



Learning, Laughter and Friendship

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Newsletter January 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome your children back to school and I wish you all a belated Happy New Year. The term has begun very smoothly at The Dingle. The children seem to be working hard in their classes and focussing on their learning, which is fantastic to see. Hopefully you will have or soon will receive an updated Newsletter from your child's class teacher detailing what will be taught this term and any useful information that needs to be shared. You will see from the dates listed below that there is a busy rest of the year planned and no doubt there will be plenty to report to you in time. The school's clubs are well under way- Athletics, to be followed by Netball later this term, Nar Sports, Football, Drama, Construction, Choir, Band, ECO, School Council and Cookery. In fact, yesterday home time came and it didn't seem to make much of a difference. Some clubs take place at lunchtime too and it is great to see how many children want to be involved.

INSET Day 28th March postponed to Friday 3rd May.

I met with the builders this week and the work is 3 weeks behind schedule. This therefore means we will have to reschedule our INSET day when the school will be closed, to Friday 3rd May. This is the Friday of the May Bank Holiday weekend, so I hope you can find a way to benefit from a further extended weekend. We will use the time on the 3rd May for staff to physically move into the new classrooms and get them set up for the rest of the summer term.

Copper Challenge

Friends of The Dingle will once again be running The Copper Challenge, where children are invited to donate any spare change, into their class duck bucket. Each class will have their own duck character bucket to collect in and the class with the most at the end of this half term, will receive a reward.

Year 5 Residential in April

This is just a gentle reminder, that we will shortly be asking for the final balances to be paid in full for the residential for Year 5 to Wales, which will confirm your child's place on the trip. If you are unsure what needs to be paid please review your account on Arbor or contact the school office. The final date for payment is the 15th March. Thank you

Short Notice use of After School Club



If you need to use the after-school club at short notice, please use Arbor to book a place. Please do not assume we can just accept your child. We are full most nights and there may not be a place available. If there are no places available, then we are full and have reached the limit of children we can accept. In these cases, we suggest you contact Kids Planet in the village on 01270 589429, who will collect your child from school with their mini bus and look after them at their site. A number of our children already attend on a daily basis, so they will not be alone.

Children's Appointments during school time

We have noticed an increase in the number of appointments taking place during the school day and children being picked up early, especially on a Friday, strangely. We know some appointments cannot be avoided but it seems likely others could have been. Teaching in school carries on right up to home time everyday and it is important that your child is in attendance.

Parent supervision on the playground after school.

While the children wait with you on the playground before and after school, please could you remind them they should not be climbing on or sitting on the table tennis tables or running through the bushes. They aren't allowed to do this during the school day and it would be good if the school rules were consistent before and after school too. Thank you for your support.

Have you changed phone numbers or contact details?

If you have changed any phone numbers or contact details, please could you contact the school office and let them know.

Cheshire East Family Hubs – useful information

I would like to take the opportunity to promote Cheshire East's family hubs, which provide support and advice for parents with young children, health advice and resources for children with special needs. It's also a chance to meet other parents informally while your children play or engage with activities they are putting on. There is a timetable of weekly activities. The nearest hub to Haslington, is at Monks Coppenhall. The link below will direct you to more information. I encourage you all to take a look.

[Monks Coppenhall Children's Centre \(cheshireeast.gov.uk\)](https://cheshireeast.gov.uk)

You will also find other useful information on the Cheshire East Live Well website.

[Live Well Cheshire East](#)

Here you will find what is available to Cheshire East residents of all ages.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Mr Cox

Dates for the Diary

January

24th Indoor Athletics Sandbach – squad to be selected.

29th Victorian Workshop Year 1

February

6th Year 6 RE trip to Liverpool Cathedral and Synagogue.

7th Road Safety in school Year 5

Possible Indoor Athletics finals.

16th School Closes normal times for Half Term

26th School reopens normal times.

March

1st Year 2 trip to Think Tank, Birmingham

5th Parent Evening times to follow

6th Parent Evening times to follow

7th World Book Day- dress as a character

22nd Year 6 to Imperial War Museum, Salford

26th Drama Club performances

27th Year 1 trip to Manchester Airport

28th School closes normal times for Easter

April

15th School reopens to parents

May

13th Year 6 SATS – all week.

23rd Sports Day Juniors AM; Infants PM

24th School closes normal time for Spring Half Term

June

3rd School reopens normal times.

Year 4 National Tables Tests Assessment Week (compulsory for all year 4)

10th Year 1 Phonics Assessment week (compulsory for all Year 1 and Y2 resits)

25th and 26th Year 6 Transiiton to Sandbach high schools

July

10th Summer Music Concert

12th Parents and Grandparents afternoon and summer fair

17th Year 6 Leavers' performance to parents

19th Last day of summer term

