

NEWSLETTER

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*Learning at the heart
igniting possibility!*

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

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First, we would like to wish you a very happy New Year and all the very best for a peaceful and prosperous 2018.

Thank you for your support for **Christmas Jumper Day** prior to the break; funds raised from this will be donated to Save the Children. **Congratulations also go to the Reception children who performed their version of the nativity** in the last full week. The support of parents and other relatives at their performances was greatly appreciated.

It has been an momentous start to the school year with confirmation that the school has successfully converted to an academy sponsored by the Fierté Multi Academy Trust. This follows extensive work behind the scenes during the Autumn Term to ensure a successful and smooth transition. We are delighted to have reached this goal and to be joining a group of schools who put children first and share our values. **On Wednesday, staff from all four schools (Anker Moor, Dosthill, Glascote and Violet Way) came together at Drayton Manor.** We received a warm welcome from the CEO of the Trust, Mrs Maria Hamblin, and the Chair of the Trust Board, Mr Gary Pykitt. It was wonderful to have staff present from all of the roles we have in our schools including teaching, premises support, lunchtime and administrative staff.

The morning also included sessions from George Fouche, a former professional rugby player from South Africa, who inspired us all by sharing his life story and vast experience, also through exploring the theme of team work. We all left feeling very much a part of the Fierté Team and enthused about the future.

It was a delight to welcome children back on Thursday and to get the Spring Term underway. We have hit the ground running and the serious business of learning has started. Children will be starting on their new topic themes, details of which

can be found on our school website here: <http://www.dosthill.staffs.sch.uk/curriculum/>

Safety reminder

We are becoming increasingly concerned by the number of children arriving very early unaccompanied by an adult, a particular concern during these dark and cold mornings. Children should be taken to the playground at the start of the school day and not to their classrooms. It is only the children in Year 2 who access their classrooms via the pathway adjacent to these. The start of the school day is 8.50am and children should not be on the school premises before this time. We reserve the right to not open the school gates until this time if pupils continue to arrive before this. Gates are currently being opened at 8.40am. **Breakfast Club is available from 8.30am.** No entry will be permitted before this time. There, children can purchase cereal, toast and a variety of drinks.

Cook's corner!

Please note that we start on our week one menu on Monday 8th January. Could you please ensure that your child's toast envelopes are clearly marked with their name, class and choice of snack. We will be inviting children in for theme days at lunch, so please watch out for information on future Newsletters. Can I take the opportunity to wish you all a happy new year and thank you for your continued support.
*Mrs Seaton and
the Catering Team*



Cleaning vacancy

We have a vacancy for a casual cleaner at the school, the hours are 3:30-5:30pm. If you are interested in this position, please call Debbie Gough on 07792 257784. Thank you.



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 are still 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

5th January	BHF Fundraising Day lead by Year 6
10th January	Year 6 SATS workshop for Parents – 6pm
19th January	Year 5 performance for parents (2.30pm)
29th January	Parents' Forum Meeting (6pm)

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

Parents' Evenings:
Monday 26th February/Wednesday 28th February

Staying in touch

You can find our website at: 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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Update from the F2DS (Friends to Dosthill School)

Following on from a recent request for new parents/carers/grandparents to come forward and take the roles of Chair, Secretary and Treasurer, I am pleased to announce that Dave Churches has kindly stepped up to the role of Chair, myself Nikki Thomas will take on the role of Secretary and Vicki Maskell will become the new Treasurer. I am extremely grateful to these new additions to the F2DS and would like to assure parents that the school PTA is as strong as it's ever been and with a new committee in place we will do everything possible to make sure it continues at the same level as last year, with the children's enjoyment and fundraising for Dosthill Primary Academy being at the forefront.

As always, we are really keen to obtain new ideas from parents/carers and grandparents so please however little you can contribute, we would love to hear your thoughts on fundraising ideas for the children in 2018. I am also extremely grateful for new parents contacting me personally with offers of their help following on from the recent request for new members to the F2DS. I will be personally contacting you shortly to get you on board for 2018!

Alongside holding events at school, we are also looking to hold fundraising events outside of school like sponsored walks etc., a Spring Ball for adults and other exciting ideas. We will update you more on these events over the next few weeks so keep an eye out. If you feel you have a local company or business that could help with such events we would really appreciate you getting in touch as the local community is no better place to start with helping raise money for our school. Cliff Lakes were amazing in helping run last year's Summer Fun Day and we have now built a really good relationship with them for any future events we would like to run. Working together as a community is key.

So here's to exciting times for Dosthill Primary Academy and wishing you all a great 2018!

Nikki Thomas, Dave Churches and Vicki Maskell

