



Spring 2 2016 Newsletter



It's been a short but busy term; Y5 pupils (and staff!) enjoyed a very successful residential trip to Castleton. World Book Day was an event and a half with children (and staff) in an array of impressive outfits. There were joint infant and junior reading sessions, plus a spectacular production of Matilda. Not forgetting the Easter concert, Easter bonnet parade, the Fair Trade breakfast and the egg competition. Thank you to everyone who took part or helped behind the scenes!

Wishing you all a very happy Easter and well earned break.

Please remember school reopens on Monday 4th April.

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. As the weather hopefully becomes warmer please ensure that shoes continue to be sensible

The school has sourced a different provider for uniform; details to follow.

INSET DAYS

School is closed on June 6th 2016 for staff training

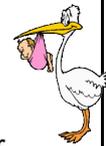
2016-17 school closure days

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.

Staffing

Wishing Mrs Guiton many congratulations on the birth of her first baby-a healthy baby girl Erin.



Attendance news

Attendance continues to be a strength of school; currently at 97.8% this represents very good attendance for the school as a whole.

Just to make parents aware: if children needs to go for an urgent medical appointment during the school day, if they are in school at the start of the morning or afternoon they will still get their mark. Children who are not in school for the start of each of the sessions are marked as absent.

Well done to the following classes who have maintained attendance over 98% since the start of the year

Mr Goodwin (y2/3)
Miss Stephens (y4)

Miss Weir (y3)
Mrs Granville (y5)

Mrs Davison/Leach (y4)
Mrs Guiton (y6) Miss Hague (y1)

KEEPING OUR CHILDREN SAFE

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

Road safety

School has been notified of a number of car owners who continue to do this; we would ask that all drivers consider the safety of our children first and foremost. Please be vigilant and help us to keep our community safe by letting us know if you see drivers parked on zig zags.

The council are still advertising for a crossing patrol warden.

Please consider if this is something which you could fit into your day.

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End of day arrangements

The following information was sent to all infants parents earlier this half term

As we are sure you are aware, school has a responsibility to ensure that children and staff remain as safe as possible and as such to minimise any safeguarding risks. This is particularly relevant in the light of recent global events. Following a recent Health and Safety Inspection of the whole school there have been a number of weaknesses identified in security levels which we need your help with. The infant school base raised particular concerns due to the layout and access to classrooms, notably after school hours ie when clubs are taking place.

With this in mind we have been advised that the gates for KS1 need to be locked after school. From Monday 4th April 2016 the infant playground will be locked and secured from 4pm every school day.

Please ensure you leave the infant playground area prior to the closure of the gates.

Any child at an after school club held in the infant base can be collected at the school office where staff will be on duty for a safe handover.

The junior playground area will remain open and parents are very welcome to enjoy the facilities with their children especially in the warmer summer days. Please be reminded it is the responsibility of parents to supervise their children in school grounds when no longer under the care of school staff.

Thank you in advance for helping to keep everyone safe, and for your co-operation and understanding on this matter

Dore Kids Club

If you are collecting children from Dore Kids Club parents/carers should enter and exit from the link corridor. Parents should refrain from entering the school building after pick up.

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 Tuesdays after school, so teachers are unavailable on these days after school

Best wishes Lynnette Glossop and all at Dore Primary School.