



Derry Hill C of E (V.A) Primary School

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Dormouse Class News Letter

2023 - 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Derry Hill School and to Team Dormouse! We are very excited to welcome all the children into school and to settle them into life in Dormouse Class.



Each day the children need to come to school with a coat, book bag, water bottle, and lunch box if appropriate. Please can you ensure **everything** that comes into school is named; this includes book bags, shoes, hats, water bottles, lunch boxes, coats, wellington boots and all jumpers and cardigans.

School book-bags can be purchased from any of our linked school uniform shops. These are not compulsory, however, please be aware that large bags and rucksacks take up much more space and some of our new reading books have got damaged in unsuitable bags.

Our PE days this term are **Monday and Friday**, when the children will need to wear their PE kit to school. Every child also needs a pair of wellington boots in school; please ensure these are in school by the end of next week. It would help us enormously if your child's wellingtons are brought into school in a named carrier bag, which will then go straight onto their peg.

Children are encouraged to drink water throughout the day so will need to bring a filled water bottle to school each day. When you arrive in the morning, please place your child's water bottle in the tray outside. The trays will be put back outside at the end of the day for you to collect. Please ensure your child's bottle has water in and not squash or juice.

Each morning we provide the children with a snack, which consists of a drink (milk or water) and fruit or vegetables, such as apples, bananas, carrots and oranges. No food, other than packed lunches, should be brought into school. Please be aware that once your child turns five, milk needs to be paid for. Please contact Coolmilk directly if you wish your child to continue having milk after their birthday.

On Tuesday 26th September at 3.30pm we will be undertaking a phonics meeting/workshop for all parents. Please do attend if you can. During this meeting we will provide information about reading books. We will provide a crèche for all school aged children.



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Please do look at our class web page for information about Early Years. Information about our topics and learning will be uploaded by the end of next week.

Further information:

- **Timings for the school day** are as follows:
School starts at **8.45**. If you arrive after 8.50 please enter school via the main reception. End of school day is **3.15**. Please be aware at the end of the day we send each child out one at a time once we have seen their parent/carer. We ask for your patience with this, the safety of the children is always our main priority.
- **Birthdays:** Your child is welcome to come to school in non-uniform on their birthday, or on the closest school day to their birthday. Please be aware our school policy is not to give out sweets or cakes, or any other treats, on children's birthdays. Some parents and children like to donate a book to the class on their birthday, which is dedicated to the class from them. However, please be aware this is optional.
- **Celebration Worship:** After half-term we will be joining the whole school for worship. On Fridays, we celebrate all achievements, including those outside of school. If, that week, your child has received a certificate or medal for an outside activity, such as swimming, football, gymnastics etc, they can bring it to school to share during worship.
- Please ensure long hair is always tied back.
- Mrs Burr's office time is Thursday afternoon, when the children will be taught by Mrs Dolman and Mrs Garrick.
- If you need to inform us of any changes in routine, pick-ups or to remind us of any appointments please email admin@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk

And finally...

....please remember to see us regarding any questions or concerns. The end of the day is, for obvious reasons, much easier than the start of the day, if it is not urgent.
Your voice is important and we are keen to listen and help when we can.

Mrs Burr and Mrs Garrick