



DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY

Dear Parents,

25 January 2017

We have had a busy start to the new term.

It is great to see the children returning from their Christmas holidays ready for the learning and challenges of the new term. We are working hard to encourage children to read regularly and would appreciate your continued support in this. Reading for a short time every day really does make a difference!

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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.

Part of the Greenwood Dale Foundation Trust
group of Academies

Principal: Mrs J Cranke

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.

Car parking

We have reviewed our safety measures in the front car park by Reception. The front gates in this car park will be closed and locked between 8.15 am and 4.30 pm. daily. Authorised personnel only will be given access to this car park. Parents are requested to use the alternative car parks when visiting. Please use the marked pedestrian footpaths and keep children safe by preventing them from cutting across the car park.



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—Ties!

Children in Y5 and 6 should wear ties every day as part of their Upper Phase uniform. Lost ties can be replaced at a cost of £3 from the Academy office.



Please make sure that you are registered with Groupcall so that you can send and receive messages. It is important that we have up to date mobile numbers and email addresses for parents so if these change please make sure you inform the office.



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Absences : Please use the Groupcall number **07860003898** to text us for any absence. Text the child's name, class and the reason for absence.

Library

Our new library is a super new facility which the children are enjoying. The library is open at the following times before and after school:
Daily from 8.30a.m. until 9am.
Tuesday and Thursday 3.15 until 4.15 pm.

Annual Term Dates 2016 / 2017

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 on 7 April)

Dogsthorpe Academy will be **open** on 24 and 25 April 2017 (Dogsthorpe Infant School will be closed on 24 and 25 April)

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.

PE Uniform

PE activities can take place on any day of the week. It would be helpful if pupils could keep their PE kits on their pegs in school all week.

The PE uniform is an Academy PE shirt, black shorts, plimsolls or trainers and grey or black tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirt for the cooler months. Hair should be tied back and any jewellery removed.



Dates for your diary

26 January -Australian day Y4

27th January—Y5 Sycamore Class to Katherine of Aragon Day (Tudor costume required)

10 February—Inter school quiz

13-16 February—Y5 Bikeability

17 February—Y34 Bikeability

6th and 7th March—Parents' evenings

