



DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the Autumn term, I would like to wish all pupils and parents a very Happy Christmas. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Shepherd at the end of this term.

I would like to thank Mrs Shepherd for all her work at the Academy this year. Mrs Naylor has now returned from her maternity leave and will be teaching Cherrytree class as a job share. In January we will welcome a new teacher, Mrs Hewitt who will work in Cherrytree class on Thursdays and Fridays.

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of any the following, your child may be entitled to free school meals:

- Income Support, Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance, Income-related Employment and Support Allowance, Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999, The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit, Child Tax Credit, Working Tax Credit run-on, Universal Credit. Please ask for a form at Reception. All enquiries will be dealt with confidentially.

Even if your child does not currently want school dinners, it is important that you register so that the school can receive all eligible funding. The Academy receive significant additional funding for all children who are entitled to free school meals which supports their education.

Dinners : Dinner money should be paid on Mondays for all the dinners for the week. This should preferably be paid to the class teacher and not directly through the office.

If your child is ill and unable to come to school

Please use the Groupcall number

07860 003898 and send us a text to let us know that your child will not be at school.

Text child's name, class and the reason for absence.



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Our Academy values

To believe in yourself
To contribute and play your part
To succeed
To keep yourself and others safe
To love lifelong learning



Uniform

Please make sure that your child attends the academy in the correct uniform. See our website for further details or ask at reception if you would like to purchase any additional items.

**Well done!**

Well done to the Dodgeball teams who took part in a dodgeball competition last Friday. They won both 1st and 2nd place in the competition.

Well done to Davis House who are 1st place at the end of term in our houses competition.

Well done to Cavell House who came 1st place in our Christmas House competition!

Dogsthorpe Academy Advisory Council

We have vacancies on our Academy Advisory Council for parent representatives. This group meets once a term to provide a forum for parent consultation.

Please see our clerk Mrs Horsley on reception if you are interested in joining this Council.



Punctuality It is important that your child gets to school on time. The doors to classrooms open at 8.40am. After 9.05 the doors to classrooms are locked and children should arrive through Reception where their late mark will be recorded.

Children should not come through reception before 9.05 unless in Sensory which starts at 8.30 or prior agreement with the school.

Term Time Absences/Holidays Pupils attendance should be above **90%**. **Anything 90% and below (which is the same as one day off a fortnight) could lead to further action being taken and potentially a fine starting at £60 per parent per child.** Our Term Dates are available at anytime on our website so please book holidays within school holidays. Please also do not be tempted to not complete a leave of absence request and just take your child out of school as any absence can be marked as unauthorised and potentially lead to a fine. We do try to be as flexible and as accommodating as we can but are bound by rules from the government

Annual Term Dates 2016 / 2017

End of term: Wednesday 21 December

Start of Spring Term: Wednesday 4th January

Half term: Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February 2017

End of term: Thursday 6 April 2017

Start of Summer term : Monday 24 April 2017

Half term : Monday 29 May to Friday 2 June 2017

End of term: Thursday 20 July 2017

Please be aware that Dogsthorpe Academy will be **closed** for staff training on 7 April 2017.

(Dogsthorpe Infant school will be open.) Dogsthorpe Academy will be **open** on 24 and 25 April 2017

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