

Newsletter September 2018



Dinnington First School

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see all of the children again and to welcome our new starters and their families. All of the children have settled into school routine very well, and made a really good start to the new academic year.

Jewellery

Please remember that for health and safety reasons we do not allow children to wear jewellery. The exceptions to this rule are earring studs in pierced ears and a watch. Children are required to remove any items during PE lessons to prevent them from causing injury. **Please note, teachers are not permitted to remove earrings and they cannot be covered with an elastoplast.**

After School Clubs

All clubs will commence in the week beginning 17th September. A separate letter will be sent giving you details about available clubs and how to sign your child up to them. We will send you information about the last dates for clubs nearer the time. Please note that no clubs will take place during the week that parents' evenings take place.



Information for ParentMail

Please let us know if any of your contact details have changed. It is essential that we have updated information for ParentMail and emergency contact.

PE Timetable

For your information class PE days are detailed below;



Reception	Wednesday
Year 1	Tuesday, Thursday
Year 2	Monday, Wednesday
Year 3	Monday, Wednesday
Year 4	Tuesday, Thursday

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school on PE days. Information about PE kit is included in our uniform policy, which is attached to this letter.

Arrival Time

Regular attendance and prompt starts to the day help children fulfil their potential and achieve success in later life. In order to encourage all children to arrive on time we have monthly arrival time targets. Those children achieving the monthly target will be given a wrist band congratulating them on this achievement.



World's Biggest Coffee Morning

We are going to take part in Macmillan Cancer Support's biggest fundraising event by hosting a coffee morning in school on Monday 24th September at 9:00am. Macmillan Cancer Support, helps to improve the lives of people affected by cancer and we hope that you will be able to support this event. We will send more information about this nearer the time.

General Reminders

Below are some reminders about school policy relating to the welfare and safety of the children.

I have also attached a copy of our recently updated uniform policy.

Many thanks for your co-operation with regard to these issues.

1) We can only administer prescribed medication. This should be brought in to school and given to Mrs Purvis in the school office and the relevant forms completed.

All children with a diagnosed medical condition should have a completed care plan in school. New guidance relating to managing medical conditions in school **requires us to have confirmation of the condition from a medical practitioner.**

Children with asthma should always have the appropriate inhaler in school.

2) Please remember that the school day begins at 8:50am (8:55am Nursery) and that the doors will be closed promptly at that time. Children arriving late must be escorted to the main office entrance where a member of staff will record the reason for the lateness. Children should not be left to come into school on their own as we need to know that they have arrived safely.

3) Water bottles should contain only a small amount of water (not juice) and should not be kept in school bags. Each class has a filtered water machine where bottles can be refilled during the day. Please ask your child to carry his/her water bottle into school rather than keep in their bag as they can leak and damage items in it.

4) If your child is ill or unable to attend school for any reason **please inform the school on the first day of absence.** This should be followed by a note handed to the class teacher explaining why he/she has been absent when they return to school. Please remember that when absence is due to a diarrhoea and/or sickness illness children should be **symptom free for 48 hours before returning to school.**

Reasons for absence can be reported on Parentmail. We also have a separate absence phone line and messages can be left on this without the need to speak with staff. In any communication a reason for absence must be given and in the case of illness, what the illness is. It is not sufficient to say that your child is ill, we need to the nature of the illness.

5) It is essential that all items of school clothing are labelled with a child's name.

6) Please remember to inform us if the pick up arrangements for your child changes, particularly if they are going home with another parent.

7) Please inform us if you have an older child that is either coming to school or going home on their own. A form for you to complete is available from the school office.

8) Please ensure that your child comes to school with a coat every day. As you are

aware the weather at the moment is very erratic and can change very quickly.

9) Please remember that children are not permitted to bring sweets to school, this includes in packed lunches. Children are permitted to bring in birthday treats to share with their classmates (not lollipops). These will be given to all children at the end of the school day so that they can be taken home to eat.

10) We are not able to distribute party invitations in school and I would ask that all invitations are given to children in the school yard at the beginning and end of the school day.

11) Please provide your child with a suitable book bag. Book bags are often stored in boxes within classrooms and some bags cause storage difficulties. We would also ask that only one key ring is attached to the bag as again this can cause problems with storage.