

Dosthill Primary School

Newsletter

November 2017

News ... news ... news

This week, we have been celebrating Black History and have been impressed by the project work that children completed over the half-term break and the knowledge they have gained. Black History Month has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It is held to highlight and celebrate the achievements and contributions of the black community in the UK. Throughout history, black people have made huge contributions to society but these contributions have often been ignored; Black History Month aims to address this unfairness. Next week, children will be embarking on their next topic theme for this academic year—please look at our website for details: <http://www.dosthill.staffs.sch.uk/curriculum/>

Before the half-term break, we were grateful to the parents who signed up to and came to the first meeting of the Parents and Carers Forum/Council. Details of the meeting can be found on our website: <http://www.dosthill.staffs.sch.uk/parents-and-carers-forum/> The next meeting takes place on the 27th November at 6pm.

It was also pleasing to see so many parents at the consultation meetings with teachers; thank you. Support for the Scholastic Book Fair (a percentage of the profits are used to purchase books for the school) was much appreciated too.

Also before half-term, the 'Reward Points Shop' proved a great success; popular with children and staff alike. Mr Byrne set up the shop brilliantly and purchased items that the children enthusiastically exchanged for the huge number of positive points collected. We are looking forward to the next opportunity to exchange points for prizes later this term.

Children completed the termly PiRA (reading test) during the week before half-term. Next week, they will be completing a new test—Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling. Week beginning 27th November, they will complete the PUMA (mathematics test). Outcomes from these tests will be shared at the beginning of next term.





Advice: Stay safe this bonfire weekend

People who want to celebrate Bonfire night are urged to take simple precautions to keep them, their families and communities safe.

The highest number of firework related injuries happens at family or private parties. It is recommended that people attend organised displays rather than having bonfire and fireworks in their gardens.

We will deal with any incidents of anti-social behaviour - please know where your children are and what they are doing! Help us to keep you safe!

For advice about fireworks and anti-social behaviour contact the Staffordshire Fireworks hotline on 01785 277855. Understand the law around fireworks at <https://www.gov.uk/fireworks-the-law>

For information about the firework code and organising displays visit Staffordshire Fire and Rescue website at <http://www.staffordshirefire.gov.uk/1309.asp>

If you do organise a private bonfire/fireworks party:

- only buy fireworks from licensed retailers
- put fireworks in a safe place away from children
- follow the firework code.
- it is illegal for anyone under 18 to buy or carry fireworks
- it is an offence to let fireworks off during night hours (11pm to 7am) except on Bonfire Night (midnight), Diwali, New Year, and Chinese New Year (1am)

Don't forget your pets. Keep them indoors, turn up the TV/music volume to distract firework noise.

If you experience anti-social behaviour contact:

Staffordshire County Council (24hr answer phone): 0300 111 8000

Stoke-on-Trent Anti-social Behaviour Hotline: 0800 561 5610

Staffordshire Police (in an emergency always dial 999): 101

Staffordshire Firework's Hotline: 01785 277855

Community Event Invitation

Dosthill and Two Gates Residents' Association invite teachers, parents and pupils to join in planting 220 saplings donated by the Woodland Trust to enhance the open green space called the Broom.

Sunday 19th November at 10am - 2pm.

Please bring a spade.



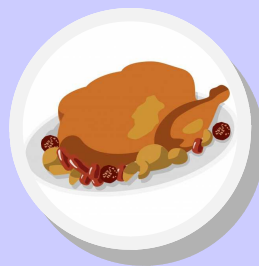
Contact Sue Hollis 01827 280997
for further details.



Cook's Corner

We hope those who came for school bonfire lunch yesterday enjoyed it.

Please look out for the date of Christmas dinner on the next newsletter.



Could you be aware that we are still having the old pound coins sent into breakfast club and in toast money envelopes, we cannot accept these any more.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Seaton and the Catering Team

Christmas Card Competition

Wanted - the best Christmas card design ever!



Children in Staffordshire schools have been invited to enter a competition to design Staffordshire County Council's official Christmas Card.

The theme for this year is 'keeping people moving in winter.' That might be pictures of road gritters, 'Ice-Busters' clearing snow and footpaths in communities, or anything that shows how the council or communities help people to get where they need to go throughout the bad weather season.

The winning design will be chosen by Chief Executive John Henderson and the winner will be presented with a framed printed version of their design along with a £50 book voucher.

Entries should be returned to the office by Friday 7th November and then will be forwarded to Staffordshire County Council.

Don't forget to label each entry with the following information:

- Name and age.
- Name of the Staffordshire school that the child attends.
- Telephone number/email address of the person submitting the entry.

School Lunch Accounts

Please remember that 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 quite a large sum of money and some parents are accruing significant debts. Dinner money accounts should always be kept in credit.

Thank you for your co-operation. Sue Marriott, Bursar



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Chartwells is the catering partner chosen to provide tasty and nutritious meals in your child's school and to coincide with National School Meals Week, we'd really love to know what you think of our school meals. Last year thousands of you completed our survey and it provided us with really valuable feedback. It helped us to understand what you like and what you think needs improving and we've been able to use the information to make changes and build plans around our food for the future.

HAVE YOUR SAY

13th November – 26th November 2017

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Upcoming Events

8th November	YN and YR Phonics Workshop
13th November	Reception - Vision screening
17th November	Children In Need Spotacular dress up fundraiser (£1 please)
21st November	Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm
27th November	Parents Forum meeting 6.00pm
1st December	Reception Diwali Rotation day
4th-5th December	Author Dan Thompson in school

Term dates

Autumn term ends:
Tuesday 19th December

Training day:
Wednesday 3rd January

Spring Term begins:
Thursday 4th January

Staying in touch

You can find our website at:
www.dosthill.staffs.sch.uk

You can also follow us on
Twitter at:

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](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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