



Dovers Green School November 2021 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, apologies for this newsletter coming out a week late but as you know I was unfortunately struck down with COVID. I'm most definitely on the mend, but the lack of taste and smell is very disconcerting! At the moment, we have had one child and two members of staff who have tested positive since returning to school. We have re-introduced staff wearing face coverings in communal areas around school to give us all an extra layer of protection and ask that you continue to wear them yourselves when on the school site.

As COVID is still very much part of our lives and having experienced first-hand how unwell it can make you feel even if you are double vaccinated, I have made some decisions around forthcoming events, especially in the run-up to the Christmas Holiday. I am hoping that as many members of our school community as possible will be able to fully enjoy the Christmas festivities.

Parents Evenings

These will be held on 22 and 24 November via Zoom between 3.30 and 6.30 p.m. We had hoped to offer parents a choice of either a face to face or virtual meeting, but in order to limit the amount of different people the teachers come in contact with we have opted for the virtual option. Booking for the appointments will go live on Monday 15 November and you will be sent booking information via Parentmail. If you are unable to have an appointment via Zoom, please get in touch and we will make alternative arrangements.

For Parents of children in Owls, I will be in touch with you to re-arrange these meetings once I know when Miss Richardson will be returning to school.

For Parents of children in Squirrels class, the evenings will be on **Monday 22** and **Thursday 25 November**.

Christmas at Dovers Green

We have had much deliberation about how we and the children can celebrate Christmas safely with you this year! We had hoped that we would be able to invite you in so that the children could do a special performance for you, but in order to accommodate you all safely we would have had to do so many performances, it simply wasn't feasible or fair on the children.



We have, however, come up with what I think will be a very magical and memorable alternative! We will be holding a whole school outdoor Carol Concert (with added extras!) over three afternoons on **7, 8, and 10 December**. **The concerts will start at 2.15 p.m. and each family will be able to book two tickets.** We will send more information out about the concerts and how to book tickets at the beginning of December.

If you have got a gazebo that we could borrow, please get in touch with the school office.

The PTA have also decided that they will not be holding the traditional Christmas Fair this year. They have however got lots of fun activities planned for the children in school. More information to follow.

Christmas activities

Thursday 9 December - Pantomime for the children (there will be a small charge for this)



Tuesday 14 December - Party Day for the children with hopefully a visit from a special person in the afternoon!

Wednesday 15 December - Christmas lunch. Please make a Christmas hat at home for your child to wear to lunch. If your child usually has packed lunch but would like to have a Christmas lunch, please contact the school office and they will get that booked in for you.

Friday 17 December - School finishes at 1.00 p.m.

Children's learning from last half-term

The children really enjoyed having the opportunity to share, celebrate and understand the impact of Black heritage and culture during Black History Month. The children also celebrated the things that make us all unique and special.

During our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) week, the children took part in lots of different learning activities, including an experiment to see if they could design a method of dropping an egg without it breaking. The children came up with lots of innovative designs with some being more successful than others!!



Anti-bullying week

The theme for this year's Anti-Bullying Week, starting on the 15th November, is 'One Kind Word'.



Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying can have a significant impact on a child's well-being. Throughout the week the children will be learning; What bullying is, the different types of bullying and most importantly, what to do if they feel that they are being bullied. All children in Reception will be coming home with a child friendly Anti-Bullying leaflet which discusses these topics. Please can you take the time to read this to your child. Children in years 1 and 2 received this leaflet last year. If you would like another copy, please contact the School Office.

Dovers Green is proactive in creating a safe nurturing environment for your child and uses different strategies to maintain this such as: School Council, Playground Friends, Pupil Voice, the Buddy Bench and WIBIT (see below). WIBIT helps the children to discuss their feelings and provides them with a tool to explain how they can become happier.

On Monday 15th November it is **Odd Socks Day** which is an opportunity to encourage our children to celebrate how we are all special and unique. Please send your child to school with odd socks in celebration of such an important topic. As a reminder we use 'WIBIT' to help the children talk to each other when they have been hurt or upset and to help them develop the understanding that their words and actions have consequences.

W I B I T	
W	 When you...
I	 I feel...
B	 because
I	 I would like you to
T	 Thank you

School lunches

Twelve 15 are experiencing some difficulties with their deliveries. They aim to let you know in advance if there has to be a change to the daily menu, but we hope you understand that this is not always possible.

School Ambassadors

A huge thank you to all the children who completed application forms. I will be asking the children, including Ladybirds and Badgers, again in February if they would like to apply for any special jobs.

Class	Green Team	Playground Friends	School Council	Librarians
Hedgehogs	Asya and Freddie	Phoebe, Poppy-Jaye, Aurelia, Daniel and Edom	Grace and Myles	Chloe P
Owls	Darcie H and Max S	Zelin, Finley, Amber, Sienna and Elsie	Ethan and Riley	Riley (with Dylan to help)
Otters	Ruby and Temi	Ksenia, Olivia, Harlow, Emily and Mila	Joseph and Grace	Mia
Rabbits	Ellis and Frankie	Thea, Eloise, Darcey, Dillon and Emily	Sally and Rory	Kieran
Squirrels	Arya and Stanley	Archie B, Ruby, Magnus, Ryan and Indi.	Emma and Ramin	Edmund
Foxes	Levi and Evie	Lani, Poppy, Freya, Laura, Stacie-Jo	Laila and Riley	Libby

Sponsored Walk

We have currently raised a brilliant £2,034 from our Sponsored walk. If you have got any outstanding monies that you have raised, please could you send it in as soon as possible. Thank you so much for your support.



Children in Need



Children in Need Day is on Friday 19 November and their theme this year is, 'Together we can change young lives.' To support this event, the children are invited to wear their own clothes and if possible something yellow or spotty. We are asking for a £1 donation which can be put in the postbox by the main entrance.

Open Morning Wanders

I am delighted that we will be able to welcome prospective parents to visit our wonderful school again. If you know of anyone who is looking for a place for their child from September 2022 please let them know that we are holding our 'Open Morning Wanders' on the following dates.

Wednesday 17th November

Monday 29th November

These will run for an hour between 10.30-11.30. They will begin with a short presentation to welcome you to our school and to provide some key information, after which you will have the opportunity to look around the school, ask any questions you may have and see what life is like at Dovers Green.

The Priory School

Attached to this Newsletter is a letter from Surrey County Council about the proposed move of The Priory School to the old 'Canon' site which will be of interest to you when considering which school your child moves to when they leave Dovers.

Winter is here!

As the evenings are drawing in and the mornings are getting darker, here is a reminder from the Surrey Safer Roads Partnership about the safety precautions that can keep yourselves and others safe on the roads.



Yours faithfully,

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Ms Nicki Starling
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary 2021 - 2022

15-19 November	Anti-Bullying Week Monday 15 November - Odd Sock Day.
17 November	Open Morning Wander for Prospective Parents
Friday 19 November	Children in Need Day - wear own clothes with something yellow or spotty!
18 November	Hedgehogs Assembly
22 and 24 November	Virtual Parents Evening
26 November	PTA Mufti Day
29 November	Open Morning Wander for Prospective Parents
Week commencing 6 December	KS1 Christmas Production
Thursday 9 December	Pantomime for the Children
Week commencing 13 December	EYFS and Badgers Christmas Production
Tuesday 14 December	Christmas party day for the children
Wednesday 15 December	Christmas Lunch for children
17 December	PTA Mufti Day End of Term - 1.00 p.m. finish
Tuesday 4 January	School closed for the children - INSET day
Wednesday 5 January	School starts for the children
5 - 14 January	Creative Arts at Dovers Green
Thursday 20 January	Foxes Assembly (2.30 p.m.)
Thursday 27 January	Squirrels Assembly (2.30 p.m.)
Monday 31 January	School closed for the children - INSET day
Thursday 3 February	Rabbits Assembly (2.30 p.m.)
14 - 18 February	Half term
1 - 4 March	Book Week
Thursday 3 March	Hedgehogs Assembly
Monday 7 March	School closed for the children - INSET day
Thursday 10 March	Otters Assembly
Thursday 17 March	Owls Assembly
Thursday 24 March	EYFS Mother's Day Assembly
Friday 1 April	End of Term
Tuesday 19 April	Start of Summer term