

Dear Parents and Carers,

Just before I send the children's newsletter next week, I wanted to update you on a few things. I will try to keep it as short as possible but I also want to keep you fully informed.

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FOREST SCHOOL



Forest school sessions have started again this term and will continue into the second part of the summer term.



BEHAVIOUR AND ATTITUDES

The effects of Covid have been far reaching for our children, particularly those with SEND and emotional and behavioural difficulties. The mental health of young people after nearly two years of turbulent education and extended periods of school closure is of particular concern. This can manifest in pupils in a variety of ways, for example increased anxiety, absenteeism, challenging behaviour, and communication difficulties. We are certainly seeing this at Dale Hall.

We have noticed that children are experiencing low level frustrations which are then leading to more higher level behaviours. We have also noted that parents are often unsure of how things have been handled, the consequences of certain behaviours and at times, our communication has been poor. We will work hard on finding solutions to these issues and welcome you input. I will be sending out the draft policy next week and would welcome you comments.

With this in mind we have reviewed our behaviour and relationships policy with our senior leaders and will be discussing this with governors at our learning and development committee after half term. I would also like you as parents, to have an input and be able to discuss your concerns and offer suggestions.

PTA News

Exciting news!!

Lucy (our previous chair of the PTA) has been approached by 3 wonderful parents who have agreed to take over and re-start the PTA. Watch this space for further updates

Reminder

Please do not allow your children to bring in fiddle toys unless pre-arranged with their teacher.

Pencil cases are not needed until year six but can be stored in the children's bags if necessary.

In September we will be tightening up on all school uniform so please think about this when buying any school shoes etc over the next few months.

Up and coming dates to be aware of...

Parents Evening - Slots will be sent out on Monday 23rd of May. Please sign up.

Sports Day: July 6th

Year 6 Residential 11th-13th of July

Photographs: Thursday 9th June

New parents welcome meeting:

27th June 4.30-6.00pm

28th June 4.00-5.30pm

Progress and attainment reports sent home Thursday 14th July

I am delighted to be able to invite you to our parents evening the week after half term. The teachers are so looking forward to meeting you and being able to discuss your child's progress face to face.

Parent's Evening

Please be mindful of the following:

- Each slot is 10 mins max
- If you feel you may need longer or there were unresolved issues please make another appointment. This means other parents are not held up.
- We want to celebrate your child's achievements and successes- we will not be discussing concerns. These can be discussed separately via an additional meeting or by a telephone call.
- Books will not be on display but work will be shared via Dojo.

Lost Property

We have had a HUGE amount of lost property delivered to the front office. We have a selection of coats, jumpers, cardigans and fleeces. Please can you come in and check the boxes situated in the entrance to the school if you are missing any of your child's uniform.

Any thing that isn't claimed by half term will be put into the clothes recycling bin in the KS2 playground.

All named items are checked and returned to classes.

Many thanks.



Before and after school pick ups..

Please be aware that your children should not be using the school play equipment either before or after school for safety reasons. We are not able to supervise the children or be responsible for an any accidents during this time.

Sometimes, parents are allowing their KS1 children to play on the KS2 equipment before and after school. this includes swinging and playing in the bike shelter.



Can I also politely ask that parents on the KS 2 playground allow space at the entrance for all parents to come in to the playground safely. You are welcome to wait anywhere on the playground, so please feel free to move to other areas to prevent a bottle neck forming.

I hope you have a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all next week.