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igniting possibility!*

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

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### Where did January go?

Amazingly, we are already into February and only two weeks away from the half-term break. We are also at the half-way point in the academic year which certainly focuses the mind and reminds us all that **every school day and every lesson must count!**

Over the past five weeks, **children have enjoyed a wide range of activities and experiences.**

Nursery children visited the Snowdome and many children across the school took part in Bike-ability and Balance-ability programmes. Some children even got the opportunity to work on bike maintenance. We know that the arrangements for these was hurried due to us not receiving confirmation until within a few days of the activities starting. The office did a fabulous job of ensuring all was in place and the delivery from Aspire was high quality too. We have fed back our concerns regarding the late notification and appreciate your patience. Ultimately, the children had a great time and learned a lot too which is what is most important.

**Year 5 also recently showcased their learning** when they performed to their parents and relatives. Their presentation was excellent and included lots of interesting facts about Tutankhamen and ancient Egypt.

Many collaborative opportunities have taken place to support us in improving further **with the Fierté MAT.** Mrs Hamblin, CEO and Head Teacher of Glascote Primary Academy was well received by the children in assembly on Monday. They particularly enjoyed hearing about her dogs. Children also valued the bookmarks they were given and it has been great to see these being used in reading and library books.

**On Monday, we held another Parents' Forum Meeting.** We appreciated the thirteen parents

who came giving generously of their time and support. Notes from the meeting will shortly be published on the school website.

Finally, we are **very grateful to those parents who responded so positively to the request that children wear school uniform and adhere to the requirements for appearance.** The standard has been noticeably better this week; almost all children look smart and ready to learn!

### Cook's corner!

My name is Jonathan McCarroll, I have recently been appointed as Group Manager for Chartwells Catering in the Tamworth Area and will be overseeing the Catering at Dosthill Primary Academy. Over the past few weeks we have been looking at the food offer at Dosthill and have created a plan of action to introduce some new and exciting concepts to stimulate young minds and promote a well-balanced diet. On Tuesday April 24<sup>th</sup> the school will be holding a Nutrition Activity Day which will be led by Chartwells' Nutritionist Grace Scott. During the day Grace will be spending time with the pupils speaking about healthy eating, the benefits and fun ways to learn about what they are eating. There will be a morning presentation geared up for parents dropping their children to school and Health Food Stalls containing Menu Tasters set up for when picking children up which will give parents a chance to see and taste what their children are eating. In addition to this we will be launching the new food concepts and counter displays to the school and the pupils. **Our main focus is feeding young minds with food they love and food that loves them.**

It will be a great day and I hope to see you all there!

*Jonathan*



## Parking in School Lane

Could we please request parents delivering pupils to and collecting them from School be considerate to others by not parking and creating obstructions on School Lane. Parking is prohibited in this area and making it difficult and sometimes impossible for vehicles to pass along School Lane itself. **Parking also presents risks to children which we are most anxious to avoid.**

## 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.

*Mrs S Marriott, Bursar*



## Upcoming Events

6th February	Safer Internet Day Local Governing Body Meeting (6pm)
Week beginning 12th February	Spring Term PiRA (reading tests); Y1 to Y6
16th February	Year 2 Performance for parents 2.30pm
26th February	Parents Evening 5pm-7pm
28th February	Parents Evening 4pm-6pm
1st March	World Book Day

## Term dates

Half Term Break begins:  
*Monday 19th February 2018*

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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## **F2DS (Friends to Dosthill School)**

### **February NEWS**

Well the plans for this year's fundraising events are well under way. Myself and Dave recently met with Mr Hand to run through the dates and upcoming proposed events for 2018. Please see below our calendar of events.

We were delighted to recently fund Year 2 SATs books along with year 5 and 6 English books courtesy of F2DS. I am sure the children will benefit enormously from these and it is so nice to know our fundraising events help enormously in benefitting the children of Dosthill Primary Academy.

We always welcome the ideas and help of you as parents, carers or grandparents so please if you can offer any help or new ideas for future events please do get in touch with us - Nikki 07985 414676, Dave Churches 07885 593445 or via the DSPTA Facebook page. We also would love to hear from you if you could donate or sponsor our events in any way, maybe you have a local business who could help support us. Every little bit helps so please get in touch if you feel you can help. Your support is greatly appreciated.

**Nikki, Dave, Vicki and the F2DS team**

### **2018 upcoming events**

#### **Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018**

Reception disco 5.30pm-6.15pm.

Year 1 and Year 2 disco 6.30pm-7.30pm

(Please note the discos are being held for the younger children only at this stage, further dates will be looked at for the older children)

#### **Monday 2nd April 2018**

Sponsored OCR family activity including Easter Egg Hunt at Cliff Lakes.

#### **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> or Friday 25<sup>th</sup> May**

Race night to be held at school for both children and adults. Further details to follow and the confirmed date.

#### **Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> July 2pm**

Summer Fun Day - **This year being brought back to Dosthill Primary Academy!!!!**

#### **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 6 Leavers' Prom at Dosthill Boys Club - Nikki will be meeting with a few of the Year 6 parents on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March and following this details will be released with regards to theme of the event so that prom dresses and suits can be bought in plenty of time!

#### **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December**

Christmas Winter Wonderland Christmas Fayre at Dosthill Primary Academy

We are also looking at holding some non-uniform days at school. Further information and dates will follow.



## Did you know...

Footsteps operate a full time school holiday club during all school holidays; we are open from 7.30am until 6.30pm each day and its charged at £3.00 per hour for a minimum of six hours. We offer an extensive range of activities to ensure the children have lots of fun. Our club is run by qualified, experienced managers and staff who ensure the children in our care receive the very best of everything we offer.



The next holiday club we will be running is from 19<sup>th</sup> to the 23<sup>rd</sup> of February. If you would like to book in or make an enquiry please call us on 07840752625 alternatively you can email us at [club@footstepsnurseries.co.uk](mailto:club@footstepsnurseries.co.uk)

# Packed Lunch vs School Meals

The Government School Food Standards have been in place for school meals for many years with an introduction in January 2015 of updated food based standards<sup>1</sup>. These standards ensure that a school meal provides children with the balance of foods needed to support optimum growth and development. However, the School Food Plan reported that only 1.6% of packed lunches meet these same food based standards<sup>2</sup>.

At Chartwells, we are always looking at ways we can improve our recipes and continue to nutritionally analyse our school menus. The figures of our recent comparison between packed lunches and school meals speak for themselves!



Did you know the average packed lunch contains...

... over **3x** the saturated fat...

... over **3x** the salt...

... over **2x** the sugar...

... of a Chartwells School Meal

## Nutritional Analysis

Our team of nutritionists are continually looking for new ways to improve our menu using a nutritional analysis programme to examine recipes and menus of both school meals and packed lunches.

The packed lunch analysed: Ham and cheese sandwich on white bread, carrot sticks (80g), crisps (salt and vinegar), squeezable yoghurt tube, apple and flapjack biscuit.

Average school meal: We analysed a weeks' worth of school meals and took the average of all 5 meals. This included a hot main meal, vegetables, salad and a hot or cold dessert.

The table below shows the difference between a Chartwells school meal and a popular packed lunch combination we see in schools.

Nutrient	School Meal	Packed Lunch
Energy (kcal)	501	964
Total fat (g)	16	42
Saturated fat (g)	5	16
Salt (g)	0.9	3.3
Sugar (g)	21	50

To sign your child up for the highest quality, nutritionally compliant school meal — contact your school catering manager.

For more information on Chartwells visit: [www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk](http://www.loveschoolmeals.co.uk)



References:  
1. School Food Standards Children's Food Trust  
2. School Food Plan July 2013

  
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