



Devonshire Infant School

NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

This year seems to be racing by; I can't believe that we are almost at the end of the Spring term! The Summer term is going to be very busy with lots going on, so please note down all the following dates on your diaries, calendars, phones etc!!!

Dates

Friday	15	March	Walk a mile sponsored event
Monday	18	March	Foxes' parent meetings
Monday	18	March	Owls' parent meetings – am
Tuesday	19	March	Badgers' parent meetings
Wednesday	20	March	Hedgehogs' parent meetings
Thursday	21	March	Squirrels' parent meetings
Thursday	21	March	Y2 Infant Voices at the Guildhall – evening
Monday	25	March	Rabbits' parent meetings
Monday	25	March	Y1 explorers walk
Tuesday	26	March	Fieldmice parent meetings
Wednesday	27	March	Easter raffle
Thursday	28	March	Achievement assembly (for invited parents)
Thursday	28	March	Last day of term
Monday	15	April	Back to school
Thursday	2	May	YR trip to Staunton farm (details to follow)
Monday	6	May	School closed - bank holiday
Monday	27	May	School closed for week for half term
Monday	3	June	School reopens after half term holiday
Friday	14	June	Zoolab visiting Y2
Wednesday	26	June	Sports day (details to follow)
Thursday	27	June	Y2 trip to Longdown Dairy Farm (details to follow)
Tuesday	2	July	Y1 trip to Manor Farm
Friday	5	July	School closed for staff training
Thursday	11	July	Y2 leavers assembly to parents (details to follow)
Monday	15	July	Owls parent meetings (details to follow)
Tue/Thurs	16/18	July	YR/1/2 parent meetings (details to follow)
Thursday	18	July	Achievement assembly (for invited parents)
Friday	19	July	Y2 sleepover (details to follow)
Wednesday	24	July	Last day of term



Other News/Reminders

Spelling Bee

This half term we held a year 1 and year 2 Spelling Bee event. We changed how we carried out this activity, to make it more inclusive for all children. The winners in each class were each selected by their teacher based on their progress since the start of the year and their level of engagement, effort and use of spelling in their work. All the children took part enthusiastically and received a sticker and certificate. The runners up got a medal and the winner from each class received a small trophy. Well done everyone!

Easter Raffle

Tickets are now on sale first thing each morning for the Easter raffle, which is due to take place on Wednesday 27 March. The proceeds will be used to buy additional reading books. If you have any Easter themed prizes, we would be very grateful.



Annual Reports

I do hope that you will all be pleased with your child's report which you will receive on 15 March. Please complete and send in your response sheet, with any comments.

Thank a School Superhero

The deadline to thank a school superhero is fast approaching! Parents, carers and colleagues are being invited to thank a school superhero. Teach Portsmouth are asking people to send a special thank you message for someone in our school. Visit the Teach Portsmouth website and help us recognise a school superhero today! The deadline for messages is **Friday 15 March**. So don't delay and head to www.teachportsmouth.co.uk/thankyou.

World Book Day

Thank you to everyone for supporting this event. The children looked amazing and everyone had a great day, sharing their favourite bedtime stories. Years 1 and 2 shared their books with children from Fernhurst Junior School and there will soon be some lovely photos for you to look at on the school website.

Contact Information and Medical Conditions

Please can I remind parents/carers to ensure that contact information – address, telephone numbers, email address, emergency contacts etc are kept up to date. If any of these change, please ensure that you let us know so that we can contact you in the event of an emergency.

Please also keep the class teacher and office staff informed of any current or new medical conditions that your child has.

PE Kits

Can I remind parents to make sure that your child has a PE kit in school. You can buy Devonshire PE bags, shorts and t shirts from the school office or alternatively any t-shirt and shorts will be fine.

Borrowed Clothes



Please can I remind parents/carers to return any borrowed clothes to school. Currently our stock of underwear, socks and tights are running very low, as children are being changed into them, and then the clothing is not coming back into school.

Uniform

School uniform, PE kits, caps and book bags can all be purchased from the school office on any afternoon from 1pm.

Book Bags

Please ensure that you check your child's book bag every day for any letters. **All** children are given copies of any letters that come home. Those children that are absent receive their named letter when they return to school. We often find children's book bags full of letters! Remember, that all newsletters and letters to parents are also on our website.

Social Media

Please can I remind parents/carers that no photos of children (other than your own) should be uploaded to any social media site, without getting permission from their parents.

Thank you for taking the time to read this newsletter. If there is anything that you wish to discuss further or are unsure of, please don't hesitate to ask me

Best wishes, and have a lovely Easter holiday, when it gets here. Let's hope the sun shines!

Jackie Collins
Headteacher

