



DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY

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Newsletter: Summer One

Dear Families,

Thank You

I would like to say a huge thank you to each and every one of you for making my first half term here at Dogsthorpe a wonderful one. It has been a pleasure to meet the children and their families, and I look forward to seeing more of you all this half term. We are going to try to be present on the gate in the mornings to give us more opportunity to see you all. This term we are going to move to whole school assemblies with the vision to bring the Dogsthorpe family together more often to share news, sing songs and celebrate the achievements of our pupils.

Staffing update

At the end of the summer term this year we will saying a very sad goodbye to our deputy principal, Mr Warner. We are really pleased for him as he will be leaving us to take on his own headship- Congratulations!

We will say goodbye to Mrs Lusher who will be leaving us to embark on her retirement- we wish you all the best.

We will be welcoming three new teachers to the team in September; Mr Champion, Miss Ticehurst and Miss Taylor-Hall. They will all be joining us for move up day in July.

Events at Dogsthorpe in Summer One

Mike Mullen- BMX Academy

He believes sport has the power to motivate young people in a very positive way both physically and mentally. However, regular sports didn't appeal to him in school and he never thought of himself as particularly active or sporty.

Watch Mike in action here: [Mike Mullen BMX Edit 2003 - 2011 \(youtube.com\)](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MikeMullenBMXEdit2003-2011)

Mike spent the day in school starting with a whole school assembly on the playground to show off some tricks on his BMX including jumping over five members of staff.

He then spent the day completing workshops with Year 5 with the main aim to improve growth mindset. His term 'Fleaming' is designed to encourage the children to learn through their failures.



YDP Mini Euro's Football Competition

A huge well done to team of year five and sixes who attended the competition. They trained hard with Mr Spires and Mr Turner and played as Croatia. They all tried their best and showed off some very impressive football skills. The children looked great in their kits and had an enjoyable day. Over 170 children from Peterborough attended the event and it was a great opportunity for our pupils to play against their peers across the city.



Communication with the academy

A gentle reminder, should you wish to contact a member of our staff team, please make contact either face-to-face at the school office, by telephone or via email on admin@dogsthorpeacademy.org. We will respond as soon as possible regarding your query during school hours. Our class teachers continue to be contactable via class dojo. We will only respond to those with parental responsibility, not wider family members.

It would be great to see more of our families connected on class dojo as we would like to move forward using this as a point of contact for news and sharing achievements and successes with you all.

Academy uniform

Please can I take this opportunity to remind parent/carers of our uniform policy. Further details can be found on our website here [Dogsthorpe Academy - Uniform](#)

- Children should wear black school shoes, not trainers with their uniform
- Pupils may wear plain, black tracksuits over their Dogsthorpe Academy PE kit on PE days only

Behaviour Protocol Review

We are continuing to develop our behaviour protocol and are moving towards a more therapeutic approach. This entails looking at the root cause of a behaviour and working towards trying to extinguish the cause to minimize the chance of the behaviour reoccurring. Consequences for unacceptable behaviour will still be in place but we will also aim to education the children about why.

Please follow this link to find out more about a therapeutic approach towards behaviour and see the video on the home page about why children appear to be rude: [Therapeutic Thinking](#)



School attendance matters!

This is just a gentle reminder that it is really important for all of our children to be attending school on time as many days as they can. As a school we aiming to reach a school attendance figure of 96%.

Each morning the gate will open at 8:35am and close at 8:45am, at which time the pupils will be late and need to enter the school via the main office.

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS

MINUTES LATE PER DAY	EQUIVALENT OF MISSING	HOW MANY LESSONS THIS IS MISSED
5 MINUTES	3.4 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	17 LESSONS
10 MINUTES	6.9 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	35 LESSONS
15 MINUTES	10.3 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	51 LESSONS
20 MINUTES	13.8 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	69 LESSONS
30 MINUTES	20.7 SCHOOL DAYS A YEAR	104 LESSONS



Dates for your diary

WC 3 rd June 2024	Year 4 MTC (Multiplication tables check) testing week
Monday 10 th June 2024	Year 6 Maple Class visit to Whitehall Farm
Tuesday 11 th June 2024	Scooter Academy Experience Day including whole school assembly and Scooter Workshops for all Year 3 pupils
Tuesday 11 th June 2024	Year 6 Cherrytree Class visit to Whitehall Farm
Friday 14 th June 2024	Team from Year 5/6 to GAT Athletics Tournament, Braunstone, Leicester
Wednesday 12 th June 2024	Year 4 Chestnut Class visit to Bulwick Farm, Northampton
Wednesday 19 th June 2024	Year 4 Elm Class visit to Bulwick Farm, Northampton
Friday 21 st June 2024	Year 4 Ash Class visit to Bulwick Farm, Northampton
Friday 28 th June 2024	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day- Details to follow
Wednesday 3 rd July 2024	Move Up Day (Time in new classes for 2024 25)
Friday 5 th July 2024	Year 5 Sycamore & Birch classes to visit Park Farm, Thorney
Friday 5 th July 2024	Year 3 and 4 Sports Day- Details to Follow
Friday 12 th July 2024	Annual reports home to parents
Thursday 18 th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Event- Details to Follow
Friday 19 th July 2024	Year 6 Leavers Assembly
Friday 19 th July 2024	Term ends

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to sharing lots of exciting events with you this half term.

Kind regards,

Miss E Peacock
Head of Academy

