



NEWSLETTER 3 - 13th October 2023

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Diary Dates

Tuesday 17th October - Owl Class V E Day Celebrations for parents 1.30pm till 3.15pm (School Hall)
Wednesday 18th October - Non Uniform Day for donations to the Christmas Bonanza
Wednesday 18th October - 3.15pm End of Term 1
Monday 30th October - TD Day School Closed
Tuesday 31st October - 8.45am Start of Term 2
Thursday 9th November - Bags2School Collection 9am
Thursday 16th November - Hedgehog Class Family Sharing afternoon for parents 1.30pm till 3.15pm
Friday 17th November - Children in Need - Great Spotacular
Friday 1st December - FoDHS Christmas Bonanza 4.30pm till 6.30pm
Thursday 7th December - Whole School Pantomime Trip
Monday 11th December - KS1 Nativity Rehearsal
Tuesday 12th December - KS1 Nativity to Parents 1.30pm
Wednesday 13th December - KS1 Nativity to Parents 9.30am
Thursday 14th December - Christmas Jumper & Dinner day
Monday 18th December - KS2 Christmas Party pm
Tuesday 19th December - KS1 Christmas Party pm
Wednesday 20th December - KS2 Carol Service (Front Playground) 9am
Wednesday 20th December - 2.15pm End of Term 2



STAFF IN THE SPOTLIGHT

NAME: Alison Shears
ROLE: Year 6 Class Teacher
HOW LONG AT DH SCHOOL: 16 years
FAVOURITE MOVIE: 12 Angry Men
PETS: None
FAVOURITE FOOD: Anything Italian (and chocolate of course!)
HOBBIES: Photography
BEST THING ABOUT DERRY HILL SCHOOL: The children, parents, staff and sense of community
LITTLE KNOWN FACT: I can recite the alphabet backwards at speed!



Snacks Reminder

Just a reminder that all snacks for morning break need to be healthy, apart from on the last day of term when children can bring in a snack of their choice. All children in Foundation Stage and KS1 are provided with a fruit snack as part of the Government's Fruit for School Initiative.
Thank you for your support.

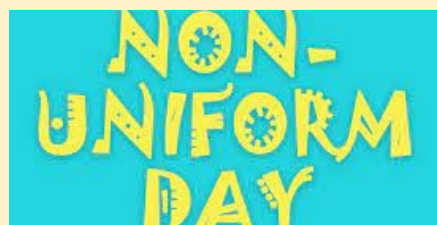


MMR Vaccination Update from NHS

Over 102,000 children starting primary school in England are at risk of catching measles, with millions of children across the country going back to school this week, NHS England is urging parents to check that their children are up to date with their MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccinations in the wake of measles cases rising across the country. Childhood vaccination rates have fallen over the past ten years and this week statistics show that over 102,000 children aged four and five years old starting in reception are not protected against catching measles, mumps and rubella. Measles is highly infectious and if left unvaccinated nine out of ten children in a classroom can catch the disease if just one child is infectious. If you are unsure if you or your child are up to date, check your child's red book or GP records and make an appointment to catch up any missed doses.

Non-Uniform Day - Wednesday 18th October

We are having a non-uniform day on Wednesday 18th October in exchange for donations of: chocolate, children's gifts, and wine for our raffle and tombola stalls at the Christmas Bonanza. There will be boxes in each classroom for the donations.
Thank you



The Big Ambition Survey

The Children's Commissioner for England has recently launched 'The Big Ambition' to hear directly from children, young people, and parents across the country.

This is an opportunity to hear from all children, in every part of the country and in every setting. The survey will be used to encourage policymakers to think about children and young people's needs, to ensure children's voices are reflected in the decisions that will affect them in years to come.

Please follow the link below to find out more information and to support your child in completing the survey.



https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

Gardening News

For the past year and a bit, year 5 and 6 have been looking after the school garden.

Elijah, Oscar and some children from Owl class have been in charge of looking after the vegetables and flowers, ensuring that each one has had plenty of care and attention.

At the moment we are planting January cabbages, King cabbages and are in the middle of renovating the bottle shed into a greenhouse.

We could not of done all of this without Mrs Harris and Steve the Caretaker !

From The Head Gardeners of Derry Hill School

Elijah, Oscar and Illia



FoDHS Update

A massive thank-you to everyone who made our cake bake such a success. Together we raised £173. We would also like to thank everyone who attended our AGM, we reached the minimum number of people needed in a record 5 minutes. We were really happy to celebrate our last years achievements and hear exciting plans for this year alongside tea and cake. We would like to say a huge welcome to Lina Middleton who has joined the FODHS committee as secretary.

Non uniform Day Wednesday 18th October

We are now in full preparation for The Christmas Bonanza. Children are asked to come in non uniform and bring chocolate, wine or a children's gift in for the raffle/tombola. (Please check the best before dates)

Bags2School Thursday 9th November

Please bring along your unwanted saleable clothes in a bin bag to the bike shed ready to be collected at 9am.

Remember the more we donate the more funds we raise.

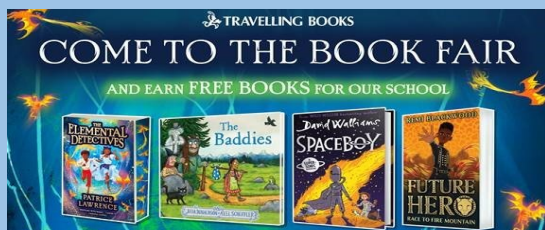
For more information on the scheme please visit <http://bags2school.com>



Travelling Book Fair

We are pleased to announce the Scholastic travelling book fair will be visiting us again from the 14th - 21st November.

Children will have the opportunity to visit the fair with the class and it will be open for parents to visit, browse and purchase books after school during the week. Details about specific timings will be given after half term.



Can You Help ? - Spare Clothes !

Mrs Burr would be very grateful for donations of socks, boy and girls, school jumpers and tracksuit/jogging bottoms.

Thank you



Fox class

This term Fox Class have really enjoyed their learning. We have been exploring space and our solar system, in our science. We have learned a lot of new vocabulary, and have been applying it to our learning. We have looked at heliocentric theories, the phases of the moon, how seasons are created and even recreated the orbit patterns in our solar system using string on the front playground.

We have explored Van Gogh's style in art, which the children have loved. Our R.E topic this term is Sikhism, and we have been looking at how Sikhs show commitment to their religion, whether that's through marriage, church or the 5 Ks. We have had a great start to the year with our writing and maths too, and the children are really stepping up to the year 5 challenge. Well done Fox Class, what a brilliant start!

"I have enjoyed science, because I like space and the different moon phases we learned about" Mikey Year 5

"I liked making the space helmets. It took a while but it was really fun in the end." Ben Yr5

"I liked Maths because we have done rounding and inverse operations and it was really fun" Charlie YR5

