

DOTHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers

Important Information Included - please keep for reference!

So the academic year is almost over - what a year it has been! There are so many things to celebrate and so much to be proud of. You and your children make Dothill a wonderful school so thank you for your continued support!

The most important thing for me as head teacher is when our pupils feel safe and happy - obviously we also want them to learn and succeed as well, so when we achieve both it is a wonderful feeling.

Congratulations to our Year 6 pupils who are leaving us this year with some wonderful SATs results. Our provisional data shows that our Dothill pupils achieved above the national data in reading, writing and maths with 69% of our pupils meeting the standard in all three subjects (nationally this was 59%).

Our Year 1 pupils also excelled in their phonics learning with 80% of our pupils passing their phonics screening check. This is in line with the national percentage.

Finally, when it comes to recognising our good learning I want to mention our Year 4 children who have smashed the national percentage for achieving full marks on the multiplication check. 40% of our Year 4 children achieved 25/25! Nationally this was only 27%.

That's enough showing off, now I need to give you lots of important information for the next academic year. Some of the information is reminding you of procedures and expectations and other information is new so please read it carefully and keep it for reference.

School Day

Beginning of the day - the gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.45am. Please try and arrive BEFORE 8.45am so that you are not rushing the children in at the last minute. If the gate is already shut when you get there you will need to ring the bell for the office and sign your child in. Your child will receive a late mark on the register if you have to sign them in at the office. If your child is receiving regular late marks then it is likely you would be invited in to discuss this with me or Mrs Harvey.

End of the day - the gates open at 3pm and classroom doors open at 3.15pm. A named adult must collect the children from the classroom door from EYFS to Year 4. Once your child is



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in year 5/6 we would like to build on their responsibilities by not having them collected from the classroom door. We would ask that you make your own arrangements with your child to either allow them to walk home alone (if you feel that they are mature enough) or to meet them at an agreed point off the school site and away from the entry/exit gates. We will open the doors for year 5/6 at 3:10pm. They must follow the one-way system and they must go straight to the agreed place. We would expect their behaviour to be respectful and responsible. Please be aware that if their behaviour is not deemed to be responsible or respectful then the privilege to leave school unaccompanied could be revoked. Please note, year 5/6 children cannot collect younger siblings from their classrooms. It must be an adult that does this. **It is important to state that children are not allowed to have mobile phones in school. Walking to school unaccompanied is NOT a reason for your child to bring a phone to school.** If you are not comfortable with giving your child this level of independence then please email the class teacher to let us know that you will be picking them up from the classroom each day.

Uniform

The school uniform at our school is:

- Royal blue cardigan/sweatshirt/sweat-cardi/fleece jacket (**not navy blue**)
- Grey or black skirt/pinafore dress
- Black or grey trousers/shorts
- Pale blue shirt/blouse/polo shirt
- Blue and white gingham dress (summer wear)
- **Plain black school shoes with black soles** (no high heels, no boots with lots of lace-holes, no deep "treads" on soles, no flashing lights, etc.)
- Hair decorations to be kept small and discreet.
- During the winter children are allowed to wear black boots with trousers (but not with skirts, dresses, pinafores or shorts)

Sweatshirts, sweat-cardis, polo shirts, fleece jackets and book bags bearing the school logo can be ordered from our uniform supplier, **Baker and Son**. You can either call into their shop in Wellington or order items via their website, link as follows: [Baker and Son website](#)

By using Baker and Son for your uniform you will continue to support the school in raising funds as we do receive some commission for every item purchased.

However, if you prefer, you are welcome to purchase plain items from a local store.

PE Kit

- Black tracksuit bottoms/joggers/leggings/shorts
- Black zip up hoodie/sweatshirt
- Pale blue PE T-shirt*



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- Black or white trainers
- Black, white or grey socks
- All items should be completely plain with no logos, designs or decorations

*The pale blue PE T-Shirt with a Dothill logo is available for purchase from our uniform suppliers - Baker and Sons in Wellington. It is a good quality, silky feel, like a football shirt. A plain pale blue T-shirt purchased from a local store is also suitable. Please do not wear a normal school polo shirt with a collar for PE uniform.

There will be no PE lessons during the first week of term. Classes will be informed of their PE day by the teachers during the first week in preparation for PE starting in week two.

Always in the Summer term the uniform adherence tends to get a bit 'loose', especially with shoes and PE kit. I am currently seeing all kinds of coloured trainers instead of shoes, , tracksuit bottoms and t-shirts. Please check what the expectations are above before you buy anything new.

Water Bottles

Water is vital for everyone and in children it plays an especially critical role in maintaining health and wellbeing. Studies have shown that children who do not drink enough water are more prone to tiredness, poor concentration and dehydration. As a school we encourage the children to drink water throughout the day by using individual water bottles. The bottles are kept in a specially designated area in each classroom where they can be easily accessed throughout the day. **Please ensure that you only fill your child's bottle with water. Juice of any sort is not allowed.**

School Dinners/Sandwiches

A reminder for everyone who orders a school sandwich to complete a new sandwich order form for the kitchen. We will not assume that if you had one this year that you will want one next year - you must fill in a new form.

Also - to state the obvious for Year 2 children going into Year 3 - you will no longer receive a free school meal in Year 3 so if you are ordering a dinner please ensure there are sufficient funds on your ParentPay account. Thanks.

Important Dates for the Autumn Term

We have tried to plan ahead for our events in the autumn term so that you can put them on your calendar and make arrangements to attend. Please look at the following dates to see



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what is relevant to you and your child. For each event there will be more information to follow.

Monday 4 th September 2023	All day	PD Day	All pupils
Monday 18 th September 2023	2.30pm	Read Write Inc Phonics meeting	Parents of EYFS
Monday 25 th September 2023	2.30pm	Multiplication Tables Check meeting	Parents of Year 4
Monday 2 nd October 2023	2.30pm	SATs meeting	Parents of Year 6
Monday 9 th October 2023	2.30pm	SEND Coffee afternoon	Parents of children with SEND
Monday 16 th October 2023	1.30pm	Criminal Exploitation Workshop	Parents of Year 5 and 6
Monday 23 rd October and Tuesday 24 th October 2023	3.30pm - 6.00pm	Parents consultation meetings	All parents
Monday 4 th December 2023	2.30pm	SEND Coffee afternoon	Parents of children with SEND
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	9.30pm	EYFS Nativity	Parents of EYFS
Tuesday 12 th December 2023	2.00pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance	Parents of Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	9.30pm	Key Stage 1 Christmas Performance	Parents of Year 1 and 2
Wednesday 13 th December 2023	2.00pm	EYFS Nativity	Parents of EYFS

New Roof

Over the summer holidays and continuing into the autumn term we are having our roof replaced in Key Stage 2. This will impact on the access routes to many of our classrooms for the first half term. There are some important points to note:

- We will not be able to use our one-way system as we cannot walk around the school on the left-hand side.
- This is a temporary measure and we will return to using our one way system as soon as we are able.
- If you are able to come and go through the back gate then that will be the easiest thing to do.
- If you have to come through the front gate then we will temporarily be giving permission for you to walk anti clockwise to the back playground.
- You **MUST** keep your child/ren with you and not let them run ahead. This is a safeguarding issue and is even more important when we have people moving in both directions.



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- We have our one-way system as it helps to keep the 'traffic' flowing so to speak. It is easier to ensure the right children are with the right adult and that no-one gets lost.
- Please be aware of other people as the paths are narrow in places and we don't want any head on collisions!
- Please stay on the path through Pre-school and do not cut over their grass.
- There are two classes that will need to use different doors:
 - Year 6 - both classes enter and exit through the Year 6 door by the bike shelter.
 - 3/4 J - enter and exit through 3/4S

Well this has turned into a mammoth epistle - congratulations for making it to the end of the year and to the end of my letter.

I want to wish all the best to our Year 6 as they continue their journey in education and I look forward to seeing the rest of you refreshed and ready for business in September.

Have a great Summer!

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'BButler'.

Becca Butler
Head teacher

