



Learning, Laughter and Friendship

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Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very busy first half term.

We are very pleased with how the term has begun for the children academically. All our classes have settled well into their learning. I am sure you will have heard of your child's progress in the first few weeks of the year from their class teachers at Parents' Evening last week. It was lovely to see so many parents attend.

Many children have been able to go on a number of visits this half term. Year 5 went to Tatton Park for a day to learn about The Vikings in Britain, supporting their History in school. Year 6 went to Safety Central – always a favourite- and took part in various scenarios, and saw films and exhibits to teach them about safety in the home, the railway, roads etc. The children had their thinking challenged and they all had stories to tell. Today we have our Year 4 children on a Roman visit to Chester and no doubt as I write this letter, they will be marching round Chester, shouting in Latin, making their way to the amphitheatre. We hope that all our children will have had a visit before the end of term.

Reception class had a very interesting day when the Zoo came to them. They had the opportunity to see and hold a variety of exotic animals and learn about life cycles of the animals and the habitats where they live. Thanks to Zoo2you for sharing their animals with us.

Our sporting successes continue. All the school football teams are doing well in both the Sandbach and Crewe Leagues, with very few points being dropped. The cross-country team has continued to do well with some very notable individual performances in the Sandbach league. As a school we were very pleased to celebrate the achievements of 2 of our girls who travelled to Poland to represent England in a Karate Tournament. Both Thea and Grace won Gold in their respective age categories demonstrating great precision in the Katas (a detailed choreographed pattern of martial arts movements) that they have learnt. Well done girls.

Mrs Hayes to retire at Christmas.

At the end of this term, Mrs Hayes has made the momentous decision to retire from The Dingle. After starting her career at Brereton Primary, she came to the school in 1997 and has since taught in

most year groups, before training and becoming the school SENCO. During her time at The Dingle she has taught and supported hundreds of children and families in the school. For many years, she led and managed the school's Year 5 residential trip to Wales. She has also been instrumental in the success of music in the school, running the school choir, managing the school band and ensuring The Dingle Primary School has every opportunity for its children to perform.

We will certainly miss her when the time comes, and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well when she finishes at the end of this term.

Miss Henry will take over the role of SENCO in January to replace Mrs Hayes.

Mrs Knott, Reception Class teacher, to leave at Half Term

Mrs Knott, who teaches Thursday and Friday in Reception, will be leaving us as Mrs Butler returns from maternity. Mrs Knott has been a great addition to the school over the last 12 months and I wish her every success in the future.

Mrs Butler has been in school this week to meet the children in Reception and has met with Mrs Kendall and Mrs Hayhurst to ensure continuity of learning.

Trainers and laces

A number of children are coming to school in trainers that have laces. Please could you ensure that over the coming week you teach your child to tie their laces, preferably in a double knot. Thank you.

Coats

Please could you ensure your child comes to school with a coat- named of course. If there is just light drizzle we do keep the children outside to enjoy their playtimes.

Midday Assistant Vacancy.

We continue to look for additional Mid Day assistants to spend a very enjoyable lunchtime with our children and be paid for the privilege. If you are interested please contact Miss Clark in the office on 01270 918988

General Reminders

To enable school to run as smooth as possible, please could I remind you:

- There should be no sweets in lunchboxes or pockets please
- Unless it is part of a child's SEN plan please do not allow your child to bring soft toys into school or anything else that could become a distraction to them or others.
- Please keep drink bottles to a normal size. There seems to be a trend for massive beakers with straws. We don't have room for them, when they spill they make a real mess and the children are too frequently out of class needing the toilet.
- Please ensure your child does not come to school wearing unnecessarily big hair slides, ears etc or jewellery, especially necklaces, bracelets and hooped or dangly earrings.
- For safety, please do not allow your child to climb on walls, fences, table tennis tables etc while waiting to enter school or pick up. Please could everyone stick to the green paths in the carpark too. Thank you

Thank you for your support

Do you have a child starting Reception in September 25?

If you or someone you know is considering applying for a place at The Dingle for September 25 intake, then please do so through the Local Authority Cheshire East. The closing date for applications is the 15th January. Applications cannot be made through school.

If you believe your child may have or has diagnosed special educational needs then please contact school as soon as possible to discuss what provision is available.

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/admissions.aspx>

Applications for High School.

This must be done by 31st October and again through Cheshire East:

<https://www.cheshireeast.gov.uk/schools/admissions/start-school-september.aspx>.

Almost all our children move on to Sandbach School (boys) and Sandbach High (girls). We are a designated feeder for these schools, and as long as you apply before the deadline, then you are very likely to be offered one of these schools. If you wish to consider a mixed, girls and boys school, then pupils have applied in the past and gone to Alsager, Congleton, Holmes Chapel or Sir William Stanier. We are not in their catchment areas and therefore places are more difficult to obtain, so please talk to the high schools before making your application.

School Closed Next week.

The school is closed for half term next week and reopens at normal times on Monday 4th November. Please be aware that emails are not monitored during this period. If you have concerns for a child please contact Cheshire East on 0300 123 5012 for advice or support.

Dates for the Diary

November

- 4th School reopens
- 5th Miss Barker's Y2 to Nantwich Museum- Great Fire of Nantwich
- 7th Mrs Austin's Year 2 to Nantwich Museum- Great Fire of Nantwich
- 13th Flu Vaccine – a nasal spray – for all pupils.
- 20th Dinosaur workshop for EYFS in school
- 26th SATS information evening for Year 6 parents on Zoom - 6pm. Link to follow

December

- 5th Choir at The Tree of Lights Sandbach- details to follow
- 6th Choir at Sandbach Christmas Market- details to follow
- 9th and 10th Year 4 Bikeability- working bike and helmet required
- 10th and 11th Infant Nativity performances- Year 1 and 2
- 12th KS2 Christmas Dinner
- 13th KS1 Christmas Dinner KS1
- 16th Year 3 Carol Concert at St Matthews Church TBC
- 19th Christmas Bingo and Christmas Jumper Day
- 20th School Closes for Christmas – Games Day

January

6th INSET DAY – school closed to pupils

7th School re opens for pupils.

July

3rd Sports Day: Juniors AM; Infants PM

11th Parents and Grandparents afternoon

Yours sincerely,

Mr B Cox
Head Teacher