

Dovers Green School

February 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has hard to believe that we are fast approaching the halfway point of the school year! Spring is just around the corner; we've got some snowdrops in Forest School and some daffodils in flower by the front entrance!

The children's learning

If you can, please come and have a look at the amazing work the children did over our Creative Arts week. Their work is displayed outside my office and around the school.



Curriculum Information - Maths

We held a curriculum evening for parents on maths last Wednesday (24th January) Historically, these events have always been really well attended by over 100 parents; this time we only had about 40. We know from feedback that parents who attend these evenings have always found them really helpful in ways that they can support their child at home. I am wondering what was different for this one because the turnout was so low?

I would be grateful if you could give some feedback to your class representatives so that we can discuss this further at the next parent's forum after half term:

- Would a different time in the day make it easier for you to attend curriculum information sessions?
- Would you prefer them to be virtual?
- Would you prefer that short videos are available for you to watch on the website to support you with your children's learning?
- Are there other ways that you can think of for ways that we can support you with your child's learning?



The Powerpoint presentations that the teachers used in the Curriculum evening on maths will be put on the website from early next week. Please do have a look because they are very informative and will help to give you a better understanding of what the children are learning in school and strategies that you can use to support and consolidate their learning at home.

Parents/teacher consultations

Our next parent/teacher consultations will take place on 18th and 20th March. These will be face-to-face appointments, however, if you are unable to attend in person, please contact the school office who can arrange either a telephone consultation or via zoom.

Online bookings for appointments will go live at 7.00pm on Monday 4th March. Please make sure you sign up for an appointment to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.



Expansion of Badgers



After a very long wait, contractors have finally been appointed to complete the building works to expand Badgers. The first thing that has got to be done is the relocation of the pond and the felling of trees around the pond and in the sensory garden which is being done over the half term break, so things will look a little bit different when the children return to school! Both of these aspects of the works have to be done before March so as not to disturb any nesting birds and to ensure there is a habitat for pond wildlife.

Internet Safety

With Safer Internet day less than a week away we would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. To help you with this, you may be interested in downloading the free Safer Internet Day Education Pack for Parents and Carers which is available at: [Parents and carers - UK Safer Internet Centre](#) There are also top tips, a quiz and films which you can use at home with your child.



Some other resources which you may find helpful in supporting your child online are:



- Advice for parents and carers from Childnet
- Tips, advice and guides for parents and carers from the UK Safer Internet Centre
- Guides on popular apps and games from NetAware
- Reviews and information about games, apps, TV shows and websites from Common Sense Media

- Help on using parental controls and privacy settings from Internet Matters
- Information and reporting of online grooming or abuse from CEOP

The NSPCC website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> has got lots of useful advice on how to keep children safe online, including setting up parental controls.

Online safety is an important issue which as a school we're committed to teaching our pupils about.

Wellbeing

We can all get overwhelmed at times and children are no different. Attached to this newsletter is a leaflet for you to read and share with your children about ways that they can help to look after their own wellbeing and mental health.



Recycling clothing



If you're having a clear out of any clothing, please do remember our recycling facility! We raised £105 last term and as they say, every little bit helps!

Dover's Got Talent

Please continue to send in or email photographs of your child and a short description if they have done or achieved something special out of school.



Values



Our value this term has been **Respect** and which has been reinforced in lesson time and in assemblies.

Yours faithfully,

Nicki Starling

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Headteacher



Thursday 1 st February	Squirrels Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Friday 2 nd February	PTA - Silent Disco after school
Tuesday 6 th February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 8 th February	Otters Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Friday 9 th February	End of Half Term - 3.05 p.m. finish
Monday 19th February - Thursday 28th March	
Monday 19 th February	Children return to school
Friday 23 rd February	PTA Non Uniform Day
Monday 26 th February	Parent Forum Meeting - 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 29 th February	Hedgehogs Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Monday 4 th March - Friday 8 th March	Book Week
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day Badgers Assembly 2.30 p.m.
Friday 8 th March	Reception children only Mother's Day Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 14 th March	Owls Assembly 2.30 p.m.
Monday 18 th March	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30 p.m.
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30 p.m.
Friday 22 nd March	PTA Non Uniform Day
Thursday 28 th March	End of Spring Term - 1.15 p.m. finish Tea Time Tigers finish at 4.15pm
Summer Term: Monday 15th April - Tuesday 23rd July	
Monday 15 th April	Children return for Summer Term
Friday 19 th April	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Monday 22 nd April	Parent Forum Meeting - 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 25 th April	Blue Ladybirds Assembly 2.30 p.m.
Friday 26 th April	School Group Photos
Thursday 2 nd May	Red Ladybirds Assembly 2.30 p.m.
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 9 th May	Yellow Ladybirds Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Friday 10 th May	School Reports Home
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th May	Mental Health Week
Wednesday 15 th May	Summer Celebration Event - 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 16 th May	Otters Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 23 rd May	Hedgehogs Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Friday 24 th May	PTA Non Uniform Day Ladybirds School Trip End of Half Term - 3.05 p.m. finish

Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
Monday 3 rd June - Friday 7 th June	Go Green/ Science Week
Friday 7 th June	Bike it Breakfast
Monday 10 th June - Friday 14 th June	Phonics Screening Week Parent Forum Meeting - 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 13 th June	Badgers Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 20 th June	Owls Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Friday 28 th June	PTA Non Uniform Day
Thursday 4 th July	Sports Day Parents are invited to join for a picnic lunch at 12.00 p.m. followed by races
Friday 5 th July	INSET day for staff
Wednesday 17 th July	Leavers Assembly 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
Friday 19 th July	PTA Non Uniform Day End of Term - 1.15 p.m. finish Tea Tigers finish at 4.15pm
Monday 22 nd July	INSET Day
Tuesday 23 rd July	INSET Day

