

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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Latest News

We hope everyone enjoyed the long weekend break and were able to make the best of the wonderful weather.

The F2DS recently organised discos for Reception and Key Stage 1 children. Children very much enjoyed these and we were most grateful to those members of the committee, parents and staff who supported the events. Without volunteers, activities such as these would not go ahead. We look forward to further events this term including the Summer Fun Day and the Year 6 Leavers' Party.

A Parents' Forum meeting was held on the 23rd April. We remain extremely grateful to those parents and carers who remain committed to attending meetings and assisting the school in making improvements. The presentation used within and the notes recorded during the meeting have been added to the school website. There will be one further meeting this term which will be on Monday 18th June at 6pm.

As part of their study of Tudor history, Year 5 recently visited Bosworth Battlefield, the Richard III museum in Leicester as well as the Cathedral where Richard's body is now laid to rest having been found in a car park. Children had a fabulous day deepening their knowledge and understanding of this crucial period in our history. Staff were fulsome in their praise of the children and their conduct during the day. We are always very proud to hear how impeccably behaved children are when they go on visits outside of school.

We recently received a Thank You card from Jack Gray who you will remember we held a non-uniform day for on the 28th March for his impending visit to Africa. As a school, we raised £573 which Jack was enormously grateful for. We thank parents and children for their support in raising this

significant sum.

In school, we have many children who contribute to the smooth running of the day and make the lives of others better. Members of the School Council work to ensure that issues raised by their peers are heard and changes made for the benefit of all. We currently have a group of Year 5 pupils who have been trained as Playmakers. Their role is to devise and lead games at lunchtime on the playground used by Years 2 and 3. The children are being supported by a coach from Premier Sports and are clearly enjoying their role. We are most grateful to them for generously giving up much of their lunchtime. Similarly, a separate group of Year 5 pupils assist with younger age groups in the dining hall each day. They are superb and completely reliable arriving on time each day. A further group of children from Year 3 carry out litter picking at lunchtime each day. They clearly enjoy using the equipment and accessing all areas of the school to clear the litter; they also make the environment nicer for all users of the school site. They would like more children and adults to behave responsibly though particularly at the end of the school day when lots of litter is dropped. Your support in encouraging children and others adults to make use of the bins we have around school will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, the school had a Review last week carried out by Mrs Hamblin, CEO of the Fierté Trust, two Headteachers from schools within the Trust, Mr Burns and Mr Russell, and an external consultant, Mr Sutcliffe. I am delighted to report that the Review was highly successful and improvements to leadership, teaching and learning identified and celebrated. This is the result of immense hard work from staff and pupils; something to spur us on to achieve even more this term and into the future!

Cook's Corner

We have now added a choice of fruit and yoghurt to our breakfast club menu every day. Our breakfast club is open every school day, from 8:30am until 8:50am.

STREET PARTY

We will be having a special Royal Wedding Street Party menu, on Thursday 17th May, in celebration of the upcoming wedding of Prince Harry to Meghan Markle. We look forward to seeing the children there. Many thanks for your support.

The Catering team



Meet the Governors

Over the last couple of years, I have served as one of your Governors - drawn from a key group of stakeholders keenly interested in the progress of both the School and each and every pupil's ongoing development - Parents.

We all have a collective and vested interest in igniting the positive possibilities that growing and learning together can bring. I have been proud to have contributed, in some small way, supporting the school community in the numerous challenges and opportunities presented throughout the past few years.

I am sure you'd agree - there are many varied and inspirational initiatives that it's hard to single

out one that stands out from the rest. Everything the school gets involved with compliments the ongoing development of our children, and empowers the teachers who are so crucial in giving great life chances for the young people attending.

As a parent, I have been really heartened that these initiatives appear to have captured the imagination of pupils throughout the schools years. Certainly the creative approaches have resonated with my twin daughters who thrive within the school environment.

Equally heartening is the positive and 'can do' attitude that Dosthill Primary Academy presents to its learners - both inside and outside of the School, regardless of current academic achievement. It's just a matter of finding the right 'spark' and 'interest' to ignite their personal motivation, and this remains a key focus within the School.

I am sure you'll agree, it's not easy as parents, juggling the day-to-day pressures of life to keep *learning at the heart* of bringing up children; but we do, and I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts outside of school in embracing the new and not so new initiatives that the School socialises from time to time. Personally, this has had a demonstrable, positive effect on our children's rounded learning experience, much of it fun, challenging, and engaging.

Having held senior level roles in Banking; Property; and the third sector, I have just about learnt the language used in the Education Sector - and kept abreast of all it's terminology!. As a Governing board member - I am pleased that we positively challenge ourselves to deliver the very best for our Children. Suffice it to say, there is a wealth of expertise; knowledge and approaches deployed by everyone within the School, led by an inspirational Headmaster, with the single minded focus of making a child's time at Dosthill Primary Academy count.

I am proud to serve as one of your Governor's.

Dan Potter



School Lunch Accounts

Unfortunately we have almost £500 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 enable us 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

14th-18th May	KS2 SATs Week
15th May	Full Governing Body Meeting 6pm
18th May	Year 4 performance at 2:30pm
22nd May	Reception and Year 6 height and weight measurements Y1 performance at 2.30pm
23rd May	Year 5 Safe & Sound Event at Tamworth Fire station
24th May	Nursery 2 Stay and play Meeting for Y6 parents who are attending the residential visit 6pm
25th May	Years 3-5 Wilnecote High School Music Presentation at Dosthill Y6 child holding a Cake Sale

Term dates

Half term begins:

Monday 27th May 2018

Training Day—Monday 4th June

Children return to school Tuesday 5th June



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.

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