including wearing black bottoms for PE days, but please hold fire on buying PE t shirts! This is to make sure children look smarter on PE days and to support competition with other schools, which we will be doing more and more of. The new PE tops will all be the same colour, with the Dingle logo emblazoned on them, and the children will be given coloured bands to wear on the occasions they are representing their planet teams. We have secured some funding to support this so will be providing the first new PE t shirt for all children from Reception upwards, to support families with this initial cost. We will be in contact about how to order these in the next couple of weeks.

Book bags: Please note that from September children in Reception, year 1 and year 2 will only bring their book bags, lunchboxes and water bottles into school. This is to minimise the amount of space taken up by bags (which are often as large as the children!) and to keep fire exit routes as clear as possible. We have secured some funding for new book bags so will be providing these free of charge to the new Reception and years 1 and 2; we'll let you know how these will be distributed.

Leave of absence: I just wanted to reiterate that government guidance on attendance is becoming more stringent, including increased fines for unauthorised absence. Please go to <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-regulations-for-schools-in-next-stage-of-attendance-drive> for further information and I urge parents to avoid term time absence wherever possible. Our policy and procedure in school is closely linked to national guidance.

General Election 4th July: As I am sure you are aware, our school is not used as a polling station so school will be open as normal on 4th July. There were some confusing messages shared via social media in the run up to the last election. Whilst the Community Centre is used for the purpose of voting, school is not.

Around the World Day, 24th June: A big part of our school development work this year is around celebrating diversity in all its forms. As you are already aware, all children will be participating in our very exciting 'Around the World Day' to support this work. Please send your child dressed in holiday clothes (not swimwear obviously!) ready for a day of 'travelling to' and learning about new places!

'Midsummer Madness'- our Community event, Saturday 29th June: You may now have seen our posters for 'Midsummer Madness', the huge event we are organising with the High Acres Community Association and High Acres pub. Further details can be found on the second page of this newsletter! Any support would be welcome. If anyone is able to donate any of their time on that day, please email me on info@dingle.dudley.sch.uk. Today your child will come home with a book of raffle tickets linked to this event- if you are able to sell them, please do and return any that are unsold as soon as possible. If you would like any more books, please ask at the office! Please send completed slips and money (20p per ticket) into school in an envelope.

As always, if you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact school on 01384818305, at 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)

Attendance

Please 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.

Safeguarding

If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please contact Mrs Anderson or Ms Heather for advice or support.

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The poster features logos for Dingle Community Primary School, High Acres Community Association (H.A.C.A.), and The High Acres Pub. The main title 'MIDSUMMER MADNESS' is in large, bold, yellow letters. Below it, it says 'Supported by Dingle Community Primary School 12 - 4 The High Acres Pub 4.30 - 7.30 Saturday 29th June'. The event is a 'THOMAS JONES FUN FAIR' with 'STALLS', 'INFLATABLES', 'RAFFLE', 'LIVE MUSIC', and 'MASCOTS'. A note states: 'Money raised on the day will be going towards Dudley Kidney Patients Assoc and Baby Bereavement at RHH'. At the bottom, it says 'Match funding by BARCLAYS'.

PE and Forest School days reminder

Class D: Thursdays and Fridays

Class I: Thursdays and Fridays

Class N: Mondays and Thursdays

Class G: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Class L: Tuesdays and Wednesdays

Class E: Mondays and Thursdays

Class S: Mondays and Thursdays

Classes D, I and S will also be participating in Forest School sessions on Thursdays so will need appropriate kit.

Please ensure that, when we have lovely weather..

That children are wearing sunscreen and bringing sun hats and water bottles into school.

If any families are struggling financially,

please contact school as we may be able to help with providing some supermarket vouchers.

School Diary Dates:

Open the Book assembly: Mon 17th June

Around the World Day: Mon 24th June (children to come dressed for travelling!)

Years 5/6 Rounders Tournament: Mon 24th June (letters to follow to those attending)

Classes D, I and N Sports Day: 9.30am, Thu 27th June (all children to wear PE kit that day)

Classes G, L, E and S Sports Day: 1.30pm, Thu 27th June (all children to wear PE kit that day)

'Midsummer Madness', Collaborative Community Event: Sat 29th June

Transition Tuesdays: beginning Tue 2nd July

End of year reports to parents: Wed 10th July

Parents' Evening for class S: 2pm-5pm, Thu 11th July (booking form to go live closer to the time)

Year 6 dress rehearsal for Classes D to E: Fri 12th July

Year 6 performance for parents: 1.30pm and 5pm, Mon 15th July (further information to follow)

Rocksteady performance: 2.30pm, Tue 16th July (parents of Rocksteady children invited)

Year 6 residential visit: Wed 17th - Fri 19th July

Parents' Evening for Classes D to E: 3.30pm-6pm, Thu 18th July (booking form to go live closer to the time)

Transition morning: Fri 19th July

Year 6 Leavers' Assembly: 9am, Mon 22nd July (parents of year 6 pupils invited)

New Challenges Day across school: Mon 22nd July (children to wear comfy clothes. Yr 6 to wear uniform until after their assembly)

Ending at normal time for the Summer holiday: Mon 22nd July

Term dates for 2024-25, taken directly from

<https://www.dudley.gov.uk/residents/learning-and-school/school-information/school-term-dates/>

Autumn: Term Starts - Monday 2 September

Please note school is closed to pupils on Mon 2nd and Tue 3rd Sept for INSET.

Half Term - Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November

Term Ends - Friday 20 December

Spring: Term Starts - Monday 6 January

Please note school is closed to pupils on Fri 14th Feb for INSET.

Half Term - Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February

Term Ends - Friday 11 April

Summer: Term Starts - Monday 28 April

Please note school is closed to pupils on Fri 23rd May for INSET.

Half Term - Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May

Term Ends - Monday 21 July

Please note school is closed to pupils on Mon 21st July for

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