

### Message from Mrs Waters

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you enjoyed a good half-term break. I can't quite believe we are fast approaching Christmas again; the time seems to fly by! As always, we will have various festive events for you to enjoy - more details will follow later about these.

The weather has certainly changed and winter is on its way! Please do ensure children are bringing coats to school as, unless it is heavy rain or icy conditions, we aim to go outside at playtimes/lunchtimes.

Don't forget there are lots of ways you can keep in touch with us - please ensure you have signed up to Class Dojo so you can access learning activities with your child and add photos of home learning to their portfolio - we love to see what you get up to at home! You can message your child's teacher if you have any queries too. We also have a website full of information and you can follow us on various social media channels - DIS news gets everywhere!

We look forward to seeing you at some of our events over the coming weeks.

As always, if you have any queries, please speak to one of us.

Take good care, keep smiling

*Mrs Waters*

### Foodbank

Dogsthorpe Infants is an agent for foodbank vouchers. If you are currently going through a difficult financial time and need a food parcel, please speak to Mrs Waters or Mrs Gardner. You can be assured that this will be kept confidential. E-Vouchers are now available so can be sent to you electronically.

If you require a voucher please email Mrs Waters/Mrs Gardner on: [office@dogsthorpeinfants.org.uk](mailto:office@dogsthorpeinfants.org.uk) or click on the link on our school website [www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk](http://www.dogsthorpeinfants.co.uk)

### Cost of Living Crisis Support

Under the 'Parents' tab on our school website there is further information on financial support available to families along with some money saving ideas, including online food at reduced prices. If you know of any further websites/money saving tips or advice that may be of benefit to our families, please email the details to the address above and we will add to the list.



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### If you need help...

If you have any questions/concerns regarding your child's learning, then please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Don't forget our **Admin Staff** are always ready and willing to help you with any general school questions you may have:

**Mrs Gardner**, Administration Manager and PA to the Headteacher

**Mrs Streeter & Mrs Sendall**, Administration Assistants

**Miss Stamper** - Family Well-being Champion

**If you need support with anything, please ask us and we will do our very best to help!**



### Healthy Lunchbox Reminder

Children having packed lunch must bring their meal in a named container with any cutlery they need, we are unable to supply cutlery or heat food up. Your child will be encouraged to eat what has been put in their packed lunch, but they are not allowed fizzy drinks, glass bottles, cans or sweets. Please ensure packed lunches contain a variety of food i.e. not just sugary snacks. As there are children & staff with nut allergies, we politely request that you avoid putting nut products in lunch boxes.

We have noticed that some children bring a lot of food in their lunch boxes so please be aware they do have a set time for eating and may not manage everything!

### Free Parenting Courses

If you wish to engage in a FREE parenting programme, below is a link to all the parenting programmes Peterborough City Council have available for parents/carers to access for children aged 0-19 with a range of online or face to face delivery options.

<https://www.peterborough.gov.uk/children-and-families/family-hubs/courses-for-parents>

For families wanting to access a parenting programme for school-aged children primary or secondary, please send an email to the following address: [parenting@peterborough.gov.uk](mailto:parenting@peterborough.gov.uk)

Someone from the Family Hubs/Early Help Service Team will then contact you within 7 working days.

**If you would like further information or about accessing one of the courses, please have a chat with Mrs Waters, Miss Gattuso, Mrs Marshall-Sully, Mrs Gardner or Miss Stamper and we can support you with this.**

### DIS DIARY DATES, AUTUMN 2 2024

**Children in Need Day - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November.** This will be a non-uniform day! The choice of dress is down to you but please ensure outfits are practical for the school day including playtimes. A donation of a coin/s for this worthy charity would be appreciated. Please send the donation in a named envelope. We will also be setting up a 'Just Giving Page' for online donations.

#### **'Learning Look' sessions for parents/carers**

This will be an opportunity for you to come and spend the afternoon in the classroom to see what the children have been learning and are currently learning.

Year 2 Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm-3.00pm

EYFS Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm-3.00pm

Year 1 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2.30pm-3.00pm

We will be sending a separate letter out next week for you to sign up for this event.

**Please note that, due to space, we can only accommodate 1 adult per child and no pre-school siblings/babies.**

**Nativity Performances** - There will be 3 separate performances of our Nativity during week commencing 9<sup>th</sup> December 2024 - further details of which classes are performing on each day will follow shortly.

**Children & Staff Christmas Lunch** - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December. Menu to follow. Children can come to school in festive outfits on this day!

<b>Year Group Christmas Parties:</b>	Reception	Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
	Year 1	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
	Year 2	Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December

**Christingle Service - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December, 9.00am** in the school hall. Year 2 children will be making a circle of light carrying the Christingles.

**Please note:** whilst all parents/carers are welcome to attend, EYFS and Year 1 children will access this via Teams in the classrooms. Only Year 2 will be in the hall.

**School will close at 3.15pm on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December for the Christmas Holidays.**

**School re-opens at 8.45am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**