



# Dovedale Primary School

*'Imagine, Believe, Achieve'*

**Diary Dates**—you will have received a calendar of events for the whole academic year. Below are some key dates:

## **November**

Friday 10th—Own clothes day whole school—donations of bric a brac from juniors only

Friday 17th—Children in Need, own clothes whole school £1

Friday 24th—Own clothes day whole school—donations of bottles

## **December**

Friday 1st—Own clothes day whole school—donations of cakes / biscuits from KS1

Thursday 7th—Year 3 Nativity 9.15am

Monday 11th—EYFS and KS1 Disco with Santa

Wednesday 13th—Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th—KS2 discos

Thursday 14th—RMM and RM Nativity 9.15am

Friday 15th—RJ and RW Nativity 9.15am

Monday 18th—EYFS and KS1 Party Day

Tuesday 19th—KS2 Party Day

Thursday 21st—School closes at 1.30pm for the Christmas break

## **Road Safety and Parking**

This week KS2 were visited by a Rose Crossland from the Local Authority who supports schools with road safety. She led an assembly with the children talking about how to stay safe in and around our school and how to cross roads safely.

We tweeted this and a parent responded asking if there could be something for parents as the number of parents parking on the zig zags and double yellow lines has increased this academic year.

Last year Mrs Cannon, Deputy Head Teacher, started a campaign with the then School Council about the dangers of parking on zig zags. There was team of children and staff who would be out and about placing polite postcards on those cars parking dangerously. You will have noticed that this has not happened this year and there are reasons for this:

- ***The level of verbal abuse that the children and staff suffered from parents whilst carrying out this initiative was unacceptable.***
- ***The children and staff felt threatened by the behaviour of some parents.***

Parking in and around every school in the country is an issue and it would be unrealistic for me as Head Teacher to say that I can solve it. Ultimately it comes down to **all** parents to act and park responsibly to keep everyone safe.

As a school we battled with the Local Authority to get double yellow lines on the corner of all the streets around our school. These were put in place to ensure that parents and children could cross at each corner safely, being able to see on coming traffic. Unfortunately there are many parents who park on these who then make it difficult for parents and children to cross and for cars to turn out of the roads.

We appreciate that it can be stressful getting children to school but no matter if you are running late you need to think about where and how you park.

The government recently announced that the waiting period or drop off on zig zags around schools has been lifted which means that a penalty notice can be issued to any car that stops on zig zags and also double yellow lines immediately.

Please help us to keep our children safe by parking **LEGALLY and RESPONSIBLY.**

## **Parents' Evening**

Next week you will have the opportunity to meet with your class teacher to discuss your child and their progress. You should have booked your appointment through Parentmail.

On the evenings there will be 3 doors open to our school to enable you to get to your child's classroom:

**Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and to see Mrs Fox**—use the door next to the infant hall.

**Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and to see Ms Gwilym (top corridor) and Mrs Edain (bottom corridor)**—use the door under the canopy opposite the school office.

**Year 6**—use the door under the canopy next to the junior hall.

Please note appointments are 10 minutes.

### The Book People Book Bus

Last year we had a very successful Book Bus on the playground. The Book Bus will be returning to Dovedale for 1 day on **Wednesday 8th November**. It will be open before and after school for you to visit to purchase any books at heavily discounted prices. The school we get a percentage of the takings which we can use to buy new books for our class libraries.

### Own Clothes days for the Christmas Fair

Over the next few weeks we will be holding own clothes days for voluntary donations for our Christmas Fair which is on Friday 1st December. Own clothes days are for the whole school but on some of them we are only asking for voluntary donations from either key stage, see below:

Collection Day	Items	Who from?
Friday 3rd November	Toiletries	Infants and Juniors
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Books / bric-a-brac / toys	Juniors ONLY
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Own clothes day for Children in Need £1</b>	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	Bottles (e.g. wines / spirits etc.)	Infants and Juniors
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Biscuits / cakes / sweets	Infants ONLY

### Friends of Dovedale

Last year the Friends of Dovedale ran many events for our children and families. The support that we received has been fantastic and it has enabled us as a school to benefit from many additional resources and equipment that we would not have been able to fund ourselves. Last year Friends of Dovedale supported our school in the following ways:

- ***£5000 donation towards the new adventure playground***
- ***£32 towards prizes for Internet Safety***
- ***£2963.52 to fund Athletics for children from Year 1 to Year 6***
- ***£516.48 towards challenging reading texts for more able readers***
- ***£520 to buy 3 picnic benches for the quiet area***
- ***£987.26 to fund a Y6 Leavers' trip to Spring City***

As you can see all your support through donations and attending events has had a real impact on all the children in our school. Thank you to everyone who donates, supports, organises and runs all the events!

### School Council elected

All our school councillors have now been democratically elected by the other children in their class. Any child in the class was able to put themselves forward for election. Each child then had to make a speech about why they would make a good school councillor. Following the speeches each class went to our voting booths and voted on a ballot paper who they would like to represent them. The following children were elected, congratulations!

**1C Jacob Ford 1H Ethan Fox 1N Zakariyah Choudry 1D Phillipe Dooley**  
**2S Elsie Elms 2G Hafsa Younas 2D Sophie Hulse 2MC Scarlet Ashton**  
**3D Isabella Fozard Bradley 3B Sylvie Field 3WM Frank Hooper**  
**4BG Rosa Beaumont 4H Seamus Cranie 4T Lauren Foster**  
**5TH Atiyah Ahmed 5MC Nikolas Ektoros 5M Savannah Davies**  
**6OT Paige Morrow 6P Evie Field 6C Khan Odita**

**Telephone—733 4232 e mail—admin@dovedaleprimary.co.uk website— www.dovedaleprimary.co.uk**