



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:

MAY

Tuesday 22nd—Y6 Isle of Man meeting at 3.30pm

Wednesday 23rd—
Reception Garden Party pm

Wednesday 23rd—Y2
Barnstondale meeting at
3.30pm in the junior hall

Thursday 24th—School
closes at normal time for
half term

JUNE

Monday 4th—school
re-opens at 8.45am

Monday 11th—Y6 to the
Isle of Man for the week

Tuesday 12th—Reception
family massage event pm

Wednesday 13th—Y2 to
Barnstondale

Tuesday 26th—Y1 Learn
and Explore 2-3pm

Thursday 28th—Y5/6
Sports Day am

Y3/4 Sports Day pm

Friday 29th—YR/1/2 Sports
Day am

JULY

Monday 2nd July—**2S /2Mc**
assembly to parents
9.15am

Tuesday 3rd July—**2G /2D**
assembly to parents
9.15am

Friday 13th July—Y6
Leavers' assembly 1.30pm

Punctuality and attendance

As a school regular attendance is vital to ensure children make progress from their starting points. Thank you to all those parents who ensure their child/ren are in school as often as possible. Our attendance is improving as a school and we are so close to achieving our target of 97% +.

As you know I am unable to authorise holidays in term time and any parents taking children out of school will be issued with a fixed penalty notice via the local authority for 5 days or more.

I have been working very closely with our school's Educational Welfare Officer, Mrs Wagner to support those families who struggle to get their children into school and in some instances on time.

Any child's attendance which is around 92% will get a letter informing them that they are very close to dropping into being a persistent absentee which is less than 90%. Any child whose attendance drops below 90% will be referred to the Educational Welfare Officer after a discussion with myself.

A concern at the moment is the number of children who are late to school, sometimes this is just a few minutes but can also be much later. As you are aware we open our doors at 8.45am and close them at 9am. Any child who comes in after 9am must sign in at the school office and they receive a LATE mark.

In the final half term of this academic year any child who arrives after **9.10am** will be recorded as a '**U**' which is an unauthorised absence. We are going to monitor the impact of this and from September parents can be issued with a fixed penalty notice for children being late and receiving a '**U**' code on several occasions.

Children being late has a big impact on how children start their day. Children who are late have to walk into the classroom where the rest of the children are settled and are working. It can be embarrassing and stressful for children as they are playing catch up.

Please ensure your child is in school on time. Thank you.

Uniform Reminders

As we are coming into the summer and hopefully the weather will be getting better please can we remind you about the expectations for uniform:

- **Trainers** are not school uniform.
- Sensible sandals can be worn but must be with socks
- P.E kits need to be in school at all times; children without kit will not be allowed to take part in P.E/Games lessons

Friends of Dovedale

What a great night we had at the Family Quiz hosted by Friends of Dovedale. The hall was full with children, parents and grandparents all competing with lots of exciting rounds. Thank you to everyone who attended and as always to the fantastic parents and members of the committee for running the event.

The next big event for Friends of Dovedale is the '**Summer Fayre**' which is being held on
FRIDAY 6TH JULY—3.30pm to 5.30pm.

To support this event we will be holding two whole school own clothes day:

Friday 29th June—donations of bottles
Friday 6th July—donations of cakes and biscuits

Following the success of last year's raffle we will be sending out books of raffle tickets after half term.

As always, thank you for your continuing support.

Fun day—Thursday 24th May

To celebrate our wonderful Ofsted report and to reward our fantastic children we are holding a 'fun day' on Thursday 24th May. Children need to come to school in sports clothes, with a hat, water bottle and have sunscreen applied before school.

We are looking forward to a fun –filled day!

Upcoming School Trips

Friday 8th June—3B and 3WM to the World Museum

Friday 8th June—Y6 to Gullivers World

Friday 15th June—3D to the World Museum

Monday 9th July—Y2 to IM Marsh

Tuesday 10th July—Y1 to Formby Beach

Wednesday 11th July—Y5 to the Watersports Centre

Tuesday 17th July—Reception to Farmer Teds.

Year 4—TBC

Y2 and Y6 are both off on residential trips after half term. There are meetings this week, Y6 on Tuesday and Y2 on Wednesday after school in the junior hall. These are to give some information about the trips and answer and questions you may have.

Uniform orders

The last date to order uniform for the autumn term will be Friday 22nd June to ensure you receive it before the end of the summer term. Please place all orders through the school website in the 'uniform shop'.

Please can all outstanding dinner money be paid as soon as possible. We are currently owed over **£1000**. This is a debt the school cannot sustain. Thank you for your co-operation.

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