

Dinnington First School

Newsletter January 2018

Happy New Year to everyone and welcome back. I hope you had an enjoyable Christmas and that 2018 will be a happy and successful year for us all.

New School Update

Kier have informed us that the hoardings for the construction site are due to be erected at the end of this month. The company will then begin enabling works to form the construction access so that work can begin on the new building.

Toys in School

Please do not allow your child to bring personal items such as toys, pens, rubbers etc. to school. Children are supplied with all the equipment that they need. Recently children have brought items into school that have been lost and broken and this has caused upset. From time to time children are asked to bring in things to support work that they are doing or for 'show and tell' but we will always inform you if that is the case.



Forest School Focus Day

On Tuesday 30th January we are going to have a Forest School Focus day. During the day the children will be involved in a number of outdoor activities linked to the National Curriculum learning objectives for science. Due to the construction of the new school we will not have access to our forest and garden areas for much longer so we are seizing the opportunity to use them. The day will also be used as a stimulus for creative writing.

Attendance

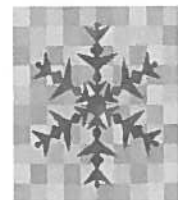
I am currently reviewing attendance for last term. We have 65% of children with attendance over 95% and 24% of children with 100%. Well done to those children!



Please remember that when reporting your child's absence a reason must be given. It is not sufficient so say that your child is ill, we need to know the nature of the illness.

Winter Weather

Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed appropriately for the weather in warm outdoor clothing and suitable footwear. In snowy/wet weather it would be helpful if parents provided children with a change of footwear. Children from Year 1 onwards should have sand shoes in school for PE and these can easily be used. A change of shoes will ensure the children's comfort and also prevent classroom carpets from becoming wet and dirty.



Lip Balm

Please remember that lip balm of any nature is not permitted within school. This is due to children sharing their lip balms which increases the risk of infection.




Christmas Grotto

Thank you to all those parents who donated gifts and money for our Christmas Grotto. In total £275 was raised and this amount will be forwarded to the Guide Dogs for the Blind charity.

Admissions

We are now accepting applications for places in our nursery class for September 2018. If you would like to request a place for your child or know of anyone who would like a place, please collect an application form from Mrs Purvis in the school office. Visits to the school are most welcome.

Primary Pathway Booklets

Please remember that it is very important to ensure that your child's Primary Pathway booklet comes into school every day, together with his/her reading book. Pages in the booklet with a house icon  on them should be filled in at home



School Clothing

If for any reason your child needs to borrow school clothing, please make sure that it is washed and returned as soon as possible. Our supply of spare clothing, particularly underwear is running low.