Dingle Community Primary School

Friday 23rd October 2026 Newsletter



A message from Ms Heather



Dear Parents and Carers,

Well, what a busy half term it has been!

As ever, it has been another action-packed few weeks at Dingle, full of learning, laughter and fun! Our children have worked incredibly hard, embraced new challenges and enjoyed lots of wonderful experiences along the way. It has been lovely to see their enthusiasm, growing confidence and the pride they take in their achievements.

As we approach the half-term break, I wanted to share a few updates, say some important thank yous and give a couple of gentle reminders.

Exciting Improvements Around Our School

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone for your patience, understanding and support whilst building work continues around our school site.

We are absolutely delighted that the Local Authority is supporting us in making some much-needed improvements to our school security. This is something we have been working towards for quite some time, and it is wonderful to finally see progress being made.

There are also some further improvements planned which I know will make a real difference to our families.

The **KS2 entrance and alleyway will be widened**, making access much easier for families with pushchairs and helping to reduce congestion when people are travelling in both directions. The entrance to the playground will also be widened to ease the bottleneck that we know can occur at busy times.

Importantly, the exit from the alleyway onto the public footpath will be **set further back**, creating a safer space for children and families as they leave school and reducing the risk of children stepping directly towards the road.

We are also looking forward to having **electronic gates installed at the school car park**, which will further improve security across the site. There may be some additional disruption whilst this work takes place, although we are hopeful that much of it can be completed during the half-term break.

Please rest assured that **we will keep you updated every step of the way**. As soon as we have confirmation of the next stages of work, particularly anything that may affect access to school, we will share this with you at the earliest opportunity.

On a slightly lighter note, you may have noticed that we are gradually saying goodbye to the green around school and introducing more of our lovely **Dingle blue!** Mr Wheeler will be

busy over the coming weeks painting the remaining green areas as we continue to refresh our school environment.

We really do appreciate your patience whilst all these improvements take place. I know that building work can be inconvenient, especially during the busy school run, but the end result will be a safer, more welcoming environment for everyone.

Thank You for Your Support with School Uniform

I also wanted to say a **very big thank you** for your continued support with school uniform.

Our children look incredibly smart, and it is lovely to see them arriving at school looking so ready for the day ahead.

We fully appreciate that things are financially challenging for many families at the moment, and we recognise the effort and expense involved in making sure children have everything they need.

Please know that your efforts really are appreciated and certainly don't go unnoticed. It makes such a difference to the sense of pride, belonging and high expectations that we want every child to experience at Dingle.

A Couple of Gentle Reminders

Lost Property

Could I please ask everyone to make sure that children's belongings are clearly labelled? We already have quite a substantial collection of lost property in the main reception area, including jumpers, cardigans and coats.

If your child is missing anything, please do pop in and have a look. We would love to reunite these items with their owners!

School Bags

A little reminder that children in **Key Stage 1 only need to bring their reading pack into school each day**. Additional bags are only needed on Forest School days or when children are attending after-school clubs and require extra belongings.

As you know, some of our corridors and cloakroom areas are quite narrow, and large, bulky bags can make these spaces difficult to manage safely. We would really appreciate your support in keeping unnecessary bags at home.

Fidget Toys

Finally, I wanted to mention fidget toys, as we know this can sometimes cause a little confusion amongst children.

We absolutely recognise that some children find fidget toys soothing and that they can be incredibly helpful in supporting concentration, emotional regulation and anxiety. We know our children well and understand that, for some, these are not simply toys but important resources that help them feel settled and ready to learn.

However, we have noticed an increasing number and variety of fidget toys being brought into school. To help us manage this, **we kindly ask that children do not bring their own fidget toys from home**. Where a child needs one to support their learning or wellbeing, we will provide an appropriate resource in school. There are obviously exceptions to this where a conversation may have taken place between the SENCo and parents.

We also understand that other children may see someone using a fidget toy and naturally wonder why they cannot have one too.

This links to something we talk about a great deal at Dingle: **equity**.

We regularly explain to our children that *being fair doesn't always mean everyone having the same thing. It means everyone having what they need.*

For some children, that little bit of extra support is absolutely essential, and we want all our pupils to understand and respect that we are all different and may need different things to help us succeed.

It is such an important part of our Dingle values of inclusion, compassion and caring for one another, and we really appreciate your support in reinforcing this message at home.

Finally, Thank You!

As we reach the end of another busy half term, I want to say a heartfelt thank you to our wonderful children, our hardworking staff and, of course, all of you.

Running a school is very much a team effort, and I never underestimate the difference that having supportive families makes. Whether it is helping with reading at home, supporting our expectations, being patient whilst improvements take place or simply offering a kind word, it all matters.

I feel incredibly proud of our Dingle community and the way we continue to work together to make our school the very best it can be.

I hope you all have a lovely, well-deserved half-term break, with time to relax, recharge and enjoy being together.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back for another exciting half term!

A reminder that registration closes at 8:50 am. The KS2 door remains open for a further 5 mins until 8:55 for any late comers. The KS1 door closes promptly at 8:50.

If your child is in KS1 and is late, they are still able to enter school using the late KS2 entrance until 8:55 alongside KS2 pupils.

Warmest wishes,

Ms Heather

Headteacher

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Medication and Contact Details

Please ensure that the school office are advised of any changes in collection arrangements, medical details or contact details. Please ensure any Epi-Pens and inhalers are given to the office as soon as possible.



- Tuesday 3rd November 2:30pm: Reception Parent Phonics Workshop
- Tuesday 3rd November 3:30pm: Sensory Hub Parent Phonics Workshop
- Wednesday 4th November: Year 2 The National Memorial Arboretum Trip
- Tuesday 10th November: Year 5 National Space Centre Trip
- Wednesday 11th November 10:40am: Year 2 Class Hosting Whole School Assembly for Remembrance Day (Year 2 Parents invited)
- Thursday 12th November: Year 3 Shropshire Hills Discovery Centre Trip
- Friday 13th November: Children in Need Wear Spots and donate £2.00 via SchoolMoney
- Monday 16th November: Anti-Bullying week
- Monday 16th November: Odd Socks Day
- Friday 4th December: Christmas Fair (More details to follow)
- Tuesday 8th December: KS2 Carol Concert at Wordsley Church pm (Parents invited) (More details to follow)
- Wednesday 9th December: Pre-school, Reception and Year 1 - Christmas Nativity (More details to follow)
- Monday 14th December: Choir Club singing at New Bradley Hall (More details to follow)
- Friday 18th December: Last day of term, **school closes at 1:15pm**

PE Days

PE Days for this half term are:

Year 1 - Monday

Year 2 - Monday

Year 3 - Tuesday and Friday

Year 4 - Tuesday and Wednesday

Year 5 - Monday and Friday

Year 6 - Friday (Swimming)

Children only need to wear their PE Kit on their PE Days.

Normal uniform is expected on any days that aren't PE days listed above.

Forest School Days

Reception - Thursday - Arrive wearing Forest School attire and bring spare clothes and shoes in a named bag.

Year 1 - Friday- Arrive wearing full school uniform and bring forest school clothes and shoes in a named bag

Year 2 - Thursday - Arrive wearing full school uniform and bring forest school clothes and shoes in a named bag

Year 3 -Tuesday- Arrive wearing full school uniform and bring forest school clothes and shoes in a named bag

Sensory Hub - Friday- Arrive wearing Forest School attire and bring uniform and school shoes in a named bag.

News and Updates



We are delighted to have received a number of awards this half term.

We have been awarded ‘Rising Star’ status for our Positive Playtime implementation. As well as zoning the playground and having a game and craze of the week, we have trained and implemented Playground Pals, have our own lunchtime reward system and have also introduced ‘Golden tickets’ to sit at the ‘Golden table’ We look forward to our full award visit in January.





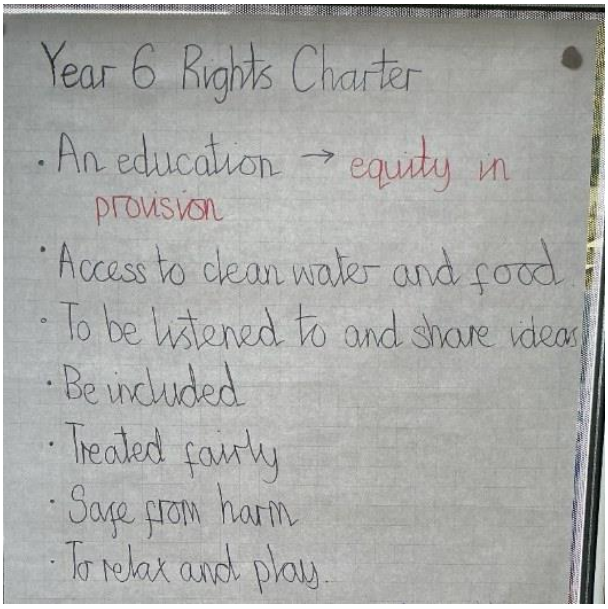






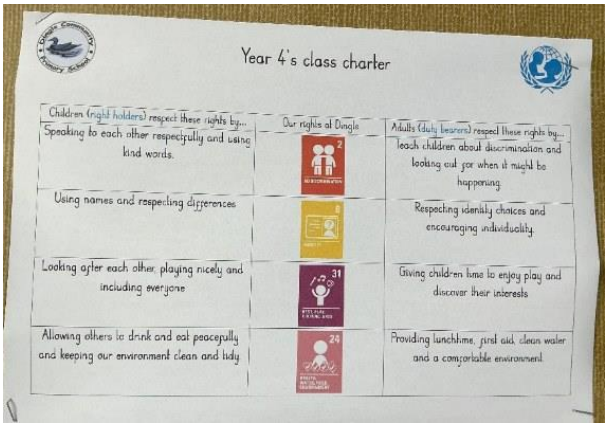


Our second award has been our Rights Respecting Schools Bronze. Each class in the school have produced their own class charter and we have enjoyed looking at our Right of the Month in assemblies and as part of our learning. Next step Silver!


Year 6 Rights Charter
• An education → equity in provision
• Access to clean water and food
• To be listened to and share ideas
• Be included
• Treated fairly
• Safe from harm
• To relax and play.


Our Rights Respecting School charter
purple
white
blue
pink


OUR CLASS HAS THE RIGHT TO...


Year 4's class charter
Children (right holders) respect these rights by...
Our rights at Dingle
Adults (duty bearers) respect these rights by...
Speaking to each other respectfully and using kind words.
Teach children about discrimination and looking out for when it might be happening
Using names and respecting differences
Respecting identity choices and encouraging individuality
Looking after each other, playing nicely and including everyone
Giving children time to enjoy play and discover their interests
Allowing others to drink and eat peacefully and keeping our environment clean and tidy
Providing lunchtime, first aid, clean water and a comfortable environment


Our Class Charter
Rights of the Month
October



Dingle is also delighted to have been accredited with the Music Mark, which recognises our commitment to improving our music offer both as part of and beyond our curriculum. All children in year 3 are enjoying learning to play the recorder and our year 5 and 6 children have become clarinet superstars! We also enjoy performing with our choir in the community and as part of Young Voices.





BLACK COUNTRY FOODBANK

LOVE . CONNECT . INVEST

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Black Country Foodbank. They collected our donations today and were very grateful for our contribution.


Total this half term: 982
Total this half term: 778
Total this half term: 539
Total this half term: 1117
Kellogg's
CORN
Wheat
PASTA
FRAY BENTOS


Safe
"A child who feels heard becomes a child who dares to dream"
HOOPS
CORN


Dingle Community Primary School
Christmas DINNER DAY
Thursday 10th December
Meal Options:
Christmas Dinner
Roast Turkey with pigs in blankets
or
Christmas Dinner
Roasted Quorn Fillet (V)
Both served with roast and mashed potatoes, stuffing, cranberry sauce, gravy, sprouts and carrots.

Money Raised

Thank you for your presence at both our Book Fair and our Halloween Discos this week.

Our takings were over £700 at the Book Fair, which results in us having over £200 to spend on books for school and our curriculum.

The Halloween Disco also raised £465. Watch this space as to how we will be spending this amazing profit.

Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards are still available to order from School Print. Parents can place their order through Schoolprintworld.com with school receiving 30% of all sales up until December 1st. Please contact the school office via our info account if you are having trouble accessing your child's design.

Safeguarding

At Dingle Community Primary, safeguarding is of the upmost importance. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please contact Ms Heather or Mrs Richardson for advice or support. As a member of the community, you can report safeguarding concerns by contacting: **0300 555 0050** (9:00 am -5:00pm) **0300 555 8754** (out of hours) If you believe a child is in immediate danger phone **999**.

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