



DUNKIRK PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2023 Newsletter

Safeguarding First

I always say to the children '**Safeguarding First**' so that they know their safety and well-being is paramount at Dunkirk. Safe and happy children make better learners! We are focusing on children knowing there is 'someone to talk to in school' and Miss Barrett has led a well-being assembly. Classes have been checking they have their 'School Council made' well-being boxes to 'pop' in an anonymous or named worry. We also remind children that they can talk to any staff in school. Have a look at:

<https://youtu.be/IDmr458xuy0>

We have our safeguarding section on our website with helpful videos that explain how we carry out our safeguarding duties at Dunkirk.

<https://youtu.be/bochtgsVtYI>



Road safety

Some parents/carers have been speeding outside school. I say to them...*PLEASE STOP DRIVING FAST OUTSIDE SCHOOL!!* Don't be the parent who causes an injury or even worse to one of our Dunkirk children.

-All drivers observing speed limits of no more than **20 mph outside school** (or even slower please)

-parents reminding and ensuring children get out of cars on pavement side

-stop parking on the zig zag or yellow lines. They are there for a reason.

If your child rides a bike to school, they **SHOULD** have a helmet on too. The helmet should fit on the forehead and be strapped on securely. This is so that in a fall, the helmet hits the concrete floor first and not your child's head.



Census day raffle

School census day will be on **Thursday October 5th 2023**. This is where the government counts the number of children in school on that day and bases our complete budget on that number. If a child is absent on that one day, then we miss out on their entire funding allocation for the whole year! Because we support families across Nottingham, asylum seeker families, families feeling domestic abuse etc, our school numbers change each week. This means we really need all that budget! With costs increasing, I cannot stress enough that we **NEED** all our children at school on 6th October. I will come and get them myself in my car if necessary! (and I have)!

We will be holding our famous school census day non-uniform, fun lunch and an exciting raffle this year. Your child gets a free ticket for coming to school on census day! We have some great prizes lined up on each campus! Any new raffle prize donations would be gratefully received on each campus!

Dojo

Please remember that we use dojo to share learning, activities, diary dates and homework with our families. We do not spend all day waiting for parental questions as we are spending all day focusing on our Dunkirk children's teaching and learning! If you have an urgent question or concern then please call school on 0115 9153273 or email admin@dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk.

Dunkirk Clubs

We continue all our fantastic lunchtime and after-school clubs for enjoyment:

- Singing
- Cooking
- Gardening
- Magical Maths
- Homework
- Reading club / Lunchtime library
- Lego
- Cricket
- Dodgeball
- Jigsaw
- Parent/child play

We will send out letters in the next few weeks about different campus clubs.

Names in uniform

Please spend half an hour, one evening, putting your child's name in their uniform, especially winter coats and red school jumpers (as lots of children remove them during playtimes!). If you need emergency uniform, then please let us know. We have spare uniform.

Cold weather uniform

Please remember that we adjusted our uniform so children can wear jogging bottoms or leggings so there is no need to change for PE.

Please make sure all uniform follows the school colours:

- Polo shirt in red or white

- Sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan in red
- Skirt/shorts/trousers/tracksuit bottoms/leggings in black or dark grey
- Socks or tights in black/red/white/dark grey
- Shoes/boots should be black. Trainers should be black (NOT blue or red etc)
- Warm and dry winter coat (essential as we go out in snow and rain at Dunkirk)

Please note that pink, green, blue etc are not school colours even on PE days.

PE clothing should be red, black, grey or white top and black or grey bottoms please.

Support for our Dunkirk families

This year it will be **E-safety focus** for our parent workshops and top tips via dojo school story.

We will also hold curriculum workshops throughout the year so you can find out about what we teach and how. Our first workshop this term is 'phonics' for YR and Y1 families. This will be on 26th September 23 @2:45pm in Abbey Hall. You can also look on our website at our different curriculum subjects www.dunkirk.nottingham.sch.uk.

Reading at home

I cannot stress enough the importance of reading at home at Dunkirk.



- At Abbey campus we focus on phonics and developing fluency
- At Highfields campus we focus on extending fluency and understanding.

Reading at home helps children practise what they have learnt at school. We believe that reading is NOT a race to finish lots of books but a time to read again and again to improve.

READING AT HOME REALLY MAKES A DIFFERENCE.

At Abbey campus we use the online Boom reading records and the feedback has been very positive. Abbey parents, please make sure you have signed up and are using Boom (ask at office).

Highfields children complete their own reading records so please make sure your child is completing their reading each school night and recording so we can keep checking.

PoDs (Parents of Dunkirk)

Parents of Dunkirk is our online review forum where we can gather feedback from across both campuses on specific topics, all linked to school. The purpose of PoDs is to hear different viewpoints about forthcoming actions/events/decisions. Some parent governors also attend so we ensure views get taken back to Governor committees.

The themes for this Autumn terms meeting will be 'Diversity', which will be via **zoom on the 9th October at 5:30pm**. We will explore government diversity expectations on schools,

British values and the equality expectations for schools from the Equalities Act. We will send a dojo reminder and the zoom link nearer the time. I look forward to meeting you online and having a good discussion.

Enrichment

We will be continuing our project and workshops with Nottingham Girls High School. This is a long-term project, which will continue until the current Y5 leave Dunkirk. The focus is developing knowledge and understanding in science and technology. Mrs Clark is working with all those involved to make this a really successful project.

We also have a sports project at Abbey and a cricket development programme at Highfields. We will share photos as usual on dojo of all our great learning and fun at Dunkirk, so you know what we are doing.

So, I am looking forward to a lovely autumn term, with lots of hard work and exciting events!

Have a look at the diary dates on the final page. You could print them off, but we will put these on dojo and on the website as well over the next few weeks. That way you know what is coming up and you will get reminders on dojo.

Heidi Hollis
Head Teacher

Event	Date	Time	Campus
YR & Y1 phonics workshop	26/9/23	2:45pm	Abbey

World Teachers Day	5/10/23	All day	Both
Census Day-ALL CHILDREN NEEDED IN SCHOOL!	5/10/23	All day	Both
World Mental Health Day Awareness Assembly	9/10/23	am	Both
PoDs (Parents of Dunkirk) Diversity discussion on zoom	9/10/23	5:00pm	Zoom
RHSE week Happy & Healthy Relationships Y1-6	16-20/10/23		
Parents consultation meetings online	16/10/23	4:00-6:00pm	Both
ABC consultation meetings at campus	17/10/23	2:00-5:00pm	Abbey
HFC consultation meetings at campus	18/10/23	2:00-5:00pm	Highfields
ABC online safety workshop for families	13/11/23	2:30pm	Hall
HFC on-line safety workshop for families	14/11/23	2:45pm	Hall
Children in Need Spotacular Day (spotty theme)	17/11/23	All day	Both
Y3 ACT sharing in the hall	07/12/22	2:00pm	Abbey
Y2 ACT	08/12/23	Share on dojo	Abbey
Y1 ACT	07/12/23	Share on dojo	Abbey
Y4/5/6 ACT Sharing in hall	12/12/23	2:00pm	Highfields
PODS mtg on zoom Health & Safety discussion	12/12/23	5:00pm	Zoom
Y2/3 Christmas Sing for parents/carers in the hall	12/12/22	2:00pm	Abbey
Y4/5/6 Christmas Sing for parents/carers	13/12/22	2:00pm	Highfields
Abbey Christmas lunch/jumper day	13/12/23	All day	Abbey
YR/Y1 Christmas Sing for parents/carers in the hall	15/12/23	9:30am	Abbey
Y2/3 Christmas Sing for parents/carers in the hall	15/12/23	2:00pm	Abbey
HFC Christmas lunch/jumper day	14/12/23	All day	Highfields
ABC Campus Christmas quiz day	15/12/23	All day	Highfields
HFC Christmas Sing for parents/carers in the hall	18/12/23	Staggered	Highfields
Abbey party day	18/12/23	All day	Abbey
Highfields party day	19/12/23	All day	Highfields
Abbey 'Boy Who Cried Wolf' show at Lakeside	19/12/22	1:00pm	Lakeside
Abbey PRIDE assembly	20/12/22	9:30am	Abbey
Highfields PRIDE assembly	20/12/22	2:00pm	Highfields
Last day of autumn term	20/12/23	-	Both
School closed for holidays	21/12/23	-	-
School re-opens for spring term	04/01/24	Usual gates	Both