

DORMANSLAND DAYS



A message from the heads

First of all, a very warm welcome to all our new children and parents and an equally warm “welcome back” to our existing ones! We hope that you all enjoyed the ‘not so sizzling’ summer holiday, we are all looking forward to a new academic year and we know you will extend a warm welcome to our new members of staff. “Meet the Teacher” sessions will give you the opportunity to meet each teacher and hear about the kind of work your child will be doing and the expectations for their class. We were excited to be able to have some of our carpets replaced during the holidays, our playground marking refreshed with new additions and a reorganisation of our library and Aquarium, creating a fabulous new work space for children.

We are also excited to be launching our new website in the next few days, this will be mobile phone friendly. Don't forget the last Tuesday of each month there is the opportunity to book a drop in appointment with the head. These appointments are to discuss ideas and support the future development of the school. Please ensure if it concerning your child you have discussed this with the child's class teacher first.

Reminders

- Children must be able to remove earrings themselves for PE
- Children who arrive at school after 8.50 **MUST** be signed in to school via the office by an adult.

Existing Parent readers

We really valued your support last year, please let Mrs Hardisty know if you are able to continue with this term.

PTA Events

Over the summer we were lucky enough to have our new playground lines painted thanks to the PTA. They put on some amazing events to help raise the £5000 needed. This year they have planned many new events, beginning with Year 3 & 4 'Wheels in the playground' on 21st September. Keep a look out for more details.



Attendance

A gentle reminder that a late arrival is between 8.50am and 9.15am. Arrival after 9.15am is recorded as unauthorised. A school day is two sessions AM and PM. This includes; any absence marked in the register as unauthorised. Persistent late arrival at school after the register has been taken and is recorded as an unauthorised absence or a holiday in term time which has not been authorised by the Head Teacher.

SAFEGUARDING

Safeguarding children is the action we take to promote the welfare of children and protect them from harm.

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. Every single person who comes into contact with children and families has a role to play.

If you have a concern contact Mrs Davies, Mr Cook, Mrs Lochhead or Mrs Higginson.

NEW PARENT VOLUNTEERS – HELP!!

We are very lucky at Dormansland to have so many parents who are prepared to come into school to help out in different ways. If you have some time available on a regular basis, please think about coming into school to help out. We would love to have your help for any (or all!) of the following jobs:

- Hearing readers
- Enabling children to use our non-fiction library and helping to keep it in order

If you would be able to spare a couple of hours a week, please come along to our New to Parent Volunteering meeting on 20th September at 9am.

CONTACT WITH TEACHERS

Teachers are always happy to see parents to discuss any concerns you may have, particularly in these early days of the school year as your children settle into their new classes. Please either 'catch' the teacher after school, when they will have more time to spend with you or send an email to info@dormansland.surrey.sch.uk marked for the attention of your child's class Teacher.

Please do not email teachers directly

Charity Abseil

Next Sunday Mrs Bruce is taking part in a charity abseil for St Catherine's Hospice in memory of a friend. She is bravely making her way down the Spinnaker Tower in Portsmouth! We wish her lots of luck!

If you would like to sponsor her this is the link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/alison-bruce-1692124097127?utm_source=whatsapp&utm_medium=one_page&utm_content=page/alison-bruce-1692124097127&utm_campaign=pfp-whatsapp&utm_term=a6c69a63445c4242b1b6d4a51a21d859

PE KIT

Please ensure that your child has their PE kit in school every day of the week, not just on the days when PE is timetabled.

Also, a quick reminder that no earrings may be worn during any PE activity, including swimming.

Diary Dates

8th Sept - Y6 @ Ashdown Forest

11th Sept - 9am Years 5 & 6 Parents 'Meet the Teacher'

12th Sept - 9am Years 1 & 2 Parents 'Meet the Teacher'

15th Sept - Y5 @ Ashdown Forest

18th Sept - 9-12am Flu vaccines –whole school

19th Sept - 9am & 2.30pm reception 'Meet the teacher'

21st Sept - House Activity Day

27th Sept - PTA AGM 7pm

29th Sept - Y4 bikeability

4th Oct - Individual children's school photographs

7th Oct - Weekend 'PTA- All hands on deck Day'

17th Oct - Parents Evening - Virtual 4pm - 7pm

18th Oct - Harvest 9.30 KS1 11am KS2

19th Oct - Parents evening face to face 3.30pm - 6pm

REPLACEMENT READING DIARIES

The children have all been given a reading diary, which serves as a useful record of books they have read as well as a means of parents communicating with their child's teacher. The children know that they need to take good care of their reading diary and to bring it into school each day, but if a diary should unfortunately become lost or damaged, a replacement will need to be purchased from the school at a cost of £1.