

The Dinglewell Post

sharing our news with our community



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Dear Parents,

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Attendance for this week: 95.84%

Welcome to this week's newsletter. It's been a really busy week here in school with everyone now settled into their new routines. Hopefully our new Year 3 parents are all signed up for ParentPay and ParentMail. If anyone is having any difficulties, please do contact our Office staff who will be pleased to address any issues or help you to get logged on.

Thank you to those parents who have been using our new dedicated absence and wraparound email addresses - it really is a great help to us if you use these methods of contacting school.

Toys

Please could we politely ask that fidget toys and normal toys (including teddy bears) from home are not brought into school unless they have been approved by the class teacher and SENDCo as part of a child's Special Educational Needs. We have a selection of school-approved fidget toys that we are able to give to children when a specific need has been identified by staff members and discussed with the SENDCo in order to keep distractions to a minimum for all in class. Thank you for your support with this matter.

Friends of Dinglewell Junior School (FoDJS) news

For those of you who may have missed our earlier sale of second hand uniform, the Friends will be holding another sale on Tuesday 17th September in the School Hall from 3-4pm. All items will be priced at £1. If you have any spare uniform at home that your child has outgrown and you would like to donate it to school, please bring it to Reception on Monday or Tuesday morning for us to sell. Our last uniform sale raised over £80 and we had lots of delighted parents able to buy nearly new items at a fraction of the cost new.

More exciting news from the Friends this week: As many of you are already aware, the Friends (and our army of volunteers) raise funds to help support many of the enrichment events that take place throughout the year. From paying for the panto coaches, year group trips and experience days to a significant contribution towards the Leavers' hoodies. Finally, after many years of fund-raising, the Friends have raised enough money to have an outside gazebo/shelter installed on the school field. This will be able to be used as a quiet space and offer some much-needed shade during the summer.



The gazebo will be installed between 27th September and 4th October. During this time, there may be barriers in place on the field and construction machinery on site and in the carpark. Please be extra vigilant during this time, as the safety of all our school community is of paramount importance.

Here is an image of what the gazebo will look like.

Year 5 Swimming lessons

Swimming lessons for Year 5 will start on Tuesday 17th September. Groups have been allocated and children have all be advised which group they are in by their class teachers. If you need clarification of your child's group, please telephone Reception who will be pleased to advise you accordingly.

Extra-curricular clubs this term

A letter detailing the choices available this term has been sent home with all children this week, please complete and return it by 3pm on Monday 16th September.

Y6 WWII Day

On Monday 30th September, Year 6 will experience a WW2 day. Children are welcome to dress up and will be immersed in 1940s experiences. A letter outlining the details will be sent home on Monday 16th September which will also include costume ideas. If your child has any allergies, please can you let their class teacher know.

Gloucester Food Bank collection

This year, we are again supporting the Gloucester Food Bank who do excellent work in the city supporting so many families in need with food/grocery parcels. We have a list of items that they are most in need of and we will be accepting these from Monday 14th October until morning of the collection date which is Friday 18th October. Items should be brought into school and placed in the green crates at the front of the hall. Items needed at the moment include:

All tinned food products: fish, meat, prepared vegetables, soup, custard, rice pudding and spaghetti - items should not contain any alcohol

Dry pasta, rice, noodles, pot noodles, jams, spreads, sugar, long life UHT milk, fruit juices, squash, tea and coffee, cereals, porridge, snacks and treats, cooking oil, flour, dry herbs and dried pulses.

Toiletry items include: household cleaning products, sanitary items, nappies, baby care goods, formula milk and finally tin openers.

Additionally, this year we are a 'Snacks & Biscuits Champion School' which means we would additionally like to collect packets of snacks and biscuits. Champion Schools are asked individually to bring in extra items so no other school will be collecting these items and we have been asked to be responsible for Snacks & Biscuits, so please bring anything you can.

As ever, we are grateful for each and every item donated and so are the families who receive these food boxes.

Here are this week's Merit Certificate winners - well done everyone!



Forthcoming Diary Dates

Monday 16th September - Deadline to return club application forms
Tuesday 17th September - Y5 Swimming lessons start
Wednesday 18th September - Guitar lessons start
Thursday 19th September -
Friday 20th September - 3B Forest School
Friday 20th September - iRock lessons

Monday 23rd September - CLUBS START THIS WEEK
Tuesday 24th September - Y5 Swimming lessons
Wednesday 25th September - Guitar Lessons
Thursday 26th September -
Friday 27th September - 3C Forest School
Friday 27th September - iRock lessons

Term Dates 2024-25

Copies of term dates for 2024-25 are available from Reception
All relevant school policies are available to view on our Website.

**PLEASE REMEMBER NOT TO PROVIDE NUTS OR ANY NUT DERIVATIVE FOOD
IN SCHOOL DUE TO SEVERE ALLERGIES WITHIN OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY**



Correspondence sent out this week:

Girls football letter - team only
Clubs forms - all children by hard copy
Y6 2025 Residential meeting information

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