

NEWSLETTER

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*Learning at the heart
igniting possibility!*

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at the heart of our Trust**

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Latest News

It is our great pleasure to inform you that **Miss Nicholson got married over the half-term break to her partner Jim**. On behalf of the whole school community, we would like to wish them all the very best for the future.

Prior to the half-term break, there were a number of noteworthy events. **Year 2 completed their 'special learning'** and children responded to the challenge of completing mathematics, reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling 'quizzes' very well. Like the Year 6's when they completed their SATs, the Year 2 children should feel proud of all of the hard work they undertook and the positive attitude shown.

The whole school also marked **Shakespeare Week** and it was a joy to hear the children talking about their experiences and to read some of the pieces of writing they composed. **The 'Reward Shop' once again proved a very popular event for the children;** they truly relish the opportunity to cash in their reward points for prizes. The children are clearly incentivised by this and it remains something to be proud of that 99% of points issued on a weekly basis are for positive behaviour.

Year 1 also delivered their topic-based performance sharing songs and learning. They coped well with the heat on the day and showcased their talents well. We were most grateful to the parents and other relatives who came along to support the children. Thank you.

Finally, **children from Years 3 to 5 were entertained by a group of pupils from Wilnecote High School** who have been on a tour of local primary schools. Among the group were several ex-pupils who it is always a joy to see. The children very much enjoyed the performances and we appreciate the work and effort that had gone into these.

There is no let-up to the pace this half-term either; we are now just six weeks away from the end of this academic year!

On Monday during the Inset Day, staff were trained in a new approach to mathematics that we have adopted in line with the other schools within the Trust. The STAR (see, try, apply and reason) approach is being implemented along with some other adjustments to our mathematics provision. We hope the children talk about these at home and that the changes result in improved outcomes for all learners.

On Tuesday, a group of children from Dosthill Academy and Glascote Academy visited the **World Museum in Liverpool to experience the Terracotta Warrior Exhibition.** Children from Year 4 upwards were randomly chosen from those who had expressed an interest. The exhibition was fabulous and the children were enthralled by the artefacts, also enjoying the interactive theatre experience that was organised for them. It was fabulous to see the children from the two schools mixing so well together and gaining from a wonderful shared experience. We thank Glascote Academy for organising the visit and for inviting us along.

The children have very much enjoyed dressing up in Disney-themed costumes today to raise funds for the F2DS (Friends to Dosthill School). This was chosen by members of the School Council and will be followed by a further non-uniform day on a pyjama theme later this term.

To conclude, **we are very much looking forward to the Fierté Festival that is taking place the week after next.** Schools across the Trust will be taking part in an arts-themed week which includes a range of experiences planned to excite and broaden the knowledge of children. This will end on Monday 25th June when some of the children will perform together at Drayton Manor.

Meet the Governors

My name is Tanya Summers. I was appointed as a co-opted Governor (which means a community Governor) in November 2016. I am now up to speed (almost) with the terminology used in education which was new to me when I started.

I wanted to become a Governor so that I could positively contribute to the school and the community. I have a vested interest in Dosthill Primary Academy (given that my son attends the school) and I wanted to become actively involved in assisting with matters affecting the school. It has been extremely insightful to see how much work goes into running the school behind the scenes and the amount of effort and dedication required by the leaders, teachers, support staff and all involved with the day to day running of the school and the teaching of our little ones.

The school will soon be embarking on a new journey with Mrs Keay and I look forward to participating in the developments as we become accustomed to being an academy and working with other schools within the trust.



Cook's Corner



We will be having a special Sports' Day menu on Wednesday 13th June. Our menu for the day will consist of the following options:

Burger in a bun or Vegetable Stir Fry with Noodles
Oaty Cookie or Ice Cream Pot

The Catering team

Bake Sale

Last half term, one of our year six pupils, Chloe, held a bake sale in school to raise money for a forthcoming Scout trip that she is funding herself. It was extremely well received as Nursery all the way up to Year Six were able to visit and buy a cake, which meant that the whole school were included in the event.



In total £350.25 was taken, with over 350 delicious cakes, flapjacks and extremely popular chocolate pizzas being sold. Well done Chloe and thank you to our pupils and parents for their support.

School Lunch Accounts

Unfortunately we have over £700 in outstanding dinner money debt, which is unacceptable.

All Dinner Money accounts must have a credit balance on them before a child will be allowed a school meal.

Lost Property and Lunch Boxes

Could we ask that you name all clothing along with lunch boxes, to enable us to return them to the children if found, and to reduce the amount of items that are placed in the lost property bins. Please check lost property if any of your child's belongings have been misplaced as we are gathering a large amount of items again.

← Upcoming Events →

11th June	Lower KS2 Sports day – Field events 9:00am
13th June	Upper KS2 Sports day – Field events 9:00am KS2 Sports day – Track events 1:30pm New intake Reception induction evening 5:00-7:00pm
14th June	Class photos N2 & Years 1,2,3,5 N2 stay & play 2:00pm KS2 children Lichfield Garrick Fierté Trust Choir 7:00pm
15th June	Reception Sports day 9:30am KS1 Sports day – Athletic events 1:15pm
18th June	N1 Fathers Day stay and play 2:00pm
20th June	Year 3-6 Area Sports 4:00pm Tamworth Athletics Stadium
21st June	5C visit to Glascote Farm Reception Stay and play 2:00pm
26th June	Year 1 Twycross Zoo visit
27th June	Reception Stay and Play 2:30pm New to Nursery parents Induction 5:00-7:00pm
28th June	Kingsbury High School Transition day for Year 6 Reception Stay and Play 2:00pm
29th June	Pyjama Non Uniform day Yr 3-6 Cross Country Finals @ Keele University 8:30-1:30
2nd July	Year 3 Violin Concert 5:30-6:15 Dosthill School Music Choir 6:30-7:15
5th July	Reception Stay & Play 2:00pm
6th July	Reception Trip to Brandon Marsh

Term dates

*School Term ends – Friday 20th July
Inset day – Monday 3rd September
Autumn term starts – Tuesday 4th September*



Staying in touch

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