



NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope you have all had a lovely summer break! All the children have quickly settled into their new class and lots of smiley faces can be seen, long may this continue.

I would like to welcome all the new children and their families who are joining Dimple Well School; we hope you will have an enjoyable and rewarding time whilst being a part of the 'Dimple Well Family'.

Explanation of terms used

Please can I clarify some terms, which I may use in newsletters that can sometimes cause parents some confusion:

Key Stage 1 includes year 1 and year 2 children – All the children in Mrs Robson's, Miss Morris', Mrs Broadley's/Mrs Wilkinson's class and Miss Goodall's class (Classes 6, 5, 4 and 3).

Foundation Stage – All the children in Mrs Poole's, Mrs Simmons' and Mrs Southwell's class (Classes 1, 2 and Nursery)

Upper Foundation Stage – All the children in Mrs Poole's (Class 1) and Mrs Simmons' class (Class 2)

Lower Foundation Stage (Nursery) – All the children in Mrs Southwell's class

Staff – the following staff will be working in these classes during the week

Nursery – Mrs Southwell, Mrs Swain, Mrs Farrar

Class 1 – Mrs Poole, Mrs Finney, Mrs Teasdale, Miss Wood, Miss Margreaves, Mrs O'Neill, Miss Blaymire

Class 2 – Mrs Simmons, Mrs Finney, Mrs Teasdale, Mrs Wood

Class 3 – Miss Goodall, Miss Hemingway, Mrs Harrop

Class 4 – Mrs Broadley, Mrs Wilkinson, Mrs Goodsell, Mrs Bryant, Miss Wilson

Class 5 – Miss Morris, Mrs Haley, Mrs McGarry, Mrs Farrar

Class 6 – Mrs Robson, Mrs McCann, Miss Blaymire

Mrs Gamson teaches music to classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 every Tuesday morning

Lunchtime staff:

Miss Jo (Class 6), Mrs Haley (Class 5), Mrs Goodsell (Class 4), Miss Hemingway (Class 3), Miss Wood (Class 2), Mrs Farrar/Miss Margreaves (Class 1)

Office Staff:

Miss Lucas and Mrs Draper

Caretaker and Cleaner:

Mr and Mrs Walker

If the children mention other adults working in their class these are usually volunteers or work experience students.

Just a few reminders!

Class Curriculum Information newsletter

You will receive a letter shortly, from your child's class teacher, which will outline what your child will be learning in class this term and the days they will be doing PE, changing reading and library books etc.

Parent Surgeries

The dates for this year's surgeries are as follows:

Mrs Broadley/Mrs Wilkinson and Miss Goodall (Class 3 and 4) – Wednesday 20th September 8.45am

Mrs Poole and Mrs Simmons (Class 1 and 2) – Thursday 21st September 8.45am

Mrs Robson and Miss Morris (Class 5 and 6) - Friday 22nd September 8.45am

Mrs Southwell (Nursery) Thursday 21st September 11.15am for the morning children and 2.45pm for the afternoon children.

This is an opportunity for the class teachers to go through what the children will be learning this term and how it will be taught. It is hoped that this will help you to better support your child at home. If you can't attend please call in and make arrangements to speak to the teacher at an alternative time.

Clubs

A letter will go out shortly regarding afterschool clubs available this half term. The clubs will be limited to Year 1 and Year 2 children allowing the Upper Foundation children to settle into school.

P.E. Kit

PE lessons will officially start next week.

Children in Classes 3, 4, 5 and 6 will come to school in their PE kits (joggers/leggings, white t shirt, school jumper and trainers) on their designated PE days.

Children in Class 1 and 2 will have 2 PE sessions a week.

For one session they will need to have a PE kit in school and this should include black/navy shorts, white t shirt and pumps (preferably velcro fasteners). This needs to be kept in school all week, preferably in a **small drawstring bag** as cloakroom space is quite limited. **Please ensure all items are named.**

For the second PE session they can come to school in joggers/leggings, white t shirt, school jumper and trainers.

Year Group	Day	PE kit
Year 2 (Class 5 & 6)	Monday Tuesday	Come to school in PE kit
Year 1 (Class 3 & 4)	Wednesday Friday	Come to school in PE kit
Upper Foundation (Class 1 & 2)	Thursday	Get changed at school
	Friday	Come to school in PE kit

Uniform

PLEASE ENSURE ALL SCHOOL UNIFORM IS NAMED – including shoes. If the children's uniform is named we can quickly return it to your child.

Water bottles

All children **must** have a **school water bottle**. They can be purchased from the office for £1.00. It **must** be filled with **plain water**. Any juice/flavoured water will be replaced with 'plain' water unless we receive notification from your child's doctor giving a medical reason for juice to be sent to school. This is a local authority policy. If you are concerned over your child not drinking water please discuss it with your child's teacher.

The children are free to personalise their water bottles to make them more easily identifiable.

Book bags

All children in classes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 need a **school book bag** as alternative bags do not fit into the children's trays/boxes where they keep them in the classroom. They can be purchased from the office for £4.50. **Please do not place water bottles in book bags as so many reading books get ruined from leaking bottles!**

Jewellery

Children are not allowed to wear jewellery in school for Health and Safety reasons, with the exception of 'sensible' watches and stud earrings. SMART watches are unfortunately not allowed in school.

Long hair

Please can all long hair be tied up.

Parking around school is a huge issue and can put children's lives at risk and inconvenience our neighbours! Please think carefully before you park.

School is a **non-smoking/vaping site**.

Medication is only administered to children if it prescribed by the doctor to be taken **4 times a day**.

Nail varnish and tattoos should not be worn at school.

Dogs are NOT allowed on the school premises and must be tied up **outside** of the school gate.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school please can you ring and inform school before 9.00 (or before 1.15 if they only attend in the afternoons). If you are reporting via email please can you use the admin email address: - admin@dimplewell.wakefield.sch.uk

Shooting Stars

Shooting Stars provides our school with a Breakfast and After School Club, Holiday/Inset Day club, as well as Wrap Around Care facilities. If you are interested in using this facility please contact Jayne Manso on telephone number 01924 281806.

Pupil information

In order to save time and money we will **not** be sending out new pupil information sheets to Classes 6, 5, 4 and 3. It is therefore essential that you let us know if any of your details have changed especially **mobile and work telephone numbers**.

Holiday in school time

Holidays in school time will **not** be authorised.

Inspire Week

Dimple Well would like to take part in the annual Ossett Scarecrow Competition, which is being held in Ossett Town Centre on Saturday 30th September.

During the week beginning Monday 25th September Parents or Carers are asked to come into school for approximately an hour and a half (8.45 – 10.15am) to help their child make a scarecrow. Please can you make arrangements for an adult to come and support your child so that they can take part in this event, (it

can be a parent, grandparent, friend of the family or another willing parent who is prepared to take responsibility for working with 2 children). The dates are:

Monday 25th September – Class 6 (Mrs Robson)
Tuesday 26th September – Class 4 (Mrs Broadley)
Wednesday 27th September - Class 5 (Miss Morris)
Thursday 22nd September – Class 3 (Miss Goodall)

The children in Class 1, 2 and Nursery will be responsible for making the accessories to go with the Scarecrows, but on this occasion they won't need an adult to accompany them.

And very importantly - please remember to call into Ossett town centre on Saturday 30th September and look at the Scarecrows and of course cast your vote!! It is always a lovely event and Dimple Well has a reputation of doing very well!!

Dates for the diary

Parent Surgeries

Wednesday 20th September – Year 1 (Class 3 & 4) 8.45am
Thursday 21st September – Upper Foundation (Class 1 & 2) 8.45am
- Nursery 11.15am or 2.45pm

Friday 22nd September - Year 2 (Class 5 & 6) 8.45am

Scarecrow Inspire Week

Monday 25th – Friday 29th September

Scarecrow Festival

Saturday 30th September

Harvest Festival

Wednesday 4th October (more information to follow)

Sponsored Walk

Friday 6th October (sponsor forms will be sent out later)

Hello Yellow Day

Tuesday 10th October (non-uniform day and donate to Children's Mental Health charity)

Coffee Morning

Friday 20th October (more information to follow)

Break up for half term

Friday 27th October

Advanced notice

Parents' afternoon and evening

Wednesday 8th November

Children in Need Day

Thursday 16th November

Inset Day

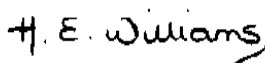
Friday 17th November

Term dates for the whole academic year are attached. Please note down the INSET days.

All members of staff are available to help and advise parents in whatever way they can, so please talk to them about any concerns, worries questions etc. If at all possible, after school is always the best time to talk to staff, however if this is inconvenient please contact the office so that an appointment can be made.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs H. E. Williams,
Headteacher

Dimple Well Infant School & Nursery

SCHOOL TERMS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

Autumn Term

School Opens Tuesday 5th September 2023
School Closes Friday 27th October 2023 for Half Term

School Re-opens Monday 6th November 2023
School Closes Friday 22nd December 2023 for Christmas Holidays

Spring Term

School Opens Monday 8th January 2024
School Closes Friday 9th February 2024 for Half Term

School Re-opens Monday 19th February 2024
School Closes Friday 22nd March 2024 for Easter Holidays

Summer Term

School Opens Monday 8th April 2024
School Closes Friday 24th May 2024 for Half Term

School Re-opens Monday 3rd June 2024
School Closes Friday 19th July 2024 for Summer Holidays

Inset Days and Other Holidays

School closed: Monday 4th September 2023
Friday 17th November 2023
Thursday 2nd May 2024
Friday 3rd May 2024
Monday 6th May 2024 - Bank Holiday
Monday 22nd July 2024