



Dame Dorothy Primary School Weekly Newsletter



28th June - 2nd July

Sports Day: Our sports day competition took place this week, sadly without parents there to cheer the children on, but despite this we had a great day. The determination and attitude of the children was first class in every year group. There were some very competitive close finishes that added a lot of drama and excitement to the day. I really hope that next year we can enjoy sports day with parents present.



Remember to check out our Facebook page

Class Closures: As the rise in Covid infection rises steeply we have seen positive cases in our school this week. Sadly the classes in year 1, 3, 5 and 6 have been asked to isolate at home until further notice. It is very frustrating to have this disruption and we thank you for patience and support at this time.



Athletics: A team of children competed in an athletics meeting against Grange Park last week in a very competitive event. The children aged from year 2 up to year 6 performed brilliantly and were amazingly quick in all the relay races, winning every event. They were hugely impressive.



Transition: Due to the recent surge in the number of Covid cases in Sunderland, Public Health have advised Monkwearmouth that they will not be able to hold the planned two week transition programme at their school starting on Monday 5th July. Year 6 parents will have received further information from Monkwearmouth by this time regarding this news. We are all very disappointed that this has not been able to take place. This has forced us to cancel our own plans for transition. We will no longer be able to move all of our year groups forward to their new teacher and classroom. We will do our best to provide the children with an opportunity to meet their teacher before the end of term. The children will therefore complete the school term with their current teacher in the same classroom.

Friday 16th July: School will close at **1pm on Friday 16th July** for the end of term. We will send out reminders nearer the time.

INSET Days 2021 / 2022: INSET days for the coming year will be held on:
Monday 6th September 2021
Monday 24th January 2022
Monday 20th June 2022

COVID: At Dame Dorothy we are doing our very best to ensure that we stay as safe as possible for children, staff and all our families. I would ask everyone of you to follow the latest guidance so that we can get through the coming weeks without having to send year groups home to self-isolate. School gives the children a sense of routine and normality that they desperately need.

School greatly appreciates the way families have worked with us over the past months to follow the latest COVID guidance. **A reminder that if any household member is showing symptoms and requires a test then from that moment their children cannot attend school until a negative test is returned and the school office have seen proof of that.**

IF THERE ARE ANY POSITIVE TESTS FROM ANY CHILD OR HOUSEHOLD MEMBER, SCHOOL MUST BE INFORMED IMMEDIATELY in any of the following ways.

- School office 0191 2505525
- Out of school hours number 07933934954 (Weekend)
- Message via Facebook
- Message via School Gateway

Remember if any members of the household have any symptoms then seek a test; the children must not come into school.