



DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 16th SEPT 2022

First full week

Here we are at the end of the first full week back and it has been a delight to have the children back in school. What is even better is that I have not seen many tears as children come into class. It is always a big shock to the younger ones that they are expected to come back into school, so it's lovely to see them with a smile on their faces.

The children are straight into work and I am sure, by now, class teachers have sent the information about timetables and what the children are learning in class letters. We also keep our website up to date with planning and all the latest news so please keep checking it out.

There are many plans in the pipeline including trips and visits which we will of course keep you up to date with. Consent and contact forms have been emailed out so we have all the necessary information for your children.

Attendance

I am sure you feel that this is my favourite word now but I cannot stress enough the importance of good school attendance. Last year our whole school total was 93%. This year our target is 97%.

A child whose attendance falls below 93% can be classed as a persistent absentee and, if there is no improvement the Local Authority Inclusion team can be involved, which no one wants. I completely understand children get poorly and attendance is not an option. We will consider this when looking at attendance.

To help with our focus on attendance we are celebrating good attendance via text on a weekly basis and just giving a gentle nudge in the same way to children whose attendance is slipping. This attendance will be measured from the beginning of the term. Every half term we will celebrate positive attendance in assembly and letters will be sent home to reflect your child's attendance to date.

Money Saving Tips

In these days of financial challenge for us all, I found this information online which I thought may be of some use.

MoneySavingExpert.com is a one-stop-shop for everything you need to help you manage your money and get the best deals. The website has money-saving guides, tips, tools, articles and a forum covering everything from mortgages to credit cards and loans. [What to do if you're struggling to pay your energy bills \(moneysavingexpert.com\)](https://www.moneysavingexpert.com)

We know people are worried so the government is offering help for households. See what cost of living support you could be eligible for. Click on the link below to find out more. [Help for Households - Get government cost of living support](#)

Nasal Flu Vaccines

Please can you return the nasal flu vaccine consent forms for your child as soon as possible. Vaccinations will take place in school on 1st December for those children in Reception to Year 6 for whom we have consent.

Punctuality

We have a few children wandering into school a little late at the moment. Just to clarify, school starts and children should be in classes at 08:45. The registers are taken at 8:50. Any child arriving at 9am or later will be marked as late.

Thank you for your support as always.

Term time holidays

In line with all our drive on attendance we will not be authorising holidays in term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. Covid sadly does not fall into this remit.

I understand that holiday prices shoot up in the holidays and that it is so much cheaper to go in term time and this is so frustrating.

All holidays except exceptional circumstances will be marked as unauthorised absence.

Headteacher Awards

This week I think it is only right that all the children give themselves a pat on the back for a successful first full week in school.

Class attendance

Attendance for the week beginning 12th September

Nursery – Mrs Norman and Mrs Bell	92.99%
Reception – Mrs Hawker	92.48%
Year 1 – Mrs Cresswell	97.06%
Year 2 – Mrs Rigby	100%
Year 3 – Mrs Clayton and Miss Clarke	98.79%
Year 4 – Mr Blease	96.77%
Year 5 – Mr MacCreedy	99.6%
Year 6 – Mrs Ivison	97.5%
Year 6 – Miss Grima	98.69%

Dates for your diary

Dates for this term so far. New dates highlighted

- Monday 19th Sept – School closed for the Queen’s funeral
- Wednesday 28th Sept – FODS AGM 7pm in school
- Tuesday 18th Oct – Halloween disco – please note the change of date
- Friday 21st Oct – Half term
- Monday 31st Oct – Back to school
- Wednesday 9th Nov – Parents meetings
- Thursday 10th Nov- Year 3 Into Film cinema trip
- Wednesday 16th Nov – Year 5 and 6 Into Film cinema trip
- Thursday 17th Nov – Year 1 and 2 Into Film cinema trip
- Thursday 1st Dec – Nasal flu vaccines
- Tuesday 13th Dec – KS1 Christmas performance at the Carnegie
- Thursday 15th Dec – KS2 Christmas performance at the Carnegie
- Tuesday 20th Dec – end of term

I will add to this list as dates come into the diary so you can free up your calendars where possible.