



*Learning at the heart  
igniting possibility!*

## Dosthill Primary Academy Part of the Fierté Multi Academy Trust

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**Placing children's rights  
at the heart of our Trust**

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### *All our latest news ...*

Prior to the half-term break, **Year 2 pupils performed their annual assembly** for parents and relatives. It was an excellent performance that was well received by all present. Children sang, played instruments, shared their pirate themed learning and there was even an interactive quiz for the audience. Congratulations go to Year 2 for a fabulous performance!

Also during the week before half-term, all **staff attended training on the new GDPR (General Data Protection Regulation)** which comes into force in May. Changes will be made to how data is collected, stored and shared; details will follow from the school and the Fierté MAT over coming months. It was also a pleasure to **welcome the new Head Teacher of Wilnecote High School, Sian Hartell**, to Dosthill. We hope to further embed the relationship the school enjoys with Wilnecote High and to establish further activities for children to benefit from, including use of the specialist equipment and rooms available.

### **The Reward Points Shop was a great success.**

Children across the school thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated the opportunity to exchange the Reward Points they had earned for items from the shop. A staggering 39,160 points were spent bringing us to a total of almost 100,000 points spent this academic year! A record 1,098 prizes were claimed by children over the course of the week. We are very grateful to Mr Byrne for ensuring the system works so smoothly and for his wizardry on the computer!

**Over the half-term break, the Site team were also kept very busy.** Mrs Ross' classroom had a makeover and new doors and windows were installed around the central courtyard. Each Year 1 classroom, along with Mrs Ross' classroom, now has direct access to this area. Old wooden windows and

rotting soffits have been replaced with double glazed UPVC windows and panelling. This project was funded by Staffordshire County Council and we are very grateful to them for honouring this following our change to Academy status in January.

**Lighting across the school continues to be changed**, much of it overnight. Fluorescent lighting has been replaced with LED lighting which improves light output and reduces the amount of energy used. Savings over the next eight years will be used to pay for the project which is funded by the Department for Education. We were grateful to be chosen for this project initially by the Local Authority and then for this to be supported by the Fierté MAT. The difference in the light output is amazing; areas around the school including classrooms are much brighter. We look forward to seeing our energy costs reduce!

**The highlight this week has been the Parents' Evenings which were very well attended.** We hope these proved useful in updating parents on their children's progress and areas for improvement. Staff commitment to these evenings after a long day of work is much appreciated too. **World Book Day was also fabulous**; children looked amazing and most importantly, their love of reading was reinvigorated and reinforced. The Book Swop was also well received. Parental support for World Book Day was greatly valued too.

### **Chair of Governors Visit**

On my visit to school yesterday, it was a privilege to be invited to afternoon tea and look at the work for which the children present had earned their reward. It was clearly a very special occasion and those children were justly proud to share their work. With thanks to parents for helping produce such an array of World Book Day costumes and to the kitchen staff for delicious cake.

## Care Plans

If your child has a medical condition or takes medication on a regular basis then we require a Care Plan about this to be created and kept in school. A blank Care Plan Form can be obtained from the school office and returned completed with any forms/details about medical conditions and medication.

If your child requires medication and this is detailed on their Care Plan i.e. inhaler, epi pen etc. can you ensure we have these in school, dated and labelled with your child's name. Please check with us regularly that any medication is still in date.

Any changes to conditions or medication must be updated on care plans so please advise us of this. We can then ensure the correct members of staff are informed and are able to deal with your child's needs effectively.

Many thanks for your co-operation with this.

Mrs Hale – Assistant SENCO.

## Last call for the School Logo Competition

We recently launched a competition to design a new logo/school badge and we would like to thank those who have already sent in entries and to those who have not, we would like to give you a reminder that this is your last chance to enter.

We would like children, parents and anyone within the community who has an interest in the school to create a logo that they believe reflects the values and vision of our school today and into the future. The new logo/badge will become part of our school uniform from September 2018, will be used for new signage and on other branding such as letterheads and the school website. This marks the change to the school to becoming Dosthill Primary Academy.

We are open-minded regarding the design, which could be more traditional in the shape of a shield or circular like the current one. We suggest that the design is not too complicated so that it could be relatively easily reproduced in a digital format.

Along with the logo, we would also like a strapline to go along with it. Within our current logo is the phrase 'Growing Together' and we also have the 'Learning at the heart, igniting possibility!' sub-heading. We would like to replace these phrases with words that encapsulate what those we serve believe should be the school's mission statement for the future. For example, three key words such as: 'Explore, Dream, Discover' or maybe 'Belonging, Pride, Success'.

Staff, governors and members of the Fierté Trust will then be asked to select a winning design.

Entries can be provided as a hard-copy on an A4 piece of paper or electronically. They should be handed into the school office or sent to [office@dosthill.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@dosthill.staffs.sch.uk) FAO Mr T Hand.

We look forward to receiving your designs and ideas. As well as the accolade of having created the new logo and having this prominently displayed, there will be a prize for the winning design.

**The final deadline for entries has been extended to Friday 9th March.**



## Cook's Corner

Calling all Parents!

Preparations are in place for Dosthill Academy's **Nutrition Activity Day** on **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April** and we are hoping for a huge turnout!

There will be a morning assembly for parents presented by Chartwells' Expert Nutritionist Grace Scott that will include information about Upcoming Menus, Healthy Eating, Different Food Groups and the Chartwells Food For Life Scheme.

Grace will then be presenting workshops for KS1 including a Sugar Workshop and Smoothie Bike Demo and for KS2, Nutrition and Activity, What to Eat and What Not To Eat and Menu Planning workshops.

To end the day, the Catering Team will be providing Food Stalls and Menu Tasters from next term's Spring Menu for parents picking up their children with an opportunity to speak with Grace and myself about any queries you might have regarding allergies and nutrition.

If you are planning to attend, please contact the school to reserve a place either for the morning assembly, the afternoon food stalls or both!

For more information on your child's catering providers please visit Chartwells' website [www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk](http://www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk).

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Jonathan McCarroll  
**Group Manager**  
**Chartwells**



## Learners get together across the Fierté MAT

On Tuesday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, ten learners from years five and six were invited to Glascote Academy to take part in computing activities along with other schools in the trust. They learnt how to build computers and also experienced different hardware packages linked to coding and programming which included, Minecraft, Microbits and Rasberry Pi. The children had a wonderful time and were excellent ambassadors for our school.

There will be further opportunities for our learners to get together with others across the MAT in the future including during Science and Engineering Week which takes place week commencing 12<sup>th</sup> March.

## Meet the Governors

My name is Steve Peace and I've been a Governor at Dosthill for over ten years. I am a former pupil of the school and can still remember lessons in the temporary mobiles. When I returned to the school as a parent, I was surprised to see that the mobiles were still in full use some 30 years later. Thankfully, a number of the facilities had been updated and the learners no longer have to use the outdoor toilets! When I left Dosthill, I went to Wilnecote school before leaving to go to University to study Applied Science. I stayed at Kingston University to complete my Masters degree in Environmental Science before moving to the University Of Bath to train as a teacher. After a short spell in Cornwall, I returned to Tamworth to teach at Rawlett School before moving to Lichfield to take up a senior leader position. Both of my children have now left Dosthill and are doing well at local secondary school as a result of the excellent opportunities afforded to them at Dosthill.

### School Lunch Accounts

Meals for pupils from Year Three upwards need to be paid for unless your child is entitled to a free school lunch. Unfortunately we still have outstanding money for parents that do not keep their accounts topped up. Dinner money accounts should always be kept in credit.

Governors have decided on the following policy regarding unpaid meals:

- A meal will be served irrespective of whether the parent has paid.
- A basic meal (sandwich) only will be provided to pupils where the parent has not paid.
- A meal will be served until the arrears reach £20/9 meals, after which point no further meals will be served.
- A meal will never be served if payment has not been received in advance once a debt of £20 has been reached.

Thank you for your co-operation.

### Lost Property and Lunch Boxes

We are asking for your help with reducing the amount of Lost Property along with the increasing number of lunch boxes and drinks bottles that are left in school on a daily basis.

Could we ask that you name all clothing along with lunch boxes to enable us to return them to the children if found and further enable us to reduce the amount of items that are placed in the lost property bins.

As you are aware we have had a "purge" on Lost Property this week by placing it on display at the Parents Evening's.

Going forward we are looking to reduce the capaci-

ty of the current "Lost Property" bins and will endeavour to sort the clothing on a fortnightly basis, but this will only be effective if clothing items are named. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

### Upcoming Events

6th March	Reception & Year 6 Group Photos
7th March	'Mathletics' Day
8th March	Nursery 2 Stay and play
12th March	Nursery 1 Stay and play
13th March	Year 4 Dinosaur discovery at Drayton Manor
16th March	Year 3 performance for parents 2:30pm
23rd March	Nursery 2 Stay and play
23rd March	Height and weight measurements— Reception and Year 6
28th March	Entrust live music concert

### Term dates

Training day:

*Thursday 29th March 2018*

Easter Break begins:

*Friday 30th March 2018*

Summer Term begins:

*Thursday 12th April 2018*



### Staying in touch

You can find our website at: [www.dosthill.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.dosthill.staffs.sch.uk)

You can also follow us on Twitter at: [Learn@DosthillPS](https://twitter.com/Learn@DosthillPS)

We also have a **free App** that can be found on the App Store or Google Play. Simply search for Dosthill Primary School.

To register for free text and email alerts regarding school closures, please visit

<http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/CustomerAlerts>

*Please register for ParentMail if you have not yet done so in order to receive important communications via e-mail from us.*

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