



Dorset Road Infant School Newsletter

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Dear Parents / Carers

This term we have had lots of amazing experiences at Dorset Road Infant School, including many trips and visits to support our learning. Over the next term we aim to develop our 'gardening experiences' for the children by encouraging them to plant and tend to their own planters in the playground. We will also be working with an external organisation to create an imaginative garden display along the side fences. Due to recent concerns regarding the children's exposure along the Portland Road side of the playground, we have secured funding to erect some bamboo fencing panels to ensure privacy for the children at playtimes. Hopefully these will be put in place over the Easter holidays.

We wish you a happy, peaceful Easter and thank you for your continued support this term. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 18th April.



Mrs Oke

After School Clubs for Year 1 and Year 2

Please find attached the club application form. We have some new clubs for the summer term – tennis, cricket, ballet and street dance.

We will start clubs on Tuesday 18th April, and like last term, you are signing up for the WHOLE TERM up to the summer holiday in July. Please complete and return the form at the start of term. Mrs Bale will text to confirm place. Again, there is no fee for clubs, as they are paid from our PE grant.

Sainsbury's vouchers

We are collecting vouchers until 30th June. Please remember to send yours in to school, thank you.

Breakfast Club

We love having your children coming in to breakfast club, but we cannot "open the doors" until 8.00am when all necessary staff are here and we have set up. Thank you.

Uniform

The holiday is a good time to check your child's uniform still fits (especially plimsolls!). If you need to order new uniform the website is www.stichdesign.co.uk. Mrs Bale has a few 7/8 PE t-shirts, 24" and 26" cardigans and one sweatshirt aged 9/10.

Pride postcards

Watch your letterboxes in the holiday. Two children per class will be receiving Pride Postcards from their teacher in recognition of good work.

School Dinner Menu

A new menu for the summer term will be in the book bags today, and a copy on our school website. Please take the time to look through it with your child in the holiday.

Nurture Room update

As we advised you in last term's newsletter, we have made some improvements to Lime Room, which will now be known as a 'Nurture Room'. We have fitted new carpet, display boards and net curtains, ordered a sofa and dining furniture, and painted the walls. This is now a working area so please can I ask that you do not allow your little ones to "pop in" to the room at the end of the day. Thank you.

Attendance and punctuality

We are pleased with our whole school attendance for this academic year to date – 96.6%. 79% of our children have attendance above 95%, which is excellent. We will be awarding special pencils to those children at our end of term assembly. Please can you ensure that your child arrives promptly at school before the gate closes at 8.55a.m. Phonics teaching takes place first thing every day, in each class, and being just a few minutes' late means missing out, and disadvantaging your children.

More new and diary dates overleaf



Hi vis vests for school trips

Bromley Road Safety Team have provided us with a class set of hi-vis vests for when we go out of school on school trips. Thank you!



Easter Bonnets

We had a fabulous display of Easter bonnets and hats. The winners are: Reception - Jacob and Lola, Year 1 – Freddie and Ekrem, Year 2 - Sophia and Dulcie. Thank you to Co-op Funeral Care for donating winners' prizes and eggs for all the children. The hats will be displayed at the Co-op for the next few weeks.



Dates for Diary for next term

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| Tuesday 18 th April | Children return to school |
| Tuesday 18 th April | "Tales of Plague" workshop for Year 2 |
| Tuesday 18 th April | Reception "Superheroes and Monsters" Day |
| Wednesday 19 th April | Phonics meeting for Year 1 parents, 2.45pm in the Hall |
| Thursday 20 th April | Children's Flower Society planting flowers in school playground |
| Friday 21 st April | Assessment meeting for Year 2 parents, 2.30pm in the Year 2 classroom |
| Thursday 27 th April | "Drama4All" workshop for Reception and Year 1 |
| Tuesday 2 nd May | "Living Eggs" in school. Reception will have the opportunity to watch chicks hatch from eggs over the course of a week or so. |
| Thursday 4 th May | Braiwick School Photographer in school to take class photographs |
| Monday 15 th May | Assessments begin (this week and next week) |
| Thursday 25 th May | "Art Solutions" in school for a whole school art project |
| 29 th May to 2 nd June | Half term |
| Monday 5 th June | INSET day |
| Tuesday 6 th June | Children return to school |
| Monday 12 th June | Year 2 swimming lessons start (course of 6 weeks) |
| Monday 12 th June | "Alice in Wonderland" drama workshop Year 1 and Year 2 |
| Thursday 15 th June | PTA Sponsored Scooter Ride, 1.25pm |
| Thursday 13 th June | Year 2 visit to Horton Kirby environmental Centre |
| Wednesday 19 th July | Summer BBQ for children and families, 12.00pm |
| Friday 21 st July | Year 2 Leavers' Assembly, 2.00pm and last day of term |