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Dunstone Primary School Newsletter

'Growing and Achieving Together'

BE PROUD

We have recently received some lovely compliments into school regarding our children's conduct when they are out and about in the community. It is a real pleasure to express how proud we are of their high expectations of behaviour and conduct. Well done to all the children!

SAFER INTERNET DAY

This week the children have been learning about how to stay safe online and having awareness raised through the activities linked to safer internet day. Each keystage had a special assembly and then classes completed activities based on the sharing of information and consent whilst online. Parent information can be found at <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>

The second of our e-safety newsletters was released this week. This is our way of raising the profile of internet safety and helping us all to keep the children safe when online.

ATTENDANCE

Well done to Rowan and Ash class who have some of the highest attendance % across the school. Ensuring children are in school every day really helps to keep children engaged with learning and therefore enhancing their individual progress. Most children should routinely have attendance rates of 97% or more. This is the equivalent of 6 days absence a year. However, 100% is achieved by many pupils every year in both primary and secondary schools. If you take a two-week holiday in term time, your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to less than 95%. A 2-week holiday each year in primary school means a total of 14 weeks teaching time missed – this could have a real impact on their basic English and Maths skills. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please discuss this with their class teacher or Mrs Goodsell (Parent Support) so that together we can maximise the learning and wellbeing for all our children.

BE PROUD EVENING

Please ensure that you have signed up to the parent sharing evening on February 13th. This is an opportunity for you to share your child's learning with them and to discuss learning with their class teacher. We look forward to welcoming you in to share the children's successes.

<http://www.dunstoneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Online+Forms&pid=70>

ROAD SAFETY

Ensuring our children arrive safely to school, is everyone's number one priority. Last week, there were a few occasions when parked cars and drop-offs caused a danger to some of our children. Please can we all work together to be considerate to others and therefore provide a safe arrival and departure from school for all our

Term Dates

- 13.02.19 Parent sharing evening
- 25.02.19 'Readaxation' week
- 11.03.19 Science week
- 11.03.19 Ash class assembly (9:00)
- 11.03.19 Comic Relief
- 29.03.19 Willow class assembly (9:00)
- 04.04.19 Easter assembly in the church
- 05.04.19 Topic sharing with parents
- 05.04.19 Enrichment pm

2018-2019

Spring Term

- 7th January - First day of term
- 18th-22nd February - Half term
- 5th April - Last day of term

Summer Term

- 23rd April- First day of term
- 6th May - Bank holiday
- 24th May - Last day of term
- 27th May-31st May - Half term
- 3rd June - First day of term
- 19th July - Last day of term

2019-2020

Autumn Term

- 4th September - First day of term
- 17th October - Last day of term
- 18th October - Non-pupil Day
- 21st-25th October - Half term
- 28th October - first day of term
- 20th December - Last day of term

Spring Term

- 6th January - First day of term
- 17th-21st February - Half term
- 24th February - First day of term
- 27th March - Last day of term

Summer Term

- 14th April - First day of term
- 4th May - Bank holiday
- 25th May-29th May - Half term
- 1st June - First day of term
- 17th July - Last day of term

children. I would like to take this opportunity to remind that pulling into the school driveway is not permitted.

FDS

Thank you to all the parents who supported the FDS coffee morning. That alone raised £37.58 for school funds. Last term all the children experienced the theatre show and this term, thanks to FDS funds, Dartmoor Zoo will be visiting our school during science week. This is something that the children will really gain enjoyment and experience from. Look out for all future events and ways to support our school on the FDS Facebook page.

PAYMENTS INTO SCHOOL

We really appreciate payment in advance for school lunches. This helps to ensure that we can pay our catering supplier on time for the service provided. Thank you for working with us for prompt payment. If you are having difficulties with lunch payments, please contact the school office to discuss.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jessica-harmsworth>