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## Dovers Green School March 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had a wonderful half term. I would like to thank everyone who completed the Parent Questionnaire we sent out before half term. Your feedback is really important to the school as a whole and I really value the time you spent completing it. We are evaluating all your responses to see how we can improve further.



I am moving down the road to recovery and have been in touch with Nicki White who has been updating me on the Dovers daily goings on. One thing I know I will have missed is the Walk to School this morning which was attended by over 30 children - what a fantastic turn out.

We are very happy to announce that Katy King our Speech and Language Therapist had a baby girl called Inara Susan on Friday 22 February. Although little Inara arrived sooner than expected Mum and baby are doing well. Programmes have been left and carried out for children who were already receiving speech and language therapy but unfortunately we will be unable to take on new referrals but we will continue to monitor those children and provide in class support.



### Book Week

Next week is Book Week. Linked to World Book day, on Thursday 7 March, the children can dress up as book characters from their favourite book. The staff will be dressed in all black with a prop and the assembly on that day will be to guess which story the props are from. During Book Week we have a very exciting photography workshop taking place! 'Starsnappers' will be coming in to work with the children from Monday through to Wednesday. The children will have the opportunity to learn how to take professional photographs of their class mates which will be available for parents to purchase. More information can be found on their website [www.starsnappers.org](http://www.starsnappers.org) and we will send home information about how you can order next week by ParentMail.



Your child will be bringing home a World Book Day voucher which can be used towards a book of their choice or swapped for a free World Book Day book whilst their stocks last at your local Bookseller.

Lastly Mums or female relatives are welcome to join us for the final day of our Book Week on Friday 8 March from 1.40 p.m. to 3.00 p.m. We look forward to seeing many of you here.

### Attendance

Attendance is so important to a child's attainment. I know that there have been a lot of nasty bugs going around and I thought it may be useful to clarify a couple of procedures with you:



The register is taken twice a day in school - at the beginning of the day and again after lunch. So if your child does feel better during the morning at home, bringing them back into school after lunch but before 1.00 p.m. would mean that their attendance would be higher than staying off school for the whole day.

Please remember that we can administer over the counter medicine as well as prescribed medicines in school so please do not keep them off school if all they need is a top up of paracetamol or ibuprofen. Please bring the medication to the school office and complete a form giving us your consent to administer the medicine.

If your child has a case of sickness or diarrhoea they must be absent from school for 48 hours after the last occurrence. It is often highly contagious and it is important to try and limit the possibility of illness spreading amongst the classes.

### **Inset Day**

On Monday 11 March we are closed for staff training and will be joining other local schools in the Octagon Learning Network for a conference focusing on the importance of language and high quality talk for all pupils - this supports our current School Development Priorities.

### **Comic Relief**

To mark Red Nose Day on Friday 15 March, we are holding our next Bike It Breakfast. From 8.00 a.m. - 8.40 a.m. we will be offering a breakfast of croissants, pain au chocolate, toast, fruit, juice, tea, coffee and hot chocolate to all parents, pupils and staff, that cycle to school. There will be a prize for the most colourful and comical bikes and scooters.



All children can wear red for a donation which will all go to Comic Relief.

### **Saints Day**

Today we celebrated St. David's day with the children in school and all children were invited to wear yellow. The children took part in lots of fun activities and learnt about St David and how the day is celebrated in different places.

To develop the children's understanding of the United Kingdom we will also be celebrating the following Saints days:

St Patrick's day - Monday 18 March. The children are invited to wear something green to school for the day.

St. George's day - Tuesday 23rd April. The children are invited to wear something red and white to school for the day.

### **Challenge Day.....Saturday 23 March 2019: 10.00 a.m. - 12.00 noon**

At Dovers Green we have created a wonderful outside learning environment where children can play, explore, use their imagination, apply their learning to problem solving activities, take part in Forest School..... but our grounds do need to be maintained. So now, as we are moving into spring, it's that time again!



Please do try to come along and meet the challenge with other parents, staff and governors between 10.00 a.m. and 12.00 noon. Any help you can give will be most welcome so just stay as long as you want to. We will be tidying the grounds, working on the pond, weeding, digging, cutting back brambles, sweeping... Please bring along brooms, rakes, spades, forks, secateurs, wheelbarrows, leaf blowers... Light refreshments will be provided during the morning. I am really grateful to the parents, staff and governors who give up their free time to ensure that our school always looks at its best. We'd be particularly grateful if there are any tree surgeons who would be able to help us with some maintenance in Forest School.

### **Make an Easter or Spring Hat to wear**

On Monday 1 April it is our Easter Assembly for children and staff and we would like your child/ren to make an Easter or spring hat at home to wear to the assembly. We look forward to seeing their creations! Sue our school cook will be making a special Easter themed lunch on Friday 5 April to end the week.



### **After School**

Please can I remind all parents to leave the playground promptly via the school gates once you have collected your child from their classroom. Whilst I appreciate it is a great opportunity to catch up with other parents and for children to let off some steam in the playground, we often have children being collected late waiting by the office and after school clubs held in the classrooms so we cannot have parents cutting through the

school. As the weather is changing Tea Time Tigers will also be using the outside space so the external gates need to be locked promptly. Therefore, please can you leave the playground by 3.20 p.m.

The terrace area is used to support the Children's learning throughout the school day and staff spend a lot of time setting out the resources and activities. Therefore please could you not allow younger children to play on the terrace. We would also like to ask that from Monday 4 March, Yellow and Red Ladybirds parents wait on the playground when you come to collect your children at the end of the day and we will bring them out to you. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

### **Dovers got Talent**

At Dovers Green we love to celebrate our children's talents. If your child has accomplished an achievement outside school - for example performed in a dance show; reached a grade in dance or music; been man of the match or girl of the game for their sport etc. - please remember to send in a photo of your child in their costume, holding a certificate or medal together with a bit of background information about their achievement so that we can display their achievement on the two boards either side of my office.

You can share this information by either sending a photo and the information to [info@dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk) or give a paper version to the office or class teacher. If you only have an original photograph we will photocopy and return the original to you.

### **School Places**

If your child is starting infant school or moving to a junior school in September 2019, you should receive the outcome of your application on the evening of Tuesday 16 April 2019 if you applied online, or if you completed a paper application, the Local Authority will send you a letter by first class post on Monday 16 April 2019. You can also log into your account to see the outcome from the same evening.



If you have downloaded the mobile app 'ParentComms', you will also receive a push notification during the evening of Monday 16 April 2019 telling you the school your child has been allocated. If you applied online but cannot be offered your first preference school, the Local Authority will also write to you by first class post.

Once you have been offered a school place, you must accept or decline it by Monday 30 April 2019. If you don't, the offer may be withdrawn. If you applied online, you can reply online. If you applied by paper, you will need to return the reply slip by post. I strongly recommend you accept the place you are offered, even if this is not for the school you wanted, as it will ensure your child has a school place in September. You can go on waiting lists for other schools, or appeal. If you decline the offer and you have no alternative place, you will be responsible for finding your child another school. The place you decline may be offered to another child and may not be available later if you change your mind.

The Local Authority will publish details of how places have been allocated for September 2019 as soon as possible after the allocation and these will be made available on their web page.

### **Children's Centre.....a message from Anna**



*Spring has sprung it seems with sunny days over half term and those lighter longer days means more time to be outdoors in the fresh air!*

*We remain hugely disappointed about the Authority's decision to close many Children's Centres, and despite our looming closure, we aim to offer as full a timetable as possible into the Summer for all of our valued local families.*

*Watch this space for our latest flyer detailing new term dates for our favoured courses and talks. We will support you all through the transition of services, and are currently working on a list of local groups you could join in our absence and when we know about where Health may be located and how the new 'Family Centres' will work, and where they will be, we will let you know. In the meantime, make the most of our welcoming centre, friendly and professional staff and amazing variety of courses, activities and support we can still offer for now.*

*A summary of what's available is below:*

*Baby Massage courses running in May & June; by popular demand our 10 week Parenting Puzzle starts on 25 April in the evenings; weaning talks are held generally on the last Thursday of the month; the Child Health drop in for weighing your baby and seeing the Health Visitor alternates with the Cosy Café Under 1's group on a Monday morning and our famous Play & Learn on Tuesday (we are unfortunately having to turn some people away so please do book if you're in the area). It's so nice to see familiar faces each week and watch your children grow and thrive. Baby Café is here every Wednesday during term time 10-12 for all of your breastfeeding support needs - including tea & cake!*

*Most courses have a minimal charge, or are FREE. If you're experiencing financial difficulty speak to one of the team. We can also advise on managing money, domestic abuse, parenting and relationships, mental health, school readiness, speech and language and our lovely child physio Julie is holding her last talk for us on 20 June. Don't miss it!*

***\*\* Save The Date - Our Farewell Family Fun Day will take place on Saturday 13 July 12-4pm - Further details to follow \*\****

*Once again, thanks for all your support!*

*From Anna & the team*

Yours sincerely



**Anya Salisbury  
Headteacher**

## SPRING TERM 2019

### Dates for Your Diary

Monday 4 March	<b>Book Week</b> 'Starsnappers' workshop; T-shirts needed for Hedgehogs, Otters, RLB & YLB
Tuesday 5 March	Star Snappers – T-shirts needed for Owls, Rabbits
Wednesday 6 March	Star Snappers – T-shirts needed for Squirrels, Foxes, BLB, Badgers
Thursday 7 March	Dress up for World Book Day
Friday 8 March	Bring your Mum's to School Afternoon from 1.40 p.m.
<b>Monday 11 March</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
Thursday 14 March	Hedgehogs Class Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Friday 15 March	<b>'Red Nose Day' – Wear Red to school</b> Comic Relief Bike it Breakfast 8.00 a.m. – 8.45 a.m.
Monday 18 March	St Patrick's day - <i>Wear green to school for Saints day</i>
Tuesday 19 March	Year 2 Trip to Wakehurst Place Early years 4+ Reception heights, weights, eye screening (Please make sure your consent form has been returned)
Wednesday 20 March	Early years 4+ Reception heights, weights, eye screening (Please make sure your consent form has been returned)
Thursday 21 March	Owls Class Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Friday 22 March	Mother's Day Mufti Day Year 1 Performance 2.00 p.m.
Saturday 23 March	Challenge Saturday 10.00 a.m. – 12 noon
Thursday 28 March	PTA Super Lady Sale
Friday 29 March	Ladybirds Mother's Day assembly 2.00 p.m.
Monday 1 April	Easter Assembly (children only) – <i>Please bring in your Easter hats!</i>
Thursday 4 April	Otters Class Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Friday 5 April	<b>Schools Out for Easter 1.30 p.m.</b>
Tuesday 23 April	<b>Back to School!</b> St. George's day - <i>Wear red and white to school for Saints day</i>