



Spring 2016 Newsletter



No sooner has the new year started that the first half term is finished. It's always a strange half term when it is so short, and yet there are still the same things to be done. That said the new year has got off to a great start (and no snow yet!)

For schools it's always such an optimistic time, those first daffodils signal the 'potential' for warmer weather, more time spent outside and certainly less time huddled under blankets or sat inside due to torrential rain. School has certainly been a hive of activity; check out the website for what your children have been up to and also for what exciting things are coming up next half term .

See you all, hopefully a few degrees warmer, on Monday 15th February

Best wishes Lynnette Glossop and all at Dore Primary School.

Staffing

The staff are saying their goodbyes (for now) to Mrs Guiton who leaves us on Friday to start her maternity leave. Wishing her many happy cuddles ahead!

DPA thanks

Thanks to the sterling efforts of parents and notably the DPA the outdoor classroom is now in situ. Jo Smith and her team continue to work tirelessly to work alongside staff in supporting the resourcing of learning at a time when school budgets are tight.

The children in school will soon be getting new laptops funded by the DPA-thank you to everyone for their hard work, continued contributions and work behind the scenes.

SCHOOL CHANGE TEAM

Thanks to James Hope-Gill and Laura Bruce (governors) who have gathered the thoughts of our school change team. There is now a team of staff and parent volunteers who are looking at how we communicate with parents so that you get all the vital information you need. Next half term we will be moving towards a paperless system and streamlining the information you get so that it is relevant to you!

The website has undergone a makeover, thanks to Richard Hanks. School Change Team members will be working him to tweak it further.

Please keep an eye on the website for the most upto date calendar and also letters which have been emailed home during the first half term-these are organized in date order to help.

Attendance news

Well done to the following classes who have maintained

Attendance over 98% since the start of the year

Mr Goodwin (y2/3)

Mrs Davis (y3)

Miss Weir (y3)

Miss Stephens (y4)

Mrs Davison/Leach (y4)

Mrs Granville (y5)

Mrs Guiton (y6)

Overall attendance for the whole school is 97.8% since September

INSET DAYS 2016-17

September 1st & 2nd

September 29th & 30th

January 3rd.

We hope that by adding these statutory training days to week-ends/holidays that you will be able to take advantage of extended time together as a family.

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

Thank you to everyone who continues to keep our children safe at Dore Primary school.

Morning drop off

Please note that supervision of children by staff on the school site begins at 8.30. There are no staff outside before this time.

Road safety

Whilst there is a recognition that everyone leads busy lives and that the school run is a busy time please refrain from parking illegally on zig zags at any of the entrances to school. We would urge our school community to look after each other and remind other drivers of this.

Dore Kids Club

If you are collecting children from **Dore Kids Club** parents/carers should enter and exit from the link corridor. If your child has forgotten something from class please call into the office the following day.

As the weather (hopefully) improves, we know that many parents will want to make the most of the time outside and take advantage of the equipment on the school site or wait for their children who are attending a club. If you or your child needs to use the toilets please come to the main reception so that a member of staff can direct you to the most appropriate ones to use.

Uniform update

Please note that Governors have agreed a policy for school uniform, which can be found on the school website. There are no changes to the policy at this stage, but please be reminded that families need to follow this policy.

Mrs Breen, along with governors is currently looking to streamline the ordering process, to ensure that there is no delay when you have ordered uniform. You will be notified by email when this changes, so until then please follow directions on the website for ordering.

Keeping in contact

We know that from time to time you may need to let school or your child's teacher know something vital. You can do this in the following ways:

- Let the office know, either in person or by phoning and they will ensure the message gets to the right person
- Make an appointment to see them after school

(please note that next half term staff meetings are Thursdays after school, so teachers are unavailable after school on these days)

Lynnette Glossop