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DIMPLE WELL INFANT SCHOOL AND NURSERY

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NEWSLETTER – NOVEMBER 2019

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a good half term holiday. The festive season will soon be upon us!!

INSET Day dates change

The Inset Date planned for Friday 15th November has had to be cancelled due to the snap General Election! **School will be open on Friday 15th November but closed on Thursday 12th December**, as school is used as a polling station. Apologies for the late notice and any inconvenience caused but this has been imposed upon us.

ABSENCE REMINDER:

1. It is parents' responsibility to inform the school of the reason for a child's absence as soon as possible. We would therefore expect that parents contact us on the first day of absence. This contact can be by note, in person, or telephone call. If notification is not received by 10.00 a.m. on the first day of absence, school will contact the parent.
2. Where absence is due to illness we would expect parents to inform us of the **nature of the illness** and the predicted date of return to school. Calls should be made daily if it is unclear when the child will return.

Sponsored Walk

The children love this event and the atmosphere throughout was uplifting! Please send any outstanding sponsor money into school as soon as possible. We have raised an amazing £1999.75 so far! This year we are sharing the donations between saving up for a defibrillator and the School Funds.

Clubs

This term we are able to offer the following after school clubs.

Day	Club	Open to children in	Timing
Monday	Gymnastics	Classes 1 - 6	3.15-4.15
Tuesday	Choir	Classes 1 - 6	3.15 – 4.00
Wednesday	Football – please note that Football kit is NOT required and Football boots CANNOT be worn	Classes 3 - 6	3.15 – 4.15
Thursday	Taekwondo	Classes 1 - 6	3.15 – 4.15
	French Club	Classes 1 - 6	3.15 – 4.00

- **Wake up and shake up – Wednesday and Friday mornings 8.30 to 8.55.** A free fun club starts Wednesday 13th November until the end of term.

Please fill in the tear off slip or separate fliers sent out with the children tonight and return to the class teacher with the appropriate money by Friday 8th November. **All clubs will start week commencing the 11th November.** Please presume your child has been allocated a place at the club, we will contact you if the club is over subscribed.



Non Uniform Days

We will be celebrating Children in Need on **Friday 15th November** by asking the children to wear something spotty and donate £1 to Charity.

We are also holding a non-uniform day on **Friday 30th November** in exchange for the children bringing in a bottle (ketchup, wine, pop, shampoo etc) or some sweets for our Christmas fayre.

Reading at home

Listening to your child read their reading book is very important if your child is going to grasp this very important skill for life. Generally children at Dimple Well become successful readers and enjoy stories and books if school and home work in partnership.

Unfortunately some children are being let down as they are not being heard read at home. Please do all you can to support your child with their reading at home – **your input is crucial if you want your child to reach their full potential**. If you need any help or advice on this please get in touch with your child's teacher.

Severe weather

Should we have severe weather conditions, necessitating **closure of the school** we will try to get an announcement played on **BBC Radio Leeds (92.4FM, 95.3FM & DAB), Capital 105 FM, Real Radio, Smooth Radio and Ridings FM (106.8)** so please listen out. We will also include a message on the **school website** <http://dimplewell.wakefield.sch.uk> and **Parent Hub App**, and a list of school closures is also on the **Wakefield MDC website**: www.wakefield.gov.uk so please check those first.

It would be helpful if telephone calls to the school are kept to a minimum as staff may be delayed getting to school. If the phone is not answered it does not necessarily mean we will be closed. Closure is rare and the decision not to open will only be taken if insufficient staff can reach school, without putting themselves at risk.

If the weather is bad during the school day, parents should use their discretion about coming to collect their children early. If conditions on local roads seem to be deteriorating we may start to telephone parents and ask them to collect their children.

If you are unable to collect your child at 3.10pm because of the weather, they will be cared for until someone picks them up. However, if possible, **please phone** to let us know you are delayed so that we can reassure your child that you are safe. As ever, our main concern will always be the safety of the children, parents and staff.

School dinners

Please can you ensure that you have picked your child's school dinners online. They can be chosen for several weeks at a time. By doing so, this saves the teachers lots of valuable learning time. If you are unable to do this at home we are more than happy for you to come into school and pre choose your child's dinners. Please note that lunches cannot be chosen after 12 midnight of the day before. Thank you for your cooperation.

Parents evening

Our first parents' evening will take place on Thursday 14th November between 2.30 and 8.00pm (see different times for Nursery). This is an opportunity for parents and teachers to meet and discuss how your child has settled into their new class and share any concerns you may have. It is hoped that areas for development will be identified and by working on these together your child will make pleasing progress.

A separate letter will be sent out today. Please fill in the tear off slip and return it to your child's class teacher indicating your first, second and third choice of time. The class teachers will do their best to accommodate your preferred time. If you are unable to make this date please contact your child's class teacher to make a mutually convenient alternative time.

Dates for this half term:

Parents evening

Thursday 14th November (appointment letter at the end of the newsletter)

Children in Need

Friday 15th November (bring £1 and wear something spotty day)

<u>School open</u>	Friday 15 th November
Non uniform Days	Friday 29 th November (bring a bottle/sweets for the Xmas Fayre)
Christmas Fayre	Wednesday 11 th December 3.15pm – 5.00pm
<u>INSET DAY</u>	Thursday 12 th December
Class 1 and 2 Nativity	Monday 16 th December 2pm
Main school Nativity	Tuesday 17 th December 2pm
	Wednesday 18 th December 2pm
Nursery Nativity	Thursday 19 th December 10.45am and 2.15pm
Christmas Party	
- Class 1 & 2	Friday 20 th December (come in party clothes)
Pantomime Trip & party	
- Classes 3,4,5 & 6	Friday 20 th December (come in party clothes)

School closes for Christmas on Friday 20th December and re-opens again on Monday 6th January 2020.

Thank you for your support.
Yours sincerely,

H. E. Williams

Mrs H. E. Williams,
Headteacher.