

# Dingle Community Primary School

## Newsletter 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024

### Message from Mrs Anderson

**Hello everyone and, in case I don't see you in person, Happy Easter!**

Following feedback from parents, I have carefully considered how future information is shared with you. We obviously started using the website to share dates etc as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and feedback was largely positive as parents liked the convenience of everything being accessible online. However, some parents have recently shared that having to scroll back through information can be a burden and, whilst I can never please everyone, I'm trialling a compromise between everyone's preferences!

For the rest of this academic year, I will be posting my messages as a newsletter rather than as text on the website. We shall not reintroduce sending hard copies to everyone as this has a significant financial impact on school's budget and is also not particularly eco-friendly. However, posting my newsletters will minimise the need for scrolling and will mean families can print themselves a copy if they so wish. To help with communication we will also post a copy of newsletters on classroom windows and are looking into the feasibility of installing noticeboards on the playgrounds.

All dates that we can shared with you for the Summer term are on page 2 of this newsletter, along with PE days for after Easter. If there is anything to be added, we will let you know with as much notice as possible.

**Family Learning sessions:** You'll see in the dates for your diary that we will be hold Family Learning sessions throughout the next half term. These are an opportunity for you come into school and find out more about what your child is learning, celebrate their success and have some fun. Reception and years 1, 2, 4 and 6 will also find out a little bit more about the assessments they will take part in during the summer. We really look forward to seeing as many of you as possible. The parents attending need to come to the main entrance at 1.30pm on the afternoon of your session and we will take you to your wonderful children.

**Behaviour Workshops:** We are really lucky to be able to offer a series of parental workshops about behaviour, that are being held here in school. Please see the flyer sent with this newsletter for further information.

**E Safety and Extremism workshop with Mark Wilson:** On 2<sup>nd</sup> May Mark Wilson, a Community Safety Officer for Dudley, will be in school to lead a session for parents. If your child has any access to an electronic device, I urge you to come and participate. The E Safety dangers and risk of being exploited, including by Extremists, is real and Mark can give you a powerful insight into the potential dangers to our young people and how to keep them safe. To attend the session, please come to the main office.

**Dingle Village (in the EYFS outdoor area):** Many of you will have seen that construction has started on something exciting outside! Our EYFS outdoor learning area is having a huge makeover and we cannot wait for the children to be able to explore everything that has been planned. We'll be hold a grand opening on 7<sup>th</sup> June- Class D and Ducks parents will get more details closer to the time!

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

**Community event, Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June:** Whilst I cannot yet give you all of the details, I am really pleased to tell you that school are working alongside the High Acres Community Association, High Acres pub and the Community Centre to hold a massive collaborative summer event on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June. 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](mailto:info@dingle.dudley.sch.uk). Also, if any of our parents or community members who are local business owners or have links, please consider donating something to the raffle. Vouchers or tickets would be particularly welcomed.

**Physical Activity:** We try to take any opportunities for children to be physically active and Mrs Danks, our PE lead, has worked hard to get visitors into school to expose children to as many forms of fun exercise as possible. Following a visit into school from Worcestershire Cricket Club, who will continue to be in school next half term, I have been asked to share a flyer about opportunities your child may be interested in. This will be uploaded onto the parental correspondence section of our website.

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.

I cannot believe that tomorrow is the last day of another term! I hope that you all have a lovely time during the Easter break. All children are expected back in school as normal on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April. See you all for the Summer Term and the excitement that it brings!

Gemma Anderson  
(Headteacher)

**If any families are struggling financially,** please contact school as we may be able to help with providing some supermarket vouchers.

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### PE and Forest School days for Summer 1:

Next half term PE days will be as follows:

Class D: Thursdays

Class I: Thursdays

Class N: Thursdays

Class G: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Class L: Tuesdays and Thursdays

Class E: Mondays and Thursdays

Class S: Mondays and Thursdays

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

### Attendance

Please remember that no term time holidays are authorised and unauthorised absence may lead to referral to the LA or other outside agencies.

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.

### School Diary Dates:

**Summer term starts:** Mon 8<sup>th</sup> April, normal times

**Attendance meetings with Mrs Anderson:** Tue 9<sup>th</sup> and Thu 11<sup>th</sup> April (Relevant parents will be contacted directly.)

**SEND meetings with Ms. Heather:** Thu 11<sup>th</sup> and Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April (Relevant parents will be contacted directly.)

**Year 6 Family Learning session:** 1.30pm, Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April (including information on Key Stage 2 SATs)

**Behaviour Workshops for parents:** beginning on Thu 18<sup>th</sup> April (Please see the flyer for more information.)

**Reception and Year 4 Family Learning session:** 1.30pm, Fri 19<sup>th</sup> April (including information on Reception assessments and the year 4 multiplication check)

**Year 1 Family Learning session:** 1.30pm, Fri 26<sup>th</sup> April (including information the Phonics Screening Check)

**Open the Book assembly:** Mon 29<sup>th</sup> April

**E Safety and Extremism workshop with Mark Wilson:** 2.45pm, Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> May (all parents invited- please consider attending if your child has any access to electronic devices.)

**Year 5 Family Learning session:** 1.30pm, Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May (including a guitar performance)

**School closed (Bank Holiday):** Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May

**Year 2 Family Learning session:** 1.30pm, Fri 10<sup>th</sup> May (including information on Key Stage 1 SATs)

**Year 6 SATs:** Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - Thu 16<sup>th</sup> May

**Year 3 Family Learning session:** 1.30pm, Fri 17<sup>th</sup> May

**School closed to pupils (INSET day):** Fri 24<sup>th</sup> May

**Half term holiday (school closed):** Mon 27<sup>th</sup> - Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May

**Children return to school as normal:** Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June

**Year 6 meeting re Pioneer Residential visit:** 2.30pm, Wed 5<sup>th</sup> June

**Grand Opening of the Dingle Village:** 2.15pm, Fri 7<sup>th</sup> June

**Open the Book assembly:** Mon 17<sup>th</sup> June

**Around the World Day:** Mon 24<sup>th</sup> June (children to come dressed for travelling!)

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

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

**Collaborative Community Event:** Sat 29<sup>th</sup> June

**Transition Tuesdays:** beginning Tue 2<sup>nd</sup> July

**End of year reports to parents:** Wed 10<sup>th</sup> July

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

**Year 6 dress rehearsal for Classes D to E:** Fri 12<sup>th</sup> July

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

**Rocksteady performance:** 2.30pm, Tue 16<sup>th</sup> July (parents of Rocksteady children invited)

**Year 6 residential visit:** Wed 17<sup>th</sup> - Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July

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

**Transition morning:** Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July

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

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

**Ending at normal time for the Summer holiday:** Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July

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