

# Dovers Green School

## February 2025 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we are fast approaching the halfway point of the school year! A huge thank you to all those parents who have contributed to our Cultural Cooking week. The children have loved it!

### 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



This year, instead of the traditional maths curriculum evening, we have decided to share a range of informative videos with you about how we teach maths at Dovers Green.

The areas of maths which are covered are:

### Early Years - Ladybirds

Number

Numerical Patterns

### Butterflies

· An overview of how we teach maths in Butterflies

### Year One

· Addition

· Subtraction

· Supporting basic mental maths

### Year Two

· Addition and Subtraction

· Pattern Recognition

· Problem Solving and Reasoning

### General

Maths in the Environment

The intention of these videos is to inform you about the strategies we use at school to teach various areas of the curriculum and to offer ideas for how you can help your child at home.

When you watch these videos, you may recognise some faces who are no longer with us at Dovers. The videos were in fact created during Covid, but having reviewed the content, the information and advice remains the same today. The videos will be available to view on our website from **Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February**.

We hope you will find them informative and that you can support your child's understanding of maths at home, using the suggested strategies. If you have any questions, please speak to your child's class teacher.

### Parents/teacher consultations

Our next parent/teacher consultations will take place on 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> March.** Please make sure you sign up for an appointment to discuss your child's progress with their teacher.



### We really need your help!

I am really worried and saddened about the demise of our PTA as throughout the years this committee have not only raised much needed funds for our school but also held some amazing events that have brought the community together. I know how busy everyone is, so am wondering about ways we could try and keep some sort of a committee running with minimum impact on specific individuals. I would appreciate it if you could have a think and let your class reps know of any ideas and thoughts that we could discuss at the next Parents forum on **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**. For example, could a few parents take charge of selling the mountain of second hand uniform or others take on the role of organising a couple of discos (which the children love!) each year? Any thoughts or suggestions would be gratefully received!



## Internet Safety

On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February we will be joining schools and youth organisations across the UK in celebrating Safer Internet Day.



Safer Internet Day is a global campaign to promote the safe and responsible use of technology, which calls on children and young people, parents, carers and teachers to help create a better internet.

Using the internet safely and positively is a key message that we promote at Dovers Green and celebrating Safer Internet Day is a great opportunity for us to re-emphasise the online safety messages we deliver throughout the year.

We would be delighted if you could join us in celebrating the day by continuing the conversation at home. The theme for Internet safety this year is, 'Too good to be true? Protecting yourself and others from scams online.'

Internet Matters have some useful guides for parents on settings for WhatsApp and Roblox of which as we know are being used by children under the age of 13. They include how to restrict children being added to random Whatsapp groups and other useful settings:

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/social-media/whatsapp/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/gaming-consoles/roblox-parental-controls/>



An employee at Dovers Green has told me that her son's account on Roblox was hacked and 'add-ins' for the game were purchased to a total of £400. Thankfully it has all been refunded as it was fraudulent activity, but it is something to be aware of.

Attached to this newsletter is also some more information from Childnet giving advice on supporting young people online.

## 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!

## 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.



## Red Nose Day



Red Nose Day is on 21<sup>st</sup> March this year and it is their 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary which makes me feel very old as I remember the first one!! The children can wear red on this day for a £1 donation which we will ask to be paid online. Details of how to do this will be sent nearer the time.

'A donation to Comic Relief this Red Nose Day could provide support for someone trying to get by in the face of poverty and injustice - being forced to make truly impossible choices, every single day.' Comic Relief.

We are happy for children to wear Comic Relief merchandise to school, but Red Noses in particular, will then be put in book bags for the children to wear on their way home from school.



## Values



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

## Sustrans - Big Walk and Wheel event

During the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> March, we will be taking part in the 'Big Walk and Wheel Event.' This is run by the charity Sustrans and aims to engage as many children as possible in scooting, cycling and walking to school. Please put it in your diaries and aim to take part if you can, even if it is by parking the car slightly further away from school and then walking, cycling or scooting the rest of the way. More information will follow nearer the time.



## Gymnastics workshops



Just a reminder that all of the children will be involved in some specialist gymnastics workshops next week and therefore the days that they will need to come in wearing PE kits may change for **next week only** as follows:

Gymnastic workshops timetable		
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> February		
9.30-10.00	10.00-10.30	10.30-11.00
Bumblebees <b>KS1</b>	Caterpillars <b>KS1</b>	Dragonflies <b>KS1</b>

Gymnastic workshops timetable					
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February					
9.30-10.00	10.00-10.30	10.30-11.00	Lunch break	1.30-2.00	2.00-2.30
Grasshoppers <b>KS1</b>	Fireflies <b>KS1</b>	Yellow Ladybirds <b>EYFS</b>		Red Ladybirds <b>EYFS</b>	Blue Ladybirds <b>EYFS</b>

Gymnastic workshops timetable	
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	
9.30-10.00	10.00-10.30
Monarch Butterflies <b>SEN class</b>	Admiral Butterflies <b>SEN class</b>

Yours faithfully,

*Nicki Starling*

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Headteacher

**Spring term: Monday 6 January - Friday 4 April 2025**

Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	Gymnastics Workshop
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Safer Internet Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Grasshoppers Assembly - 2.30 p.m. End of term for the children - 3.05 pm finish
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET day - school closed for children
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half Term
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March - Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Parent Forum Meeting - 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Dragonflies Assembly - 2.30 pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents Evening - 3.30pm - 6.30pm
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Butterflies Assembly - 2.30pm
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Red Nose Day Wear something red for a donation of £1
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Class Group Photo All this week we are taking part in the national 'Big Walk and Wheel' event. Walk, cycle or scoot to school if you can.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Reception children only Mother's Day Assembly</b> 9.00 - 9.30am Non-Uniform Day.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring Term - 1.15 p.m. finish Tea Time Tigers finishing at 4.15pm
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays

**Summer Term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April - Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July**

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April	Easter Bank Holiday
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Children return for Summer Term
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Non-Uniform Day
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent Forum Meeting - 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Red Ladybirds Assembly 2.30 p.m.
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Yellow Ladybirds Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Blue Ladybirds Assembly
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Non-Uniform Day End of Half Term - 3.05 p.m. finish
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Half Term
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June - Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Environmental Explorers Week
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Children return to school
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Bike it Breakfast - 8.00 - 8.40am
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Week for Year 1 and some Year 2 children.
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Parent Forum Meeting - 9.00 a.m.
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Non-Uniform Day
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Surrey Transition Day
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day Parents are invited to join for a picnic lunch at 12.00pm followed by races
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET day for staff. School closed for children
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	Annual School Reports home
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Celebration
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 2 Leavers Assembly 9.00 - 10.00am
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Non-Uniform Day End of Term - 1.15 p.m. finish Tea Time Tigers finishing at 4.15pm
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day - School closed for children
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day - School closed for children