

Newsletter No.1 September 6<sup>th</sup> 2023



Welcome to a new school year  
from all the team!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back everyone – it's been lovely to welcome you all in the sunshine. The children have settled back in really happily and we'd like to offer a warm welcome so many new families to our school community.

We are also delighted to welcome Mr McCall as Class 10 (Y4) teacher, Miss Hammond-Walker as class 5 (Y1) teacher and Miss Moyle, Miss Rayne, Miss Coxon and Mrs Neilson as a new classroom assistants.

### **Coffee Mornings**

We will be hosting welcome Coffee Mornings for each year group next week. You will be able to meet your child's new class teacher and hear about how to support your child throughout the year.

In the meantime if you have queries or any concerns about how your child is settling in to their new class please get in touch via the school office. [admin@dinnnington.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dinnnington.newcastle.sch.uk).

### **Changes to the Diary**

Apologies there are a couple of changes to this term's diary. See diary attached.

Changes to Y2 and Y3 Brunch and Book days and the times of the festive performances on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

Diary dates for the rest of the year will be with you shortly and we aim to have the majority of trips and visits booked well in advance so that you can plan ahead.

We also hope to have a few whole school events in order that we can enjoy coming together as a community.

Kind regards,

Mrs Ash (Head Teacher)

## **School Lunches**

A reminder that all children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to a free school meals. Theresa (our school cook) and the team work really hard to provide meals that the children (and staff) will enjoy. We will be holding a taster day in October for any children who are normally on packed lunches and would like to try a school meal. More information to follow.

## **Nut Allergies / Packed Lunches**

We have children in school with severe nut allergies.

There is a ban on all nut products in school. This means staff, visitors and children are not allowed to bring in anything containing nuts for lunches or snacks.

This obviously includes **Nutella** and hazelnut spreads, chocolate and cereal bars with nuts, peanut butter sandwiches or any whole nuts. Any nut products brought into school will be confiscated and disposed of.

Please be very mindful as to what goes into your child's packed lunchbox.

## **Curriculum Plans**

We will not send out paper copies however curriculum plans will be sent via parent mail and saved on the school website.

The half termly curriculum plans give you an overview of the knowledge and skills your child will be working towards. We hope this will enable you to support them and discuss their learning with them at home.

## **Out of School Club**

The out of school club is back up and running wrap around care. If you wish to use this provision please contact the school office.

## **School Attendance**

Regular and punctual attendance is vital for your child's wellbeing and progress. Children are expected to be in school for 190 school days per year. If your child is absent for more than seven days over a school year their attendance will fall below the expected, acceptable attendance. Children should only be absent from school if they are feeling too unwell to attend. As far as possible, medical and dental appointments should be made for during school holidays or outside the school day. Please do not book holidays in term time – they will not be authorised.

## New Social Media Accounts



**All of our important messages are sent to you through parentmail. However we do post some of the children's learning on our social media pages.**

Please find us on Twitter @DinningtonFirst

Your child's class also has its own twitter page;

@Dinnington\_Nur (Class 1)

@Dinnington\_Rec (Class 2 & 3)

@Dinnington\_Y1 (Class 4 & 5)

@Dinnington\_Y2 (Class 6 & 7)

@Dinnington\_Y3 (Class 8 & 9)

@Dinnington\_Y4 (Class 10 & 11)



**We also have a private Facebook Page – you will need to complete the admin questions to be allowed to join the group.**

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Dinnington-first-school/1855950107979418>

## Private Social Media Accounts

Each year group has a private messenger or whatsapp group where parents share information and organise social events. School does not take any responsibility for these accounts but if you are new to school or wish to join please speak to another parent/carer who should be able to add you to the group. Please ensure that any social media presence does not bring the school into disrepute and any concerns are brought straight to the attention of the Head Teacher.

### **Friday Afternoon Clubs**

Please ensure the children have suitable outdoor clothing for the clubs they are taking part in as we aim for outdoor clubs to be out wherever possible.

If you'd like to bring wellies or old trainers for forest school and leave them at school that would be fine.

### **Year 4 Parents – Applications for Middle School**



It is now time to apply for your child's Middle School place for September 2024.

The closing date for applications is midnight on 31st October 2023. If you submit a late application, you are less likely to get your first choice of school.

Newcastle City Council strongly encourage parents to make your application online.

If, however, you would prefer to make a paper application please pop into the school office for a paper form. The link to make your online application is inside the leaflet.

<https://newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places#>



We regularly talk to the children about how to keep themselves safe. We will ask the children to '**Show Me 5**' - they hold up their hands and talk about 5 ways that they can stay safe. We do this for different situations. For example:

**At school** (e.g. stay safe online, walk slowly in the corridor, carry scissors correctly, wash our hands)

**Outside** (e.g. Walk on pavement, cross roads at a crossing / with an adult, wear bright clothing if it is dark, do not speak to strangers, water / beach safety)

Asking your child to do this at home is really helpful in supporting these messages and keeping them safe.

If you would like any further information on how to keep your child safe or you ever have concerns about a child please get in touch with school. One of our Designated Safeguarding Leads (Mrs Ash, Mr Donnelly and Mrs Parker) would be happy to advise you.

# Dinnington First School Diary 2023-24

SEPTEMBER			OCTOBER		
4	MON	Training Day	2	MON	
5	TUES		3	TUES	Choir 3.30pm
6	WED		4	WED	
7	THURS		5	THURS	
8	FRI		6	FRI	
9	SAT		7	SAT	
10	SUN		8	SUN	
11	MON	Year 1 Coffee Morning 9am	9	MON	
12	TUES	Year 2 Coffee Morning 9am Choir 3.30pm	10	TUES	
13	WED	Reception Coffee Morning 9am	11	WED	2.30pm Phonics Parent Workshop
14	THURS	Year 3 Coffee Morning 9am	12	THURS	3.45pm Phonics Parent Workshop
15	FRI	Year 4 Coffee Morning 9am	13	FRI	
16	SAT		14	SAT	
17	SUN		15	SUN	
18	MON		16	MON	Parent Consultations
19	TUES	Choir 3.30pm	17	TUES	Parent Consultations
20	WED		18	WED	Parent Consultations
21	THURS		19	THURS	
22	FRI		20	FRI	
23	SAT		21	SAT	
24	SUN		22	SUN	
25	MON		23	MON	
26	TUES	Choir 3.30pm	24	TUES	Choir 3.30pm
27	WED	Children's Society – Assembly	25	WED	
28	THURS		26	THURS	
29	FRI		27	FRI	Training Day
30	Sat		28	SAT	
1	Sun		29	SUN	
			30	MON	Half Term Holiday



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NOVEMBER			DECEMBER		
31	TUE	Half Term Holiday			
1	WED	Half Term Holiday			
2	THUR	Half Term Holiday			
3	FRI	Half Term Holiday	1	FRI	
4	SAT		2	SAT	
5	SUN		3	SUN	
6	MON		4	MON	
7	TUES		5	TUES	
8	WED		6	WED	
9	THURS		7	THURS	
10	FRI		8	FRI	
11	SAT		9	SAT	
12	SUN		10	SUN	
13	MON	9am Books n Brunch Year 4	11	MON	
14	TUES	9am Books n Brunch Year 2	12	TUES	9.30am EYFS Nativity 1.30pm Y1-Y2 Festive Performance 2.15pm Y3-Y4 Festive Performance
15	WED	9am Books n Brunch Year 3	13	WED	9.30am EY Nativity 1.30pm Y3-Y4 Festive Performance 2.15pm Y1-Y2 Festive Performance
16	THURS	9am Books n Brunch Year 1	14	THURS	School Christmas Lunch
17	FRI		15	FRI	
18	SAT		16	SAT	
19	SUN		17	SUN	
20	MON	9am Nursery Stay and Play	18	MON	AM EYFS Christmas Party PM Year 1 &2 Christmas Party
21	TUES	9am Nursery Stay and Play	19	TUES	PM Year 3 &4 Christmas Party
22	WED	9am Reception Brunch n Books	20	WED	
23	THURS	9am Reception Brunch n Books	21	THURS	
24	FRI		22	FRI	
25	SAT		23	SAT	
26	SUN		24	SUN	
27	MON		25	MON	Holiday
28	TUES		26	TUES	Holiday
29	WED		27	WED	Holiday
30	THUR		28	THURS	Holiday
			29	FRI	Holiday
			30	FRI	Holiday



## Training Days

1. Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023
2. Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023
3. Monday June 3<sup>rd</sup> 2024

## Community Schools



## Term and Holiday dates for 2023 - 2024

SEPTEMBER 2023						
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JANUARY 2024						
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FEBRUARY 2024						
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MARCH 2024						
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APRIL 2024						
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MAY 2024						
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JUNE 2024						
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JULY 2024						
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AUGUST 2024						
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Autumn Term	Spring Term	Summer Term
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Bank Holiday	School Holiday
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