

# Dovers Green School

## April 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope everyone has a fabulous Easter holidays. Time really does seem to be flying and it is hard to believe that we are in the final term of this academic year. As always, we have a busy term ahead of us.

### Staffing news

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Rounce, class teacher for Rabbits, is expecting her first baby in mid-September. She plans to continue teaching until the end of this academic year and begin her maternity leave in September.



### Attendance



I hope that as warmer weather is hopefully around the corner, the number of bugs circulating around the school will decrease. Research shows that good attendance is crucial to a child's outcomes, both now and in the future. If you are in doubt, please send your child into school and we will always contact you if we feel they need to go home.

### Building works

The long awaited extension works for our Communication and Interaction Needs Centre finally begins on Monday! We will be working very closely with the contractors to minimise the impact that this will have on everyday school life, but there will inevitably be some disruption and I will keep you fully informed as the building works progress. We are seeing this as another learning experience for the children as they witness first-hand the processes involved in the development of a building such as this and of course, all the different machinery involved!



We do know that the number of car parking spaces is going to be reduced and I therefore ask that parents who use Early Birds and Tea-Time Tigers be very mindful about where they park so that spaces are not blocked for staff arriving to work. If you have been given special permission to use the car park, please only do so if it is absolutely necessary.

### Knowledge Organisers



You will all be receiving our knowledge organisers for your child's learning this half-term. These provide you with information about the key skills and knowledge that will be covered and I hope you will be able to support your child by asking them questions about their learning using the information provided. Research shows that by constantly reviewing learning, it helps it to 'stick.'

Thank you for your support.

### Summer Celebration Wednesday 15 May between 3.30 p.m. and 6.00 p.m.



The school will be open for you to come and celebrate your children's work and to have the opportunity to talk to the teachers about the written report that you will receive on Friday 12 May. The children will be writing invitations to you, making some refreshments and preparing to talk to you about a few pieces of work that they are particularly proud of. Please come along if you can.

When you come in, please do have a look at the wonderful work that the children did during Book Week. A huge thank you to the PTA for funding the books and other resources that were used to support the children's learning.

## Dates for your diary

### Green Week

The week immediately after the May half-term is our 'Green Week' when the children's learning is focused on environmental issues. During this week, you are invited to join your child in a Forest School session and I wanted to give you as much notice as possible! More information will follow nearer the time.



	10.00 - 10.45	11.00 - 11.45	2.00 - 2.45
Monday 3 June		Hedgehogs	Badgers main
Tuesday 4 June		Rabbits	Foxes
Wednesday 5 June		Owls	Blue Ladybirds
Thursday 6 June	Yellow Ladybirds	Otters	
Friday 7 June	Red Ladybirds	Squirrels	

### Thursday 4 July - Sports Day



The children will be involved in some sporting activities in the morning and parents and carers are invited to share a picnic lunch with the children from 12.00 p.m. and cheer the children on in the afternoon races.

### One-way system

Feedback from parents to the class representatives on the Parent's Forum is that the one-way system that we adopted during the pandemic is actually a really positive thing and helps to relieve bottle necks at pinch points around the school. Therefore, please can you continue to follow this around the school when you drop-off and collect your child. Thank you.



### A plea!

Please can all parents and children make sure they have left the school site by 3.20 p.m. As the days are getting longer, children who attend some after-school clubs and Tea-Time Tigers need to be able to come out and use the grounds and equipment. When you collect your child from Tea-Time Tigers, please can you take them home straight away. Please can you also make sure that children, including younger siblings, are carefully supervised in the mornings and afternoons on the playground and a reminder that children must not be on bikes or scooters. Thank you.



### Dovers' Got Talent

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



Yours faithfully,

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Nicki Starling  
Headteacher



**Summer Term: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April – Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**

Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return for Summer Term
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	PTA Non-Uniform Day
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Parent Forum Meeting - 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Blue Ladybirds Assembly 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Red Ladybirds Assembly 2.30 p.m.
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Yellow Ladybirds Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	School Reports Home
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> - Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	Mental Health Week
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Summer Celebration Event - 3.30 p.m. - 6.00 p.m.
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Otters Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Year 1 School Trip Year School Trip
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Hedgehogs Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	PTA Non Uniform Day Ladybirds School Trip End of Half Term - 3.05 p.m. finish
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June - Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Go Green/ Science Week
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> June	Bike it Breakfast
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June - Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> June	Phonics Screening Week Parent Forum Meeting - 9.00 a.m.
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> June	Badgers Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Owls Assembly - 2.30 p.m.
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	PTA Non Uniform Day
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Surrey Transition Day
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Day Parents are invited to join for a picnic lunch at 12.00 p.m. followed by races
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	INSET day for staff
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers Assembly 9.00 a.m. - 10.00 a.m.
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	PTA Non Uniform Day End of Term - 1.15 p.m. finish Tea Tigers finish at 4.15pm
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July	INSET Day

