



I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break and managed to enjoy some of the glorious sunshine. As always, we have a very busy and exciting term ahead of us at Dingle.

Moving forward we will be sending out an electronic monthly newsletter, sharing all of the exciting events that have happened in school, upcoming important dates and useful information for parents. A text will be sent out with a link for parents to access the newsletter.

Just to keep you updated, we are in the process of updating our library area at the front of school to create an inviting space where children can enjoy reading for pleasure. We are all incredibly excited about this new venture which I am sure will be fully appreciated by the children once it is finished.

SATS week begins on May 12th for Year 6 pupils. It is imperative that all children across school are in on time this week to minimise any distractions for our Year 6 children. We wish them good luck and know that they will be amazing!

Please ensure you read all of our newsletter, as it contains important dates, information and reminders!

Yours sincerely,

Ms N. Heather

Summer Term Dates and Important Information



- **Monday 5th May: May Bank Holiday - School closed**
- **Wednesday 7th May: Year 3 Library visit**

- **Friday 9th May:** Reading reward (texts have been sent to those who are receiving the award)
- **Monday 12th May:** Year 6 SATS WEEK - SATS Breakfast Club for Year 6 each morning 8:15am-8:40am, breakfast included!
- **Friday 16th May:** ***Wear green day*** for Mental Health Awareness Week
- **Tuesday 20th & Wednesday 21st May:** Co2 Workshop
- **Thursday 22nd May:** Last day of term
- **Friday 23rd May:** INSET Day school closed
- **Monday 2nd June:** Children to return to school
- **Monday 2nd June:** Year 4 Multiplication checks
- **Friday 6th June:** Year 2 trip to WILD Zoological Park
- **Friday 6th June 1:00pm:** SEN Workshop -**Throughout the year, I have had many conversations with parents about SEN provision. In response, I would like to invite parents, who have a child on the SEN register, into school to share our current practice both in class and in our additional provisions. I would also like to share the challenges around meeting needs and EHCP targets. This is a challenge faced by all schools nationally and I would like to share what we are doing at Dingle to mitigate this. There will also be an opportunity to ask any questions or discuss any general concerns you may have.**
- **Thursday 12th June:** Father's Day wrapping room
- **Monday 16th June:** Class photo's
- **Wednesday 18th June:** Year 4 trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens
- **Monday 23rd June:** Year 1 trip to Dudley Zoo and Castle
- **Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th June:** SEN Review meetings with Ms Heather (bookings to be made via Parent Booking invite)
- Just a reminder that any children in years 1, 2 and 3 who would like to come into school early for **sensory circuits** are welcome to do so. It runs from 8:20 until 8:40 and takes place in the hall. There are fun activities set up designed to improve the children's core strength which will support them with fine motor skills including handwriting.
- **Maths club** is also open to children in year 3,4 and 5 every morning. The children can practice their times tables on TT Rockstars and basic number skills.

- **Soft Start** is still available from 8:20 in the Nurture room for any children who are finding it difficult to transition into school at the start of the day.
- 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. If it is necessary for your child to have chocolate spread, please ensure that it is nut-free and that you provide a note in their lunch box stating so, otherwise we will have to call to confirm. 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.

Spring News



1 - **Friday 16th May** : We work really hard at Dingle, to support our children with their mental health and wellbeing. On Friday 16th May we will be having a mental health focus day and **inviting the children to come to school wearing something green for "Wear it Green Day."** The children will engage in a variety of activities in their class to explore emotional wellbeing.



2 - **Tuesday 20th May**: Co2 Workshop for Year 5 and 6 - The CO2 will work with KS2 in a fully interactive and creative session, learning about carbon monoxide and how to stay safe. Pupils will receive a free pen, keyring and information leaflet to take home.



3 - **Wednesday 21st May:** Co2 Workshop for Year 1 and 2 - Our KS1 children will have the opportunity to join Safety Seymour, the caped crusader on a mission to raise awareness of the dangers of carbon monoxide. The children will take home a free carbon monoxide alarm and activity bag.



4 - **Friday 6th June:** Year 2 trip to WILD Zoological Park!



5 - **Wednesday 18th June:** Year 4 trip to Birmingham Botanical Gardens!



6 - **Monday 23rd June:** Year 1 trip to Dudley Zoo and Castle!

Curriculum Information



As next half term is incredibly short, each year group will be timetabled for one P.E session to ensure other curriculum areas are delivered.

- **Reception:** Thursday
- **Year 1:** Tuesday
- **Year 2:** Monday
- **Year 3:** Wednesday
- **Year 4:** Monday
- **Year 5:** Wednesday
- **Year 6:** Tuesday
- **Year two** will take part in forest school every Tuesday this half term and will have **another session on Tuesday 7th June** after May half term, this will be their last session.
- **Due to unforeseen health and safety issues which have been identified the first week back after the Easter Holidays, we are unable to go forward with the Year 2 Parent Forest School session on Tuesday 20th May.**

Parking

A reminder that the car park is for **staff and official visitor use only, unless prior arrangements have been made with myself or Mrs Hall**. If you do need to drive onto the car park outside of official school hours, for example when dropping children off for breakfast club, please drive slowly and with due care and attention as there may be children in the vicinity.

Uniform

School uniform helps to promote a sense of belonging and pride which we are committed to upholding. I would like to remind you of our uniform expectations which can be found on the school website at this link [Correct School Uniform Information](#) . 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. Children who are unable to take out their earrings will not be allowed to physically take part in P.E lessons.

Appropriate footwear is also expected. For health and safety reasons crocs and converse are not appropriate footwear.



Pupil Premium - are you entitled to claim?

It's really easy to do!

- Do you claim any of the following benefits?
- Income Support
- • Income based Job Seekers Allowance
- • Income based Employment and Support Allowance
- • Child tax credit and no working tax credit with a household income of less than £16,190
- • Universal Credit The 'Guarantee' element of State Pension Credit
- • Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

If so and your child is attending a Dudley school (even if you don't live in Dudley) you can claim free school meals. Even if you don't want to take the meals, making a claim will help the school as they will receive some extra funding for each child registered for them.

It's really easy and quick to apply – an online application can be made through via the website at [Free school meals](#) .

You'll need to have your date of birth and national insurance number or national asylum support service number, along with your address and the children's details with you when you apply – you can apply for several children at a time on one application even if they are all at different schools. Staffordshire County Council will check your information and give you an immediate answer and the chance to print a confirmation. All children in reception, year 1 or year 2 are automatically entitled to free school meals, even if you don't receive one of the qualifying benefits or tax credits.

Safeguarding



At Dingle Community Primary, safeguarding is of the utmost 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**.

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