



Dame Dorothy Primary School Weekly Newsletter



5th - 9th July

Remember to check out our Facebook page

A reminder that classes currently isolating will be returning to school next week.

On Monday 8:45 - Year 1, Year 3, Year 5, and Year 6 will all return to school at their usual times

Year 5 & 6 - 8:45

Year 1 & 3 - 8:55

Nursery children will return on Wednesday from 8:50

Children are to wear school uniform unless it is their PE day

We look forward to seeing them all safely back in school for the final week of this academic year.

Tennis: The year 4 children had a fantastic time at Boldon Tennis Club with Steve and Hannah. They had the opportunity to play on the tennis courts, learn some individual skills, play team games and challenges before finally get to play some matches. It was a brilliant day. Huge thanks to Boldon Tennis Club for allowing us to spend the day with them and particularly to coaches Steve and Hannah for making us so welcome.



Year 6 Leavers: The year 6 children have been hit particularly hard by the recent restrictions and closure. We had made plans for a scaled back leavers assembly last week with parents in attendance outside, however the class closure and updated guidance from public health meant that could not happen. We are heartbroken not to be able to share their departure from Dame Dorothy with parents. It is a well established rites of passage that I know means so much to parents, pupils and staff. We are working very hard behind the scenes to mark the year 6 leaving in whatever way we can. It will be lovely to see them back on Monday for one final week.

Teams: Well done to our home learners for logging back onto Teams to be with their teachers. There has been lots of exciting stories to read and discussion, maths revision and a few challenges to try during the past week.

Covid: It has been an incredibly frustrating last 10 days. Unfortunately we have been hit very hard by a significant number of positive Covid results that have affected both children and staff. As a result we have been left with no choice other than to close year groups and ask children to isolate at home for a period of time. The most important thing now is that all the children and adults with Covid get well very quickly and make a full recovery. The majority of children will be returning to school on Monday and let's hope that we can get through the final week of the academic year without any further cases. As you will have read in the news the government have announced changes for September so that a positive test in class will not result in close contacts being sent home to isolate. No doubt there will be further updates from government over the summer holidays and we will do our best to keep you updated.

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.