

Dingle Community Primary School

Newsletter 23rd May 2024

Message from Mrs Anderson

Hello everyone. Where on earth has the first half of the summer term disappeared to?? As this half term draws to an end, I thought it would be valuable to share a newsletter with updates for next half term and beyond, including term dates and INSET days for next academic year. It has been a lovely half term, with lots to celebrate at Dingle Community Primary and I look forward to seeing what the rest of the school year brings us!

Sports Leaders: I am pleased to share that school now has a team of Sports Leaders, a group of children from years 5 and 6 who set up and lead a range of activities to increase physical activity at lunchtimes. This has been driven by Mrs Danks, with the support of Mr Moseley, and the children are loving it! From football to cheerleading to target games, these children work really hard every day to provide activity for the rest of the school and are doing an absolutely marvellous job. Well done Sports Leaders- we really appreciate what you do!

Netball: This academic year we have embraced participating in competitive netball, with Mrs Ellerton training our team and taking them to various schools for matches. The children have really enjoyed it and have demonstrated great sportsmanship, but, as a brand new team, they had not secured a win... until now! Well done netball team for what I am sure will be the first of many victories at the Glynne. We are really proud of you for your determination and resilience.

Family Learning sessions: Thank you so much to everyone who attended these sessions. It was wonderful to see parents and children engaging in work supporting the children's learning. We had a real range of activities from DT work on rag rug making, to Music skills and a guitar performance, to Maths and recalling multiplication tables. It means a lot when parents come in for these events, particularly when children see you showing how valuable education is. We look forward to seeing you at future events!

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: I cannot wait to be able to share with you all of the promotional materials for 'Midsummer Madness', the huge event we are organising with the High Acres Community Association, High Acres pub and the Community Centre.

From 12pm to 4pm there will be lots going on at school: stalls, games, face painting, food, crafts, fairground rides, performances... it will be brilliant! After this the fun will be moving over to outside the High Acres for live music and food. Please come along and support the acts and have a wonderful time!

Money being raised by the event is to support school and raise funds to help with a new baby bereavement room at Russells Hall Hospital, to have a real impact on our local community.

In the not too distant future your child will come home with books of raffle tickets linked to this event- if you are able to sell them, please do and return any that are unsold. Further information will come home with the tickets.

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. 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.

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.

Enjoy half term with your wonderful children. We look forward to seeing them all back at school on 3rd June, raring to go for the last half term of the year!

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.

Classes D, I and N for September 2024

Please note that from September we will be asking that children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 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.

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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PE and Forest School days for Summer 2:

Next half term PE days will be as follows:

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.

If any families are struggling financially,

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

Uniform

Please remember that our school uniform is:

Royal blue jumper or cardigan (with or without logo)

White or pale blue polo shirt

Grey school skirt, shorts, trousers or pinafore

Black school shoes

In summer blue gingham school dresses and flat, sturdy sandals with socks are an option.

PE kit is black shorts or joggers, a plain t shirt of the child's planet colour, trainers/pumps and, if you wish, a plain black sweatshirt or hoodie.

School Diary Dates:

School closed to pupils (INSET day): Fri 24th May

Half term holiday (school closed): Mon 27th - Fri 31st May

Children return to school as normal: Mon 3rd June

Years 3/4 Cricket Tournament: Wed 5th June (letters to follow to those attending)

Year 6 meeting re Pioneer Residential visit: 2.30pm, Wed 5th June

Years 5/6 Cricket Tournament: Fri 7th June (letters to follow to those attending)

Grand Opening of the Dingle Village: 2.15pm, Fri 7th June

PC Andrews in to lead assembly for years 5 and 6: Mon 10th June

Year 6 dance performance for key stage 2 pupils in pm and at 2.50pm for parents: Mon 10th June

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)

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 INSET.

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