

Welcome back! We hope you had a happy summer holiday and found some sunshine. We all were very proud to see the children looking so smart and happy this morning. All the children have settled in to their new classes and behaviour has been excellent.

Dear Parents,

For some time now we have been concerned for the safety of children on the playground during the mornings before school. Doxey School has two exits. Most children arrive without parents and there are many adults on the playground. It would be relatively easy for a child to arrive at one gate and leave by another, either alone or with an adult. **This presents a serious risk.**

The new system brings us into line with other primary schools in the locality and meets safety criteria.

The playground was very calm and safe this morning. All children came into school exceptionally well and conduct was impeccable.

Thank you for your continuing support,

J. Baker Head Teacher

STAFFING STRUCTURE SEPTEMBER 2016

Head Teacher – Mrs J Baker	
Deputy Head Teacher – Mrs Branson	
Acting Assistant Head – Mrs Layton	
Nursery	Mrs Monaghan and Mrs Clarke
Reception	Mrs Cliffe
Year 1	Miss Callen
Year 2	Mrs Branson (Deputy Head Teacher)
Year 3	Mrs Lawson
Year 4	Miss Fellows
Year 5	Mrs Layton (Acting Assistant Head Teacher)
Year 6	Mrs Newell
Inclusion Manager	Mrs Jones
SENCO	Mrs Clarke

REMINDER: Change to playground morning playground arrangement:

Due to safety reason we have changed our morning procedures in line with other local primary schools.

The school gates will be opened by duty staff at approximately 8.45am.

Messages can be passed to the class teacher via duty staff at the school gate.

Once the gates are opened, children only will be able to come onto the playground.

Afternoon collection will stay the same, giving the opportunity for staff and parents to communicate about their children.

MEDICAL CONDITIONS

AN IMPORTANT NOTICE TO ALL PARENTS

If your child has any current medical issues that the school needs to be aware of eg. Asthma, Allergies, please contact the school to arrange a meeting with Mrs Clarke (SENCo).

The meeting will be to draw up care plans and to talk about what happens in the event of an emergency.

NUT ALLERGIES

WOULD PARENTS PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WE HAVE CHILDREN AND STAFF WITH NUT ALLERGIES. WITH THIS IN MIND WOULD PARENTS REFRAIN FROM SENDING FOOD INTO SCHOOL THAT CONTAIN NUTS.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are delighted to announce Mrs Sinclair gave birth to a baby girl over the summer holidays. Mother and baby are doing really well, and we'd like to take this opportunity to wish them all well.

SCHOOL OPENING & CLOSING TIMES

MAIN SCHOOL – Children line up at 8.45am

Enter school at 8.50am

Lessons commence at 8.55am

Closes at 3.15pm

All parents must make sure children arrive in school on time, ready to learn and collect their children promptly at the end of the school day.

Any child arriving after 8.55am will be marked late and any child arriving **late AFTER registration closes (9.15am)** will be marked with an unauthorised absence. If this happens on 10 occasions or more, you will be liable for a penalty notice which is issued by the local authority.

PENALTY NOTICES ARE FINES FOR A CHILD'S UNAUTHORISED ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL.

SCHOOL ABSENCE

Absence needs to be reported to the school office by 9.30am, if we have not received a call we will call parents as part of our first day response practice.

SWIMMING YEAR 4 ONLY
EVERY WEDNESDAY – STARTING 21st SEPTEMBER

From Wednesday 23rd September children from Yr4 will be attending swimming lessons at the local leisure centre. The aim of the sessions is water safety. Please ensure all swimming kits are in school. Girls will be required to wear swimming hats, these can be purchased from the school office for £1.00. Due to safety reasons **goggles are NOT PERMITTED**, however we are aware there are special circumstances for some children. Please speak to the class teacher if you have any queries

UNIFORM

The colours of our uniform are red and grey. We strongly encourage all children to wear school uniform which consists of:

Red sweatshirt/cardigan embroidered with our school logo
(NO KNITTED ITEMS PERMITTED)

Red polo shirt - plain or embroidered with our school logo

Grey skirt/pinafore/trousers/shorts

Black School shoes **NO TRAINERS OR HIGH HEELS PLEASE!**

Red & white checked dress (SUMMER TERM ONLY – AFTER EASTER HOLIDAY)

We also ask that your child has a warm coat for outdoor play and a hat to protect them from the sun in the summer.

PE KIT

Plain Crew Neck T – Shirt in your child's house colour, black shorts and black pumps

House colours are: Anson – Bright Green, Wedgwood – Bright Blue, Talbot – Bright Yellow and Bostock – Bright Red.

PLEASE ENSURE THAT ALL ITEMS OF CLOTHING AND FOOTWEAR ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME. SWEATSHIRTS ALL LOOK THE SAME ONCE THEY HAVE BEEN TAKEN OFF!

All embroidered logo items can be purchased from our local supplier; Crested School Wear, St Marys Mews, Stafford ST16 2AP. Tel 01785 748481 or online at www.tesco.com/ues

NB: Parents ordering with Tesco receive Free Delivery, Club Card Points and 5% cash donation to school.

Dates for your Diary...

Tues 20.09.16 School Photographer – Individual Portrait

Mon 26.09.16 School closed – Staff Training Day.

SPARKLES PRE-SCHOOL & EXTENDED SCHOOL CARE

Sparkles extended school care opens 5 days a week starting with a Breakfast Club from 7.45am and closes with an afterschool club until 5.45pm. There are a range of sessions at varying prices.

For more information, please contact the school office - Tel 01785 895664

Sparkles Pre-School now has places available for two and three year olds. You may be eligible for up to 15 hours FREE childcare as part of Early Years funded places offered via Staffordshire County Council
For more information, please contact Mrs Knott - Tel 01785 356104

CONTACT DETAILS

It is always important that the school hold the most up to date contact details. Please ensure you have notified the school office of any changes of address and/or telephone numbers.

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

There will be an additional letter with the newsletter regarding new clubs. There has been some changes on how payment will be collected. Any child wishing to take part must return reply slip and payment by Friday 9th September.