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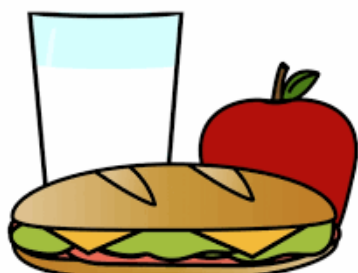
Hello Everyone!

Welcome back to the start of a new academic year. A special welcome to those of you who are new to Dothill, those who have started school for the first time and those who have come from other schools to join us.

Everyone is welcome!

As usual at the start of a new term there are some changes and some updates that you need to be aware of so please read this newsletter carefully and maybe keep it on the fridge to refer to throughout the term. Don't forget that the school website is your very best place to find the answer to questions that you might have about school, or things that you have forgotten!

www.dothillprimaryschool.co.uk



Universal Infant Free School Meals

Every child in Britain from EYFS to Year 2 can have a free school meal. You don't have to register, you don't have to qualify or fill in any forms. It is literally there on a plate for your child. Not only is that great for you but it is also great for school because for every child who has their universal infant free school meal, we receive money into our budget.

For this reason we have started a new approach this year and any child who joins Dothill into EYFS/ Y1 or Y2 will be expected to have school dinners or school sandwiches and not bring a packed lunch from home.

For those of you with children in Year 1 or 2 currently I would encourage you to stop paying out your own money and sending your child with a packed lunch from home. The school kitchen will provide a packed lunch for free!! There is a wide range of bread/fillings/yogurts/fruit/cakes/cookies on offer that your child can choose from and it won't cost you a penny.

For further information please refer to the leaflet from Telford and Wrekin catering which we sent out to all children in July and the sandwich order form enclosed for current year 1 and 2 children (further orders forms for all year groups are available from the school website). Why not give it a go!

Dothill Pre-School and Childcare

We currently have spaces available in pre-school for children aged 2-4 and in the after school club for school aged children.

For further information please email

dothillpreschoolandchildcare@gmail.com or pop into the setting or telephone us on 567410.

October half term booking forms are now available. If you know you will need care for your child during the half-term holiday please book them in as soon as possible as spaces are limited. Thank you.



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Keeping Safe

Now that Dothill Pre-School and Child-care have moved into their new site, we are no longer using the side gate as access to school. This **IS** a permanent change for those of you who have been asking when the gate will open. We all need to get used to the longer walk!

I have already spoken to the children about staying on the paths and not walking straight across the car park and I want to give the same strong message to you. The zebra crossing is the only safe place to cross the car park. Please stay on the paths at all times and do not cut across the middle of the car park at the beginning and the end of the school day.

Thank you for your support in keeping you and your children safe.



Read Write Inc Information Meeting

If your child has just started in Mrs Wood's EYFS class then you need to know about an important information meeting that will help you to support your child with phonics and reading.

Wednesday 18th September 2019
15:30-16:00



ALDI's Kit for Schools

Aldi is giving 20 primary schools the chance to win £20,000 to kick start a health legacy for their school. What's more, every school who enters by completing their Kit for School poster with 300 team GB stickers will also receive an exclusive sports kit!



From 6th September to 3rd November, families who spend £30 or more in Aldi can receive Team GB stickers to send to school with their children to go on the school poster.

Let's start collecting!

The Positives and Negatives at Dothill

As parents, you are our partners in supporting your children to be safe and happy at school. We have reviewed our procedures so that you are more informed and involved in what is going on regarding the behaviour choices that your child is making.

By far the majority of children at Dothill behave beautifully all of the time. They live our Dothill values showing kindness, respect, honesty, fairness, confidence, enthusiasm, creativity, cooperation and responsibility. We are a happy school! We reward this fabulous behaviour in a range of ways, most often with praise, a smile, a thumbs up, etc. We have introduced new, more formal ways of recognising good behaviour and I'm sure your children will tell you about these:

Praise notes - each week the class teacher will choose five children in their class to receive a note to go home to parents praising a particular aspect of their week. These children will be celebrated in assembly each week and their names will go on the 'proud tree' in the school hall.

Whole Class Values Challenges - each class will have its own collaborative challenge to work towards based on living the Dothill values. As individuals or groups demonstrate our values, recognition will be given on a whole class chart. The class will work towards an agreed reward. Ask your child what reward they are working towards!

Toy Afternoon - children who have lived our values and shown excellent behaviour over half a term will be invited to attend a Toy Afternoon usually on the last Thursday before a holiday.



Despite our best efforts, there are times when children make poor choices and require a negative consequence. You will be informed if your child receives either of the following consequences:

Time to Think Sheet - a TTTS is given after all behavioural procedures have been followed. It is a last resort and four previous steps **MUST** be taken before issuing a TTTS. This means that your child has been given four opportunities to make a better choice.

1. Rule reminder
2. Verbal warning
3. Warning card
4. Isolate within the classroom.

A copy of the TTTS will be sent home for you to read, discuss with your child and return to school.

- 0 TTTS in half a term - full invitation to Toy Afternoon
- 1 TTTS in half a term - modified invitation to Toy Afternoon
- 2 TTTS in half a term - no invitation to Toy Afternoon

Red Card:

A red card is given for two very specific reasons

Physical aggression (hitting, kicking, biting, pushing etc) or **swearing**

A red card means that the pupil will miss the next lunchtime. The pupil will be supervised by a senior leader at this time. You will either receive a phone call informing you of the red card or the class teacher will tell you about it at the end of the day (if you collect from the classroom).

A second red card in half a term means 2 lunchtimes missed. A 3rd means 3 lunchtimes missed etc.

5 red cards in half a term means that the child will not be invited to Toy Afternoon.

Pupils with Additional Needs:

There are a handful of individuals with additional needs which means that the TTTS system is not effective or appropriate. They will follow a system which includes specific targets for their needs and a more immediate reward (weekly) to be earned. A letter will be sent to their parents as part of their IPM to explain their individual behaviour plan.

If you have concerns about your child's behaviour then please talk to your class teacher in the first instance.

We really appreciate you working with us to ensure that all of our children feel safe and are happy that there is consistency and fairness across the school.



For girls aged seven to ten

Brownies

6th Wellington Brownies

'I had never climbed before. I was scared of heights. But I climbed and rang the bell all by myself and felt really proud of myself.'

(Poonam, 10)



Brownies offers girls exciting opportunities to take on new challenges, make brilliant friends and discover the world around them. They follow the Brownie Adventure programme in their unit meetings - they get adventurous, go to special events, day trips, sleepovers, camps and holidays. Brownies get the opportunity to make their own decisions, learn new hobbies, develop new skills and explore other cultures.



Find out more about Brownies at www.girlguiding.org.uk/brownies.
Register your daughter at www.girlguiding.org.uk/joinus,
or call 0800 169 5901.

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Planning Application Granted

A few months ago a planning application was made for a pub and carpark to be built on the land opposite school on the other side of Severn Drive. The Governors of Dothill formerly objected to this application and I know that many of you did as well.

I received a letter dated 28th August telling me that the application has been granted and permission has been given for a pub to be built. Obviously we are very disappointed at this news as we do not feel it is in the best interest of the school or the Dothill Nature Reserve.

You can view the online decision at <https://secure.telford.gov.uk/planning/home.aspx>

Diary Dates - September 2019 to July 2020

Wednesday 18th September	RWI Information Meeting for all EYFS (reception) parents/carers (3:30-4:00pm)
Tuesday 24th September	Y3 Harvest Experience at All Saints Church - more information to follow
Friday 27th September	Y4 Harvest Experience at All Saints Church - more information to follow
Monday 30th September	Open afternoon for new September 2020 parents/carers (1 of 3) - see website
Thursday 3rd October	Themed Lunch 1 of 6 - menu will be added to the website. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your child's account is in credit.
Monday 21st October & Tuesday 22nd October	Parents' meetings - more information to follow
Wednesday 23rd October	Y3 Fire Service Visit in school (morning)
Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November	Autumn half-term holiday
Wednesday 13th November	Open morning for current parents/carers to view books - 9:00-9:30am
Friday 15th November	Children In Need Day - Charity Fundraising Day
Monday 18th November	Open afternoon for new September 2020 parents/carers (2 of 3) - see website
Friday 22nd November	School flu vaccination day (EYFS-Y6)
Friday 6th December	Y3/4 visit to Old Rep Birmingham (Snow Queen) - see letters sent out
Monday 9th December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performances (1 of 2) 2:00-3:00pm - more information to follow
Tuesday 10th December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Performances (2 of 2) 9:30-10:30am - more information to follow
Tuesday 17th December	EYFS/KS1 visit to Shrewsbury Theatre (Bear Santa) - more information to follow
Wednesday 18th December	Christmas Carol Service for the children (and wear your Christmas Jumper to school) 9:00-11:30am - more information to follow
Wednesday 18th December	Themed Lunch 2 of 6 - menu will be added to the website. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your child's account is in credit.
Thursday 19th December	Y5/6 visit to Birmingham Rep (Peter Pan) - more information to follow
Friday 20th December	Last day of Autumn Term
Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January	Holiday
Monday 6th January	PD Day - no children in school
Tuesday 7th January	First day of Spring Term
Monday 13th January	Open afternoon for new September 2020 parents/carers (3 of 3) - see website
Thursday 16th January	Themed Lunch 3 of 6 - menu will be added to the website. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your child's account is in credit.
Friday 17th January	Young Voices, Birmingham - more information to follow
Monday 27th January to Friday 31st January	Y6 visit to Arthog - see letters sent out/website for information
Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February	Spring half-term holiday
Friday 6th March	World Book Day - Charity Fundraising Day
Wednesday 11th March	Open morning for current parents/carers to view books - 9:00-9:30am
Thursday 19th March	School Photo Day
Tuesday 24th March	Y3/4 Spring Performance (1 of 2) 2:00-3:00pm - more information to follow
Wednesday 25th March	Y3/4 Spring Performance (2 of 2) 9:30-10:30am - more information to follow
Monday 30th March & Tuesday 31st March	Parents' Meetings 3:30-6:00pm - more information to follow
Tuesday 31st March	Themed Lunch 4 of 6 - menu will be added to the website. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your child's account is in credit.
Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April	Holiday
Friday 8th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 21st May	Themed Lunch 5 of 6 - menu will be added to the website. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your child's account is in credit.
Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May	Summer half-term holiday
Monday 1st June	PD Day - no children in school
Monday 15th June to Friday 19th June	Y6 STAR programme in school
Wednesday 17th June	Open morning for current parents/carers to view books - 9:00-9:30am
Tuesday 23rd June	KS2 Sports Day (morning)
Thursday 25th June	EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (morning)
Wednesday 8th July	Arthog Information Meeting for Y5 parents/carers (4:45-5:15pm) re: 2020/21 visit
Monday 13th July	Reports issued to parents/carers
Wednesday 15th July	Y5/6 Summer Performance (1 of 2) 1:30-2:30/2:40pm - more information to follow
Thursday 16th July	Y5/6 Summer Performance (2 of 2) 9:30-10:30/10:40am - more information to follow
Thursday 16th July	Themed Lunch 6 of 6 - menu will be added to the website. No need to book, pay on the day/ensure your child's account is in credit.
Friday 17th July	Last day of Summer Term
Monday 20th July	PD Day—no children in school

Dothill Primary School - Term Dates 2019-20 (updated June 2019)

Autumn Term 2019:

PD Days: Monday 2nd September and Tuesday 3rd September
Term Time: Wednesday 4th September to Friday 25th October
Holiday: Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November
Term Time: Monday 4th November to Friday 20th December
Holiday: Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January

Spring Term 2020:

PD Day: Monday 6th January
Term Time: Tuesday 7th January to Friday 14th February
Holiday: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February
Term Time: Monday 24th February to Friday 3rd April
Holiday: Monday 6th April to Friday 17th April

Summer Term 2020:

Term Time: Monday 20th April to Friday 22nd May
Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May (**changed** from Monday 4th May)
Holiday: Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May
PD Day: Monday 1st June
Term Time: Tuesday 2nd June to Friday 17th July
PD Day: Monday 20th July

Programmed PD Days: Monday 2nd September 2019
Tuesday 3rd September 2019
Monday 6th January 2020
Monday 1st June 2020
Monday 20th July 2020