



DOVERS GREEN SCHOOL

May 2019 Newsletter

Dear Parents,

It is wonderful to be back. I am very grateful to Nicki White for leading Dovers in my absence and to the whole of the Dovers Team for continuing to support the children's learning through engaging themes and experiences. My week back included an amazing performance from our Year 2 dance club at the Harlequin Theatre last Thursday. Yes, I may be biased, but I have had it confirmed by Headteachers, staff, governors and parents of other schools (let alone our own) that the Dovers Green performance stole the show. They really were outstanding. Please look at our website for photos and a video. A huge thank you to Lucy Richens who has led this club and prepared them for their performance and for the 7 other teachers who came along to support on the evening. I felt so proud of our children and the team of staff we have at Dovers that unite and support each other. The new term has begun very well with a mixture of weather to wake up to each day. Here's hoping for a sunny Bank Holiday weekend!!

Badgers are learning about jungle animals and will be visiting Drusilla's on Thursday 13 June. Year 1 are going to Leeds Castle on Wednesday 8 May to support their current Knights and Castle theme and Year 2 will be visiting London Zoo on Thursday 6 June as part of their new theme - Globe Trotters.

We have a lot going on this term and some changes to some events so please do read through the newsletter. All need to know dates can also be found on our website.

Staff News

We have had the additions of two baby boys to our Dovers Green family with Mrs Hannah Edwards giving birth to Jude on 24 April and Mrs Emily Brown giving birth to Joey on 29 April. We wish both teachers much happiness and all our best wishes in their new family units.



We also said a sad Goodbye to Mrs Roxanne Milner Brown at Easter who has moved to East Sussex with her family.

Children's' Centre

As you know it is in the coming weeks that we sadly face the closure of our Children's' Centre. We thought that we had until August for this and the Centre were planning a Centre Celebration Fun day on Saturday 13 July where all the community was going to be invited. Last week we received some very confusing news that the expectation from Surrey now is that the Centre will stop its services by half term. As you can imagine this is quite a shock as it doesn't give us much time. When we hear officially about the dates we will inform you of the closure dates and our plans to celebrate the ten years of amazing service that the Centre has offered to us lead by Anna Durbridge and her team.



Environmental Week

The week after half term is Environmental Week and the children will be undertaking much of their learning outside. Many exciting activities have been planned including a recycled art project. During the week there will be an opportunity for you to participate in a Forest School session with your child. The times for your child's class are:



Monday 3 June	10.30 a.m.	Otters
	1.30 p.m.	Owls
Tuesday 4 June	9.00 a.m.	Squirrels
	1.30 p.m.	Red Ladybirds

Wednesday 6 June	9.10 a.m.	Yellow Ladybirds
	1.30 a.m.	Foxes
Thursday 7 June	9.10 a.m.	Blue Ladybirds
	1.20 p.m.	Yellow Ladybirds
Friday 8 June	9.00 a.m.	Hedgehogs
	1.30 p.m.	Badgers

A sign-up sheet will be available outside your child's classroom from Monday 20 May 2019.

Walk To School:

To end our Environmental week on **Friday 7 June** we will be doing our Summer Walk to School. This will also be a **green mufti day**. It would be great if we could get our highest number of children walking to school with staff and parents on this day - the record to beat is 74!!! We meet at the Beehive at 8:20 a.m. to leave by 8:30 a.m. and walk to school with the children waving our Dovers Green flag. Hope to see lots of you there.

Sports Day

Sports day will be held on **Friday 5 July**, we will be following the same format as last year. The children will come to school wearing their PE kits and will spend the morning taking part in different sporting events run by the GCSE PE students at Reigate School and our teachers. Parents are asked to join us for a picnic lunch at **12:00 p.m.** on the field - we will provide a picnic lunch for all the children who have a school lunch. The afternoon races will start at **12:45 p.m.** When the races are finished parents are welcome to take their children home that you collect the children from their classrooms so we know exactly who has gone home.



Moving Up Day

On Tuesday 2 July Ladybirds and Year 1 will spend the afternoon with their new teachers. We are not planning to mix up Ladybirds this year as they go into Year 1. We are however swapping the Year 1 and Year 2 classrooms over. This is because the outdoor terrace area for the current Year 2 classrooms is much larger and will provide the new Year 1 children with an outdoor area that will be developed to be similar to the current one they are used to, and this will help with the transition from the EYFS curriculum to the Key Stage 1 curriculum. The current Year 1 will be staying where they are but will swap classrooms and class names so they feel like it is a new beginning and will have the chance to help design and create their own outdoor area.

End of Year Reports

On Friday 5 July the children will be bringing home their end of year report which will inform you of their current attainment and effort levels for all subjects and their next targets in reading, writing, maths and science. I read and sign all the reports writing a personal comment for each of the Year 2 children. If you have any questions regarding the reports then you can discuss these with your child's teacher during the Celebration evening or book an appointment after school before the end of term.



Summer Celebration Evening - Tuesday 9 July 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

This year we are trying a new format for our Summer Celebration Open evening. In each classroom there will be a display of work completed throughout the year. In the hall there will be a display of art work completed in our Green / Environmental week and we will be asking our choir and country dancers to perform. It will be the chance for parents to see the work their child has completed throughout year; discuss your child's end of year report if wished; visit their child's new classes and teachers and watch our talented children perform. We will also be asking the parents and children that will be starting in September to attend. The reason for this change is to create more of a community event for children, parents and staff and to ensure that the evening lives up to its name: **Summer Celebration**.



Year 2 Leavers Assembly / Production

The Year 2 leavers Assembly / Production will be performed on both Tuesday 16 July and Wednesday 17 July at 1:30 p.m. Unlike last year this will be open to all Year 2 parents without the need for a ticket. We also welcome Grandparents or any other important people in the children's lives to come and watch their show. Unfortunately this performance will not be filmed.

A few reminders.....if/when the weather gets warmer.....

- It is essential that the children drink plenty of water so please do ensure that they bring their water bottles into school every day filled with water only. We will encourage them to drink throughout the day. 
- Ensure that water bottles do not go in book bags when travelling to and from school to avoid accidental water damage of books.
- It is important that the children remember their sun hats and wear sunscreen to give them protection. This should be applied at home. 
- Children should wear appropriate footwear. Please do not send your children to school in sandals or flip-flops as they do not protect children's feet against the hustle and bustle of the school day. Save them for the weekend!
- Due to them getting lost, except in exceptional circumstances, children should not have sunglasses at school and if it is necessary, the class teacher should be informed. 

Children's Centre news

It is with sadness we are writing what could be our last newsletter update.

We have enjoyed yet another full Play & Learn session this week and we will run these until May half term. As soon as we can confirm our closure date we will let you all know. Please look out on our Facebook page and website for further information or as always pop in or give us a call.

In the meantime we won't be taking any more bookings onto our Spring/Summer courses. We will inform you whether the ones we have scheduled in for June/July will be going ahead in due course.

We thank you all so much for your ongoing support and would love you continue to use our services until the doors are locked for the final time whenever that may be.

Anna and the team.

If there is anything you need to discuss with me I will be happy to meet with you.

Yours faithfully,



**Anya Salisbury
Headteacher**



SUMMER TERM 2018



Dates for Your Diary

Monday 6 May	SCHOOL CLOSED - BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 7 May	Pedals Road Safety Course for Hedgehogs & Otters class
Wednesday 8 May	Pedals Road Safety Course for Owls class Year 1 School trip to Leeds Castle - they are due back at 4.15 p.m.
Thursday 9 May	Red Ladybirds Class Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Friday 10 May	Celebrate your Heroes PTA Mufti Day
Wednesday 15 May	Pedals Road Safety Course for Squirrels and Rabbits class
Thursday 16 May	Yellow Ladybirds class assembly 9.00 a.m. Pedals Road Safety Course for Foxes class
Thursday 23 May	Blue Ladybird's class assembly 9.00 a.m.
Friday 24 May	Summer Fair PTA Mufti day School's Out for Half Term! Finish at 3.05 p.m.
Monday 3 June	Back To School Start of Environmental Week including Forest School Open Days
Thursday 6 June	Year 2 School trip to London Zoo
Friday 7 June	Walk to School on GREEN Mufti Day - Children to wear green.
Monday 10 June	Parent Forum Meeting in Beavers 9.00 a.m.
Tuesday 11 June	Induction Evening for New Parents 7.00 p.m. - 9.00 p.m.
Wednesday 12 June	Celebrate your Heroes Day PTA sale
Thursday 13 June	Foxes Class Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Friday 14 June	Ladybirds Cake sale PTA Summer School Disco 5.30 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.
Monday 17 June	'Feeling Good Week'
Wednesday 19 June	Bike it Breakfast from 8.00 a.m. - 8.40 a.m.
Thursday 20 June	Squirrels Class Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Friday 21 June	Summer Fair PTA Mufti day
Thursday 27 June	Rabbits Class Assembly 9.00 a.m.
Friday 5 July	Sports Day with Picnic Lunch 12 noon - 3.00 p.m. School Reports to Parents

Saturday 6 July

SUMMER FAIR 12 noon - 2.30 p.m.

Tuesday 9 July

Summer Celebration 4.00 p.m. - 7.00 p.m.

Thursday 11 July

Badgers Performance 9.00 a.m.

Tuesday 16 July

Year 2 Leavers Production 1.30 p.m.

Wednesday 17 July

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Thursday 18 July

Volunteers tea party 2.00 p.m. - 3.00 p.m.

Friday 19 July

School's Out for Summer! Finish at 1.30 p.m.