



### Message from Ms Heather

I would like to wish everyone a Happy New Year, even though it already feels like a distant memory. As always, we have a very busy term ahead of us with lots of exciting events and opportunities for our children.

I would like to welcome Miss Mullard, who has joined us as a class teacher in year 2. The class have made her feel very welcome, and she is already proving to be an enthusiastic addition to the Dingle team.

Mrs Downing and Miss Slater are our reception teachers this term. They're familiar faces to the children and will remain with us until our new reception teacher and EYFS lead, Mrs Kitching, joins us after February half term.

### Uniform

School uniform helps to promote a sense of belonging and pride which we are committed to upholding.

As we start a new term, I would like to remind you of our uniform expectations which can be found on the school website. This includes appropriate footwear.

From next week, reminders will be sent home if children are not wearing suitable clothing, including P.E kit.

I appreciate that uniform can be an added financial burden for families. We may be able to offer support to families if this is a concern. Please do not hesitate to speak to our friendly office team who will be able to help you.

### What's New?

We have set up a KS2 games club which takes place at lunchtime every day. Children can remain inside and play board games in a supervised environment as an alternative to going outside onto the playground. It has proved to be a real success. So much so that we will shortly be setting up a similar club for KS1.

We have been lucky enough to purchase some new games for the children from funds raised at recent school community events but if you do have any jigsaws and/ or games that you no longer use at home, any contributions would be greatly appreciated.





## Key Dates- Spring 1

Fri 17th Jan - Year 6 working with Road Safety team

Parental workshops for National Story Telling Week: 2.00pm starts

Years 1 and 5: Mon 27th Jan

Reception: Tue 28th Jan

Year 2: Wed 29th Jan

Year 3: Thu 30th Jan

Years 4 and 6: Fri 31st Jan

Mid-point reports for class D upwards to parents: Mon 3rd Feb

Uniform swap Shop, organised by DPP: w/b 10th Feb

Classes D-S Parents' Evening week (details to follow in separate letter)

**Please note school is closed to pupils on Fri 14th Feb for INSET.**

Half Term: Mon 17th Feb to Fri 21st Feb

Children returning to school: Mon 24th Feb

## Safeguarding

At Dingle Community Primary, safeguarding is of the upmost importance. If you have any concerns regarding the safety of a child, please contact Ms Heather or Mrs Wallis for advice or support.

As a member of the community, you can report safeguarding concerns by contacting:

0300 555 0050 (9:00 am -5:00pm)

0300 555 8754 (out of hours)

If you believe a child is in immediate danger phone **999**.

## Working Together

When home and school work together we create a supportive environment for our children, families and staff.

### Reminders:

We ask that dogs are not brought onto the school grounds, even if they are carried.

We are a nut free school and ask that parents do not send in items that contain nuts, especially chocolate spread, in children's lunchboxes. We have several children with severe nut allergies in school.

A reminder that all children should be entering school through their classroom door unless special arrangements have been made with school.

If you have any concerns about your child in school, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

## Praise Assembly

We will be making a slight change to praise assembly this term. Student of the week will continue to be awarded, and parents/carers invited into school to celebrate. You will be notified, as usual, the week before, by Miss Banner, via Teachers2Parents, if your child has been chosen.

We would like to give the children the opportunity to share their work with the rest of the school and their family. So, if they have written an amazing story, tackled challenging math's problems, contributed brilliantly to a debate or discussion, or demonstrated that they are an excellent scientist or historian, we would like them to share their learning with the rest of the school.

For this reason, we will be presenting awards that are gained outside of school such as certificates and trophies in our Monday assembly.