

DODLESTON CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2017 Newsletter

14th September
2017

Our aim:

To create a warm, caring secure environment, based on Christian principles, where children can develop and grow intellectually, spiritually and emotionally, increasing confidence towards independence and fulfilment.

Autumn Term Collective Worship Theme is:

LOVE

1 Corinthians 13 v4-8

Love is patient and kind, it is not jealous or conceited or proud. Love is not ill-mannered or selfish or irritable. Love does not keep a record of wrongs. Love is not happy with evil but is happy with the truth. Love never gives up and its faith, hope and patience never fail.

Welcome Back

A huge welcome back for a brand new school year! I hope you had a great summer and managed to spend plenty of time relaxing with your family.

It is lovely to have the children back—they look so smart, thank you. They have returned refreshed and relaxed and ready to start learning which is a great start to the school year. Our new Reception children

are now in school and have settled so well—it's like they've always been here. We would also like to welcome our other new children who have joined Dodleston School family and Mrs. Burt-Williams who is teaching in Class 2.

I love the start of a new school year, wondering what the year will bring. There are already so many things booked for this term - please refer to the 'Dates for the Diary' section.

We are looking forward to seeing you there.



Harvest 2017

Again this year we are looking to support 'Save the Family' at Harvest.

Save the Family are a local charity who support local families in crisis. We will be asking for donations of tins,

packets and jars with long 'best by' dates or toiletries like toothpaste and soap.

A small charity such as this relies on the kindness of its surrounding communities and

there will be a retiring collection after our celebration should you prefer to make a monetary contribution.



PTFA



The PTFA is for Parents, Teacher and Friends of our lovely school to meet together, have fun and raise money for our children in school. You will all be aware from the news that school funding is at a crisis point therefore, the money raised by the PTFA has never been more needed.

Last year the hard-working team raised enough money to buy books for school, a new garden, a new cooking station and support trips and visits to school.

The more people who support the PTFA team, the less work per person there is to do. Many hands make light work as we all know.

There will be an AGM on Wednesday 27th September, 7.30pm at school. Please come along and find out what is going on and how you can help.

Please remember—
Every little helps!

Term Time Holidays



Just a reminder that fines for holidays taken in term time have be reinstated from September 1st 2017.

Time off during term time is authorized at the discretion of the Headteacher. Please be aware that Local

Authority rules and regulations determine the Headteacher's decision and school has an annual Attendance Inspection that will question time off during term time.

If you do need time off during term time,

please fill in a request form (from the office) with clear reasons for the absence.

Please remember that good attendance in all years is crucial to children's learning and progress.



Uniform

It is such a pleasure to see the children looking so smart at the beginning of the school year—thank you.

Please ensure that your child has a waterproof coat with

a hood for wet play-times and walking to and from PE, proper school shoes to protect their feet in school, and a tie if they are wearing winter uniform.

PE kit is the usual

black or white shorts and t-shirt with trainers and a warm, plain tracksuit in black, grey or blue.

PLEASE name all your child's uniform—it's much easier to find with a name in!

Put
Your
NAME
on
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Healthy Snacks

Reception and Years 1 & 2 receive a healthy snack each day for free.

However, this has not been extended to KS 2 children so they are invited to bring a healthy snack into school.

School has a duty to educate children about healthy living and we do so in various ways throughout the curriculum and extra-curricular activities.

At morning playtime children are encouraged to have a healthy snack such as fruit, breadsticks or rice cakes. This list is not exhaustive however, we do ask that you consider the content of the snack your children are bringing into school.

It is also important that we teach the children that other foods such as crisps and chocolate are not

bad if eaten occasionally. Small chocolate bars such as Penguins and Breakaways are fine at lunchtime as are crisps as part of a balanced lunch.

It is also nice for children to bring sweets in to share on their birthday if they wish.



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Below are the arrangements for our Open Mornings and 'Stay and Play' sessions for pre-school children who are considering our school for September 2018. If you know of anyone

who has a child ready to start school next year please could you pass on this information. Equally, any of our current families who have a child ready to start school in September 2018 would be just as welcome.

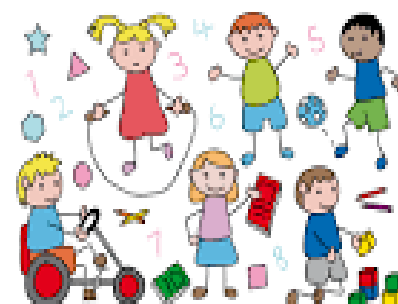
Open Mornings

Thursday 5th October	9.30-11.30am
Tuesday 24th October	9.30-11.30am

Stay and Play sessions

Friday 10th November	1.15-2.15pm
Friday 17th November	1.15-2.15pm
Friday 24th November	1.15-2.15pm
Friday 1st December	1.15-2.15pm

TODAY
is the day to
learn something
NEW





DATES FOR THE DIARY

Mon 18th Sept	3.30-4.30pm	Meet the Teacher	School
Wed 27th Sept	7.30pm	PTFA AGM	School
Fri 22nd Sept	All day	Jeans for Genes	School
Fri 6th Oct	2.00pm	Harvest	St. Mary's Church
Thurs 26th Oct	3.30pm	PTFA Cake Sale	School
Fri 27th Oct	SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY	
Mon 30th Oct -	SCHOOL CLOSED	HALF TERM	
Fri 3rd Nov			
Mon 6th Nov	SCHOOL OPENS		
Tues 7th Nov	9.00-10.00am	Stay and Play	School
Wed 8th Nov	9.00-10.00am	Stay and Play	School
Fri 10th Nov	9.00-10.00am	Stay and Play	School
Fri 17th Nov	All day	Children in Need	School
Mon 20th Nov	9.00am	Photographs	School
Wed 22nd Nov	6.00pm	Parent Workshop (Homework)	School
Tues 12th Dec	2.00pm	Christmas Performance	Village Hall
Wed 13th Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Performance	Village Hall
Fri 15th Dec	All day	Christmas Jumper day	School
Wed 20th Dec	6.00pm	Christmas Service	St. Mary's Church
Fri 22nd Dec	SCHOOL CLOSED	INSET DAY	
Mon 25th Dec-	SCHOOL CLOSED	CHRISTMAS BREAK	
Fri 5th Jan			
Mon 8th Jan	SCHOOL OPENS		



St. Mary's Church Dates

Sunday, 24th September – St Mary's Family Harvest Communion starting at 11.00am. Presentation of non-perishable gifts at the altar. These will be distributed to local community groups.

Saturday, 28th October – Annual Crafty Creations Gift & Craft Fair opens at 10.00am to 4.00pm.

Sunday, 12th November – St. Mary's Remembrance Sunday Service at 10.50am