



DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY

26 April 2018

Dear parents,

As you know the school has now gone cashless!

If you haven't already activated your Parentpay account could you please do so as a matter of urgency. Once activated you can enjoy the benefits of paying for school dinners electronically, you can now also pay for trips and swimming!!

Please see Mrs Smith in the school office if you would like some assistance in setting up your account. It really is very simple and we are happy to help you.

Sun Safety

As the weather is getting warmer and with sunny days ahead, we will be reminding pupils about keeping safe in the sun. Please can you ensure that sunscreen is applied before your child comes to school, if required? Suncream can be brought in to school and should be kept in pupils' bags. Pupils are responsible for applying their own suncream at lunchtime if required.

We also recommend that pupils wear a sunhat. On particularly hot days Academy staff will encourage children to spend some time indoors or in the shade. Please remember to wear correct Academy uniform at all times including school shoes—no open toe sandals.

Bake Sale

There will be a Bake Sale for asthma awareness at playtime on Tuesday 1 May 18 and after school to parents. Children may bring money in to buy cakes.

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Please note!

Punctuality is very important to us.

Please remember the times that our doors from the playground close in the morning will change to 8.50 a.m.

It is important that your child starts their lessons on time so that they do not fall behind in their learning.

Lessons start at 8.45 a.m.

The doors to classrooms will open at 8.40am and close at 8.50 a.m.

After 8.50 am the doors to classrooms are locked and children should arrive through Reception where their late mark will be recorded.

Please take note of our new times.

'We are making more time for learning'





School Uniform

Please can Year 5 & 6 children remember to wear their school tie at all times of the school day. We will be doing checks to make sure this uniform requirement is followed at all times.

Painted Nails

We have recently seen an increase in girls coming into school with painted nails. Please remember this is against school policy. Please ensure any nail polish is removed for school.

School Calendar Dates

Tues 1 May—Bake Sale for autism awareness
 9 May 18—Whole School Yamaha Music Assembly—2-3pm
 14 – 18 May Year 6 SATS
 22—24 May 18—Bikeability Years 5 & 6
 7 June 18—Year 6 visit to UCP—9 –12.30pm
 2—4 July 18—Year 6 trip to Grafham Water
 4 July 18—Years 2 & 3 Transition Day
 12 July 18—Whole School Disco
 Lower 4—5.30 pm—Upper 6—7.30pm—details to follow
 13– 17 May 19—Year 6 SATS

Term Time Absences and Holidays

Our Term Dates are available at anytime on our website so please book holidays within school holiday periods. Holidays during term time are not authorised. Absences during term time may only be authorised in the most exceptional **and** unavoidable circumstances. In practice, most extended leaves of absence taken during term time lead to both parents being issued with penalty fines by the Local Authority. Fines can be issued after only one days absence.

School Term dates

2017-2018

Mon 7 May— Bank holiday. School Closed

Mon 28 May —Fri 1 Jun—Half Term holiday

Mon 4 Jun—Return to school

Tues 24 Jul—End of Summer term

2018-2019

Thurs 6 Sept 18—Start of Autumn Term

Mon 22– Tues 30 Oct 18: Half Term holiday

Tues 30 Oct 18— Return to school

Wed 19 Dec—Tues 2 Jan 19—Christmas Holidays

Wed 3 Jan 2019—Start of spring term

Mon 18– Fri 22 Feb 19 —Half Term

Mon 25 Feb 19—Return to school

Fri 5 April—Mon 22 April 19—Easter Holidays

Tues 23 Apr 19—Start of Summer Term 2019

Mon 6 May 19– Bank holiday. School Closed

Mon 27 May —Fri 31 May 19—Half Term holiday

Mon 3 Jun19—Return to school

Weds 24 Jul 19—End of Summer term

Thurs 6 Sept 19—Start of Autumn Term

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