

Great Dalby Primary School Newsletter



September 2018

Dear Parents

Welcome back! I hope you all had a super summer break and were ready for the routines to begin again. It was lovely to see all of the children return to school last week and to hear of their adventures over the summer. Our new Foundation children have had a very successful induction so far and start full-days tomorrow; they have slotted into Great Dalby with confidence and happy faces.

The teachers have planned an interesting variety of learning experiences for the children this term through exciting topics; Class 1 – On the Farm, Class 2 – Once upon a time , Class 3 – Our World , Class 4 – Where in the World?, Class 5 – Antarctic Adventures. Topic webs can be found on the class pages on our Website.

As always, if you have any questions or queries please contact me.

Mrs Corner

Sporting Achievement

Two years ago we were awarded the Silver School Sports Award. We have now been awarded the Gold School Sports Award, which recognises the variety of sporting opportunities we provide our children with. Mr Hackett is introducing new sports clubs on Monday, Tuesday and Friday lunchtimes, which the children can opt-in to. We will also be continuing the Daily Mile, which we aim to do in all weathers, so please send your child to school with a waterproof should rain be likely.

Homework

Please remember that weekly homework consists of reading, spelling practice and times-tables practice. Reading should take place every night, even if it is only a couple of pages. Children in Years 2 - 6 should practise their times-tables on Times-tables Rockstars at least 4 times a week. Mrs Pillar has re-set all of the children's passwords and will be re-launching Rockstars on Thursday.

Parking

We completely appreciate how difficult it is to park outside of school in the morning and after school; a problem faced by nearly every school in the country. Please be considerate when parking in the village, please ensure you are not blocking driveways or parking so that vision is impaired for drivers. There are many roads in the village, slightly further away from school, which are empty and suitable for parking. If you live in the village, please consider walking to school.

Uniform Reminder

The children have all returned to school looking very smart. Please label all items of school uniform clearly; we had huge amounts of unclaimed lost property last year which we were unable to return as it was un-named. Uniform orders will be placed monthly. Order forms will be sent to you via ParentMail along with the dates that orders will be submitted.

Have any of your contact details changed – if so please contact the school office as soon as possible.

Please remember that long-hair should be tied back at all times and no nail varnish or make-up should be worn to school. No jewellery, apart from a pair of small stud earring, should be worn and these must be removed for swimming lessons and taped or removed for PE.

We have a nearly-new Leicester City shirt, aged 11-12 years, left in Class 4 from our last non-uniform day. None of the children have claimed it so if you are missing one please drop into the office to collect it.

Wrap-around care

Our before-school care begins at 7:30am and our after-school care runs until 6:00pm. There is no need to pre-book sessions for before-school or after-school care.

Team Captains

Our new Team Captains have taken over from their predecessors and have already completed their first duties successfully.

Leading the teams this year are -

Red Team - Mack & Harriet

Yellow Team - Harry & Annie

Blue Team - Milly & Charlotte

Green Team - Thomas & Preah

School Council

Miss Jenkins will be working with our School Council this year.

Our new School Councillors are -

Class 1 - Austin & Frankie - supported by Hannah (Year 6)

Class 2 - Tyler & Poppy

Class 3 - Mason & Isabelle

Class 4 - Caitlin & Benjamin

Class 5 - Lily & Maggie

Diary Dates

Wednesday 12th September - EYFS Reading/Phonics introduction (more information to follow)

Wednesday 12th September - Craft club to start

Tuesday 9th & Wednesday 10th October - Parents Evening

Thursday 11th October - Harvest Festival, 9:30am

Thursday 11th October - End of half-term

Friday 12th October - Staff INSET day. No children in school.

Monday 22nd October - Children return to school.

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