

Dates for your diary...

15th Oct	8.45am R/1M Parents' Morning
16th Oct	2P Parents' Afternoon
17th Oct	2.30pm 2H/2A Class Assembly
18th Oct	10am 6N Parents' Morning
18th Oct	1T/2S Trip to Danby Moors Centre
22nd Oct	Harvest Festival
23rd Oct	9.45am 6N assembly
23rd Oct	Halloween Disco
24th Oct	Choir Festival at Guisborough
24th Oct	1T Parents' Afternoon
25th Oct	2S Parents' Afternoon
25th Oct	Introduction to Parliament assembly followed workshop for Y6
25th Oct	Flu Immunisations
25th Oct	Behaviour/Attendance Reward
5th Nov	3A Parents' Afternoon
6th Nov	5S trip to Tees Barrage
11th/12th Nov	Parent Consultations
13th Nov	Primary Maths Challenge - Red House School
14th Nov	2P Class Assembly
15th Nov	2S Parents' Morning
15th Nov	Children in Need Day
22nd Nov	Road Safety Week assemblies
22nd Nov	Maths in Motion at Brambles
27th Nov	R/1M Class Assembly
27th Nov/6th Dec	2H/2A Parents' Afternoons
16th Dec	Trust Carol Service
19th Dec	Break up for Christmas



Other Christmas Dates to follow

Reminders

*We have the majority of our parents engaged with Marvellous Me, and we like to use this as our main way of sharing news and communicating with parents. Please remember to Hi5 the messages that are sent to you. If you don't have access to Marvellous Me, please contact the academy office.



*After School Clubs - Clubs continue to be available after school on a regular basis throughout the year, free of charge. Letters are given out during the first week of a half term.

*Please can we remind everyone that bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the playground around the back of the academy. This rule is enforced for the safety of all the children and adults. We thank you for your co-operation.



* For safety, please use the lollipop man to cross the road outside the academy.



Dormanstown Primary Academy October 2019

Autumn Newsletter



We have had a busy and exciting start to the academic year. We would like to thank you for all the support that you gave us with the transition project; the range and amount of home learning undertaken was amazing, and our entrance display currently showcases many of these tasks. The children were extremely motivated by our use of the shared text "The Day the Crayons Quit", and it proved a wonderful stimulus for discussions and tasks both in and out of the academy.

Some of our curriculum experiences this half term...



5S making Egyptian masks with their parents.



2A and 2H Cave painting



Y4/5 building their own volcanoes.



6N testing out rationing recipes



EYFS having great fun during their fire engine visit.

Each year group has been focusing on a new curriculum project, and the children have been highly motivated by the range of engaging tasks that have been undertaken. We are really excited about our new Curriculum books which we will share at Parent Consultations in November.



Attendance

Well done to all the children who were able to have their end of term treat for 100% attendance in July with the bouncy castle reward.



Our target for attendance is 96%. Please ensure that your child has excellent attendance in the academy, so we have even more children achieving our attendance awards. **The next reward will be on the 25th October.**

Can we remind parents that we are not at liberty to authorise holidays in term time; they can only be granted in exceptional circumstances. We are getting requests for absence that we do not have the capacity to authorise.

P.E. Kit

Please can you make sure your child /children have a P.E. kit, suitable for both indoor and outdoor P.E. in the academy at all times. This should consist of:

- Shorts/ tracksuit bottoms (preferably blue)
- White collarless t-shirt
- Plimsolls / trainers for outdoor
- Tracksuit or warm sweatshirt - for outdoor P.E. in cold weather.



Kit should be stored preferably in a small drawstring bag.

Please can you make sure that earrings are removed on the days when your child will have P.E.

At this point in the term, we have already accumulated a large amount of lost property; please encourage your child to take care of their belongings.

All clothing in the academy should be labelled with your child's name please.

Nursery Children

If you have a child who will be 3 years old over the coming academic year, please see the academy office to make sure they are on our Nursery waiting list.



Operation Encompass

Operation Encompass is a police and education early information sharing partnership enabling schools to offer immediate support for children and young people experiencing domestic abuse. Information is shared by the police with a school's trained Key Adult (DSL) prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident thus enabling appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead at Dormanstown is Mrs Wilson, with both Mrs Hill and Miss Duffy being Deputy Safeguarding Leads.



New Staff

In September, we were happy to welcome the following members of staff to the academy :

Miss Eden (SENDCo)

Miss Marsden (Y4/5 teacher)

Mr Stammers (Y5 teacher)

Mrs Cairns (Learning Assistant)

Welcome back to Mrs Theaker and Miss Burton too.



Junior Leadership Team and Academy Council



Our Junior Leadership Team have made an excellent start to the new term. They have been undertaking their responsibilities reliably and efficiently. We have also developed a new Academy Council with representatives from Y2 to Y6. Both groups are already wonderful assets around the academy and role models for the other children. We look forward to them being involved in making decisions around the academy and making improvements through their Pupil Voice.

Praise and Share

Every Friday, we showcase work that demonstrates significant achievement during our Celebration assemblies. This will then be displayed around the academy so everyone can be proud of that child's achievements. Look out for our Praise and Share winners and other news on our new academy website where all news and calendars are available. <http://dormanstown.teesvalleyeducation.co.uk/>

Celebrating Reading



Please remember that our expectation is that children read at least four times a week at home, and we have lots of ways that children can be rewarded for this:

*Golden Ticket draw every week (for reading 4 or more times at home)

*Book to the value of £7 when children have read 100, 150 times etc.

*Certificates and stickers on the chart in class.

* Rewards through Accelerated Reader in KS2.



Also, remember our book swap starts this Friday, with children bringing in books from home that they would like to exchange for a different title.