



## Autumn Term 2022 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

*The first half of term went really fast and we are already starting rehearsals for end of term celebrations and parties! Please make sure you are checking the dojo diary or school website for info on what events/meetings are coming soon. Please take some time now to read through our newsletter.*

### *Safeguarding*

We are focusing on children knowing there is someone to talk to in school and classes have well-being boxes to 'pop' in an anonymous or named worry but 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/bochtqsVtYI>



### *Road safety*

We are looking at road safety at school and I have put on dojo the following information-

**"I think we need to do a piece of work together, as a safety aware community, about road safety outside school and I need the help of you, our parents/carers."**

-I have contacted the Local Authority to get new yellow zig zags painted and asked for road safety support options

-Y1 are making signs to remind everyone to turn off their engines (as part of their next ACT project)

-Antonino La Rocca (parent) has made a guide about the dangers of idling.

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

- parents pulling over and parking to drop child off away from school gate areas to reduce traffic and not just stopping in middle of road anymore
- road safety video for children to watch
- parents reminding and ensuring children get out of cars on pavement side and parents escorting children across roads together
- we will put cones on zig zag lines to stop parking (please do not shout at us when you cannot park there as we are just trying to keep our children safe!)

## Fundraising-Macmillan cake sale / Children in Need

We raised over £100 for cancer research through our campus Macmillan cake sales. Huge thank to all the families who donated cakes. We had two marvellous spreads and a great turn out from our community at both sales. We raised over £200 during our non-uniform Children in Need day. Thank you Dunkirk!



## Dunkirk Clubs

We continue our lunchtime and after-school clubs:

- Singing
- Art
- Crafts
- Tennis
- Magical Maths
- Homework
- Reading club / Lunchtime library

## Names in Uniform

We donate any lost property to the 'Uniform Project' 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!) We work closely with the uniform project to provide cost effective uniform solutions for our families.

**Are you struggling to afford uniform for your children?**  
We can help you with a free uniform parcel.

**Request your parcel by:**

- Direct message to our Facebook page
- Emailing us at: [theuniformproject@btinternet.com](mailto:theuniformproject@btinternet.com)
- Contacting your local food bank or school directly, who can make a uniform parcel request on your behalf.

We will confirm we have received your request and begin preparing your parcel for collection.

We will let you know when your parcel is ready for collection from us at The Uniform Project Nottingham Ltd, Unit 2, Forest Court, Gamble Street, Radford, Nottingham, NG7 4EK, between Monday to Thursday, 10 am to 4 pm.

PLEASE NOTE WE ARE A NOT-FOR-PROFIT ORGANISATION THAT IS RELIANT ON DONATIONS. THEREFORE WE CAN NOT ALWAYS PROVIDE THE LOGO UNIFORM ITEMS YOU NEED, PARTICULARLY FOR SECONDARY SCHOOLS.  
PLEASE NOTE IF YOU REQUIRE PURPLE OR GREEN UNIFORM, YOU WILL NEED TO REQUEST THIS THROUGH YOUR SCHOOL DIRECTLY DUE TO THE LIMITED AVAILABILITY OF STOCK. THIS IS TO ENSURE THOSE MOST IN NEED RECEIVE IT.

## 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 (NOT black even for PE days)
- Sweatshirt/jumper/cardigan in red (NOT black even for PE days)
- Skirt/shorts/trousers/tracksuit bottoms/leggings in black or grey
- Socks or tights in black/red/white/grey
- Shoes/sensible closed toe sandals should be black or dark brown. Trainers can be black or white (NOT blue or red etc)
- Warm and dry winter coat

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

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

## 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 'Communication', which will be on the **7<sup>th</sup> December via zoom at 5:30pm**. We will explore our communication strategy and get suggestions from you as to where you feel we can next develop. We will send a dojo reminder and the zoom link. I look forward to meeting you online and having a good discussion.

## 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 are trialling Boom reader online 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 paper reading records so please make sure your child is completing their reading each school night and recording so we can keep checking.



## Workshops for families

Thank you to the parents/carers who attended our recent writing workshop, led by Mr Hall, which gave an overview of how we teach writing at Dunkirk and how you can help your child at home. Mrs Jurkiw also ran a training session for Abbey parents on the new Boom online reading record. We have a new phonics scheme, which we have implemented this term. Next term on the **12<sup>th</sup> January 3:30pm at Abbey campus, we will run a parents workshop** so that you can see how we teach phonics and how you can help your child at home.

## Census day raffle

We had excellent attendance on census day 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022. Our two campus raffles at the end of the day saw children winning bikes, scooters, drum lessons, books and other prizes. Thank you to the staff and families who donated prizes.

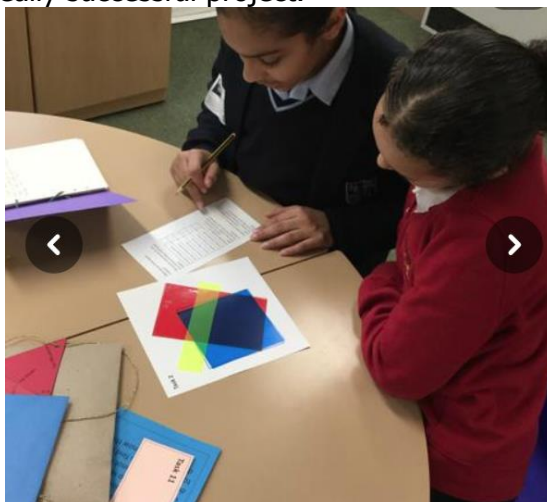
## COP 27 pledge

Our environmental focus this year is 'Turn it off' to remind all staff and children to turn off lights and equipment when not in use to save energy and money. We have reminder signs up at school. Try making some for at home!



## Brighter Girls Workshops

Some of our Y4 girls are involved in a workshop with Nottingham Girls High School. This is a long term project, which will continue until they 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.



## Finland Teaching

As part of our on-going maths development, we had Finnish staff from our link school Rastaala teach at Dunkirk and some Dunkirk staff taught in Finland. The focus was linked to our on-going development of maths fluency at both schools. We learnt a lot from each other.



*Looking forward to a lovely end of term, with lots of hard work and exciting events! Have a look at the diary dates on the final page.*

*Heidi Hollis  
Head Teacher*

## Dunkirk Autumn 2 Diary Dates

Event	Date	Time	Campus
Y6 cyber safety workshop	01/12/22	2:00pm	Highfields
Y6 SATs presentation meeting	01/12/22	3:30pm	Highfields
Y2 ACT sharing in the hall	06/12/22	2:00pm	Abbey
Y1 ACT sharing in bird hall	07/12/22	2:00pm	Abbey
Parents of Dunkirk online discussion group-all welcome (see link in dojo diary)	07/12/22	5:00pm	Zoom
Y3 ACT sharing in the hall	08/12/22	2:00pm	Abbey
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	14/12/22	All day	Abbey
YR/Y1 Christmas Sing for parents/carers in the hall	15/12/22	2:00pm	Abbey
Highfields Christmas lunch day/jumper day	15/12/22	All day	Highfields
Highfields Christmas lunch/jumper day	15/12/22	All day	Highfields
Campus Christmas quiz day	16/12/22	All day	Both
Y4-6 ACT Great Exhibition	19/12/22	Staggered	Highfields
Abbey party day	19/12/22	All day	Abbey
Highfields party day	20/12/22	All day	Highfields
Abbey YR & Y1 Singing Mermaid show at Lakeside	20/12/22	1:00pm	Lakeside
Abbey Y2 & Y3 Singing Mermaid show at Lakeside	22/12/22	1:00pm	Lakeside
Abbey PRIDE assembly	21/12/22	9:30am	Abbey
Highfields PRIDE assembly	21/12/22	2:00pm	Highfields
Last day of autumn term	21/12/22	-	Both
School closed for holidays	22/12/22	-	-
School re-opens for spring term	05/01/23	Usual gates	Both