



# DOGSTHORPE ACADEMY

**17 October 2018**

Dear Parents,

As we approach the end of the first half term this year I would like to thank all parents and carers for their support since the start of term. Pupils have been looking very smart in their uniforms, they have been arriving punctually and with all the right equipment. At school we appreciate all your efforts to ensure that this happens.

Shortly after the half term holiday we will be having our parents evenings. These will be held on Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th November. It is really important that you attend this meeting to discuss your child's progress since the end of last year. Please do make sure that you make an appointment and make every effort to attend.

## **Tunnel access to the playground**

We are having repair works on the tunnel access to the playground. This access is currently out of use and you should use the alternative access routes behind the dining hall.

The works should be completed over half term and we are anticipating that the tunnel will be back in use after the break.

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## **Parking**

Please park sensibly at the start and end of the school day. The school gates should be kept clear at all times to allow access for emergency vehicles, staff cars and deliveries.

## **Please do not block the school gates.**

Parents are requested to park in the car park across the road at the shops or on nearby streets.

## **Staff Welcome and Leavers**

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Day to our teaching staff. Mrs Day will mainly work in our year 3 classes teaching science.

We are sorry to say goodbye to Mrs Clifton who will be leaving us at the end of this half term to pursue her career at another school. We are grateful for all of Mrs Clifton's work in classes and also with our parent groups, SEN groups, discos and the Dogsthorpe Bake Off! We wish her well in her new job.

## **Secondary School applications**

If your child is in Year 6 you will need to apply for a school place to start secondary school in September 2019.

If you have any difficulties in accessing the online system, there are sessions available to support parents after school on Wednesday 17th October and Friday 19th October. Please be aware that the application deadline is **31 October 2018**. If you do not apply by this date, your child will not be allocated a school place.



### **School Calendar 2018-19**

Fri 19 Oct—End of Half term

Mon 23 – Mon 29 Oct: Half Term holiday

Tues 30 Oct — Return to school

Tues 18 Dec — End of Autumn Term

### **2019**

Weds 3 Jan—Start of Spring Term

Mon 18– Fri 22 Feb—Half Term

Thurs 4 Apr - End of Spring Term

Tues 23 Apr—Start of Summer Term 2018

Mon 6 May– Bank holiday. School Closed

Mon 27 May—Fri 31 May Half Term Holiday

Weds 24 July End of Term

### **School dates**

18 Oct Y4 Snowzone trip

5 Nov-6 Nov Book Fair

Mon 5 Nov and Tues 6 Nov Parents evenings

Fri 16 Nov Children in Need day

19 November Bikeability Y5

Fri 7 Dec Flu immunisation programme

Thurs 13 Dec Christmas dinner

Fri 14 Dec Christmas jumper day

### **Where to get help at Dogsthorpe Academy**

If you have any general queries about your child's day, their education or progress please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance. The best time to speak to your child's class teacher is at the end of the school day. Please do phone to make an appointment if you would like a meeting. From time to time you may need some help or advice and I hope you find the following summary of staff and their roles useful:

<p><b><u>Miss K Franks</u></b> <i>School Admissions</i> <i>Attendance and absences</i></p> <p>Speak to Miss Franks if you would like to discuss a matter regarding school admissions, attendance or absences.</p>	<p><b><u>Mrs L Hawkey</u></b> <i>SENCO</i></p> <p>Speak to Mrs Hawkey if you would like to discuss your child's Special Educational Needs.</p>	<p><b><u>Mr D Papworth</u></b> <i>Behaviour</i> <i>Forest School</i></p> <p>Speak to Mr Papworth if you are concerned about your child's behaviour, bullying or Forest School.</p>	<p><b><u>Mrs K Keymer</u></b> <i>Family Support</i></p> <p>Speak to Mrs Keymer if you have a family problem that you need some support with. Mrs Keymer is our main contact for parents with problems—she knows lots of services who she can direct you to.</p>
<p><b><u>Mrs J Simper</u></b> <i>Upper Phase Leader</i></p> <p>Mrs Simper can help with any Year 5 and 6 queries if class teachers are unable to help you.</p>	<p><b><u>Mrs D Jordan</u></b> <i>Lower Phase Leader</i></p> <p>Mrs Jordan can help with any Year 3 and 4 queries if class teachers are unable to help you.</p>	<p><b><u>Mrs M Horsley</u></b> <i>Free School meals</i> <i>Parentpay</i> <i>Clubs</i></p> <p>Speak to Mrs Horsley if you have any queries about Parentpay, letters and clubs.</p>	<p><b><u>Mrs S Williams</u></b> <i>Den before and after school and holiday club</i></p> <p>Speak to Mrs Williams if you need before, after school or holiday child-care.</p>

