

DINNINGTON FIRST SCHOOL




Newsletter January 2019

Our great start to the new year has continued this week. The children are now more familiar with the new school and are enjoying using rooms like the practical room and library. They are also getting quicker at changing their shoes and we think that this will work well, particularly in the winter. We are all enjoying having so much space and are making good use of our empty classrooms.

After School Clubs

As we settle into our new school staff will not be running after school clubs. This term staff will be attending a number of after school Trust meetings and training, as well meeting with parents in March, so clubs would need to be cancelled at those times. We are hoping to organise a number of clubs using outside providers and will let you know about these as they are arranged.

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 on them should be filled in at home.



Admissions

We are now accepting applications for places in our nursery class for September 2019. 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.



Attendance

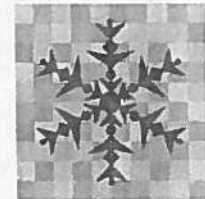
I am currently reviewing attendance for last term. We have 73% of children with attendance over 95% and 30% of children with 100%. Well done to those children!



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. Please note that we will not allow children to play out in the snow unless they are wearing wellingtons or waterproof boots.



Start of the School Day

Please remember that the school day begins at 8:50am (Nursery 8:55am) Doors in Key Stage 1 and 2 will be opened at 8:45am and a bell will ring at 8:50am to signal that the doors are about to close. Staff will check to see if any child is approaching before the door is closed. The reception class door will be opened at 8:50am and closed when all of the children are in.

Children arriving after this time must enter school through the main entrance.