

Dovers Green School

July 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't quite believe that this is the last newsletter of this academic year. It is a time that is always tinged with a bit of sadness as we say goodbye to our year 2 children and their families, but we wish them every success and happiness as they start the next stage of their learning journey.

A massive thank you to the amazing members of the PTA and volunteers on the day that made the Summer Picnic on Saturday such a success. If you were there, I am sure that you will agree that there was such a lovely atmosphere and it was great to see the Dovers Green community coming together as well as raising £3500 for the school! I hope that some of you are inspired to get involved so that we can hold more events like this!

I am also delighted to tell you that Mrs Hannah Edwards has been promoted to Deputy Head and will take up her new role in September.

The children's learning

In Badgers we have been learning about Minibeasts. During Green week we started learning about Bees and how they help the planet by pollinating flowers. We took part in a science experiment in which we used cheesy puffs as pollen grains and investigated how the 'pollen' transferred from flower to flower when we touched the cheesy puffs. We also pretended to be worker bees in a hive, we helped the Queen bee by keeping the hive tidy and collecting the nectar from the flowers.



In Ladybirds our new topic for this half term is called 'Are we nearly there yet?' and we have been learning about different types of transport. We started by thinking about vehicles which travel 'on the road', and we learnt about how cars were different in the past, to how they look now! We were so lucky because Mrs Eatenton drove her beautiful old Morris Minor to school for us to look at! We compared this car with Mrs Thomas' electric car...how things have changed! We learnt about the story 'The Naughty Bus' and wrote some super sentences about where the naughty bus might go, such as in the garden, underwater or even through some baked beans!



The children in year 1 really enjoyed learning about how to make small changes to help save our planet during Green Week. When learning about re-using materials they made collages of the world using old magazines and newspapers. This half term the children are continuing with our Castles and Dragons topic and have enjoyed producing factsheets all about life in a castle.



We have been busy explorers in year 2 over the last month. First we visited Reigate school and looked in wonder at the amazing GCSE artwork. It was then time for the children to finally experience the long awaited school trip to the Tower of London, which didn't disappoint! We all had a fabulous time and travelling by train made it extra special. We were also invited to Sandcross where the children took part in different sporting activities and had lots of fun. We have made so many memories which we look forward to sharing with you at our Leavers Assembly next month!



Book return



Please can you have a good check at home for any school library, reading and story books and return them to school by Friday 15 July. Thank you.

Sports Day

On Thursday 7th July we are excited to invite you in for Sports Day. During the morning the children will take part in a carousel of sporting activities with their class. You are invited to join your child for a picnic lunch from 12 noon and those children who have a school lunch will have their lunch provided from the school kitchen. At 1pm the children will return to their classrooms for registration and we will then return to the field to begin our racing events. There will be a variety of races during the afternoon which all of the children will take part in. We will be sending your child's PE kit home next week, after their usual PE lesson, so that you can send the children into school on Thursday in their school PE kit, ensuring they are wearing the correct footwear (trainers or plimsolls). This can then be worn for the day and the children will return home in their kits. Please remember to remove any earrings before the children come to school on Thursday.



If we have to cancel the event due to bad weather, we will put a message on the website (www.dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk) and on the PTA Facebook Page. Depending on the weather forecast, we will make a final decision by 11.00 am. Please do not phone the school office. If we have to cancel we have scheduled an alternative date on Tuesday 12 July. If any parents have got a gazebo they could lend us it would be really appreciated to provide shade for the children, please drop it into school before Wednesday if you do. Many thanks.

Internet safety



Please be aware that despite its seemingly harmless name, the toy, associated games and YouTube shows called 'Huggy Wuggy,' are inappropriate for infant aged children and can be very frightening. Please ensure that you monitor what your child watches on-line carefully and please do not bring any of the toys into school. I have also included some links to parental advice on children's access to TIKTOK.

Parents' Ultimate Guide to TikTok (Commonsense Media)

<https://www.common sense media.org/articles/parents-ultimate-guide-to-tiktok>

TikTok app safety - What parents need to know (Internet Matters)

<https://www.internetmatters.org/hub/esafety-news/tik-tok-app-safety-what-parents-need-to-know/>

Parents afternoon for current EYFS parents

On 14 July at 2.30 we are holding a brief information giving session to inform parents of children who are currently in Ladybirds about what to expect when their child moves into key stage 1. Please come along if you are able to.

Parking

I've received a number of complaints recently from residents of Rushetts Road and Nuthatch Gardens about parking by people blocking drives or parking on gardens. Please be respectful and make sure that if you do have to drive to drop off or pick up your child or children, you do park appropriately and legally.

Please can you also ensure that your children are carefully supervised once they are outside the school gates, especially around the crossing at Lonesome Lane. Thank you.



A couple of pleas!

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. 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.

The Primary Quality Mark Accreditation



We are very pleased to confirm that Dovers Green have been awarded a Quality Mark for English and Maths in recognition of our improving provision, practice and performance. We are thrilled to have been awarded this and the work we do helps to ensure that children leave with high levels of literacy and numeracy skills. Please see the attached letter for more information.

Yours faithfully,

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Nicki Starling
Headteacher

Dates for your Diary -Summer Term 2022

Thursday 7 July	Sports Day (bring a picnic lunch from 12.00) the PTA will also be running a cold drink and snack stall.
Friday 8 July	INSET day for staff. School closed for children
Tuesday 12 July	Alternative date for Sports Day
Thursday 14 July	Badgers trip to Tilgate Park Information afternoon for current EYFS parents (2.30 pm)
Friday 15 July	Year 1 trip to Leeds Castle
Monday 18 July	Current reception and year 1 children to visit new classes
Tuesday 19 July	Ladybirds trip to Bocketts Farm
Wednesday 20 July	Year 2 Leavers' Assembly (9.15 start) Year 2 Leavers' disco (pm)
Thursday 21 July	Special Leavers event for year 2 children!
Friday 22 July	Mufti Day & End of term - 1.15 p.m. finish.
Friday 2 September	INSET day for staff. School closed for children.
Monday 5 September	Start of school for children in years 1 and 2.

