

# Dilhorne Endowed CE Primary School

## Newsletter

### January 2025



#### School Contact Details



Telephone: 01538 702355 option 3

Email: [office@dilhorne.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@dilhorne.staffs.sch.uk)

Facebook: [Dilhorne Endowed Primary School Update Page](#)

Website: [www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk](http://www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk)

## Diary Dates

Wednesday 29th January	-	City 7's Assembly
Thursday 30th January	-	Y2 Multiskills at The Cheadle Academy
Friday 31st January	-	Chinese New Year Activities
Monday 10th February	-	Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm
Tuesday 11th February	-	Y3/4 Swimming Gala
Thursday 13th February	-	Y5/6 B League Netball 2.00-4.30pm
Friday 14th February	-	School closes
Monday 24th February	-	Inset Day—School closed for pupils
Tuesday 25th February	-	School re-opens
Thursday 27th February	-	Y3/4 Netball Development 2.00-4.30pm
Friday 28th February	-	Year 6 Maths Quiz at The Cheadle Academy
Tuesday 4th March	-	Y5/6 Cross Country League
Monday 10th March	-	Stokes Gotta Sing (Invitations sent out)
Tuesday 11th March	-	Y5/6 Cross country
Wednesday 12th March	-	Y3/4/5 & 6 Gymnastics Competition
Thursday 13th March	-	KS2 Dance Festival at The Cheadle Academy
Wednesday 19th March	-	Y5/6 Football tournament
Wednesday 26th March	-	Y3/4 Football tournament
Thursday 27th March	-	Y5 Maths Quiz at TCA
Friday 28th March	-	Mum's Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 9th April	-	Easter Service at All Saints Church 9.00am
Friday 11th April	-	Easter Egg Hunt & School Closes for Easter Holidays
Monday 28th April	-	School re-opens
Tuesday 29th April	-	Class 1 start Swimming
Thursday 1st May	-	Academy Photography—Leavers & Class groups
Monday 5th May	-	Bank Holiday
Friday 23rd May	-	School Closes for Half Term
Monday 2nd June	-	School re-opens
Monday 16th June	-	Y6 Residential Week



Please be reminded children need to come to school in PE kit on PE days.

C1 Monday & Wednesday

C2 Wednesday & Thursday

C4 Monday & Thursday



HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

Welcome back to another fun packed term! If you were lucky enough to get a new phone for Christmas, please let Mrs Massey know your new number as soon as possible.

We are very pleased to welcome Amber and Alex to the Dilhorne school family, we look forward to getting to know you.

Please ensure that your child's name is on their uniform, ties, PE kit, bags, water bottles etc.



Thank you to everyone using our Arbor Parent Portal.

The portal can be used to access your child/children's profiles and to top up your child's break, dinner and Wrap Around accounts.

We have found that the desktop version of Arbor works best on a laptop, or tablet, where there is an add to basket feature for topping up different accounts. There is an app version available for smart phones, however this does not have the add to basket feature at present.

**We would kindly ask that you "top up" your child's account in advance.**

If you are having trouble accessing or navigating the site, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.

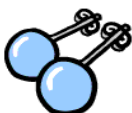
### Sickness

May we remind you that as advised by the Health Protection Agency, all children must be kept away from school for 48 hours, after their last episode of sickness, or diarrhoea.



### Earrings

We would like to make you aware that our P.E. policy guidance states that no earrings, (or any other jewellery), can be worn during P.E. lessons. Also, plasters, or tape put over earrings are not permitted. On P.E. days please can you ensure that your child does not wear earrings to school, or is capable of removing them themselves, (staff are not able to do this for them), to enable your child to do P.E. Any children that are wearing earrings, on P.E. days and that are not able to remove them independently, will not be allowed to participate in that P.E. lesson.



**HOUSEHOLD SUPPORT FUND**

FINANCIAL WELLBEING WORKSHOPS "BUILDING FIRMER FOUNDATIONS"

Funded by UK Government

Are you struggling with your personal finances or concerned about the cost of living?

If so, would you like ...

- To identify and overcome your barriers?
- To receive some tips that will help you make your money go further, reduce costs, and leave you feeling more hopeful?
- To talk about how financial difficulties can impact our wellbeing.

If so, we are running weekly workshops in your local district.

Staffordshire County Council

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN US, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE, OR FOLLOW THIS LINK WHICH WILL TAKE YOU TO OUR WORKSHOP SIGN UP FORM  
[.HTTPS://FORMS.OFFICE.COM/E/ZAKFU77XPP?ORIGIN=LPLINK](https://forms.office.com/E/ZAKFU77XPP?ORIGIN=LPLINK)

For any additional support please contact - [financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:financialwellbeing@staffordshire.gov.uk)

### Snow Days

In the unlikely event that we have to close due to snow, we will endeavour to contact parents and carers as early as possible via Arbor message and Facebook.

We will always try to keep the school open if possible, so if you don't hear from us, Dilhorne will be open.

In the event of snow/ ice staff will be clearing and gritting a path from the bottom gate to the main entrance, and from the top gate to the reception and Kingfishers entrances.

Please ensure parents, children (and staff) keep to the gritted paths.

Can we please ask that all children bring a warm coat, hat and gloves. We like to be outside as much as possible.....especially when it snows!



As we commence a new year we wish to remind you **not** to book holidays in school time. We cannot authorise these absences and you may be fined by Staffordshire Local Authority.



## Little Heroes Assemble

HERE  
EVERY DAY  
READY  
ON TIME



**Free  
School  
Meals**



Are you entitled?

### A helping Hand With Meals

During these uncertain times, we understand that families may have had a change in circumstances. Whichever year group your child is in, if you think you may now be eligible for income-based Free School Meals, we would urge you to submit an application. This also applies to children who currently receive a lunch due to being in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

Applications are quick and easy with an instant yes, or no answer as to your entitlement. The link can be found on the website at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online)

Please contact us at [office@dilhome.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@dilhome.staffs.sch.uk) if you need any help.

### Toast

Just a reminder that toast is available at morning break-time and costs £1 per week.

Free fruit is also available.



### Class 2 Swimming

Class 2 are swimming this term. The children leave for their lesson on Monday afternoons at 1.45pm, so pupils will need to have their swimming kit with them. To protect the pool filters, all pupils must wear a swimming cap. Please note, girls will need to wear a one piece costume and boys are not allowed to wear baggy shorts.



### Parents Evening

Our Spring Term Parents Evening will be on Monday 10th February, where your child's teacher will be available for minute appointments from 3.30 until 5.30pm. Bookings can be made via Arbor, our online Parent Portal, each appointment lasting five minutes per child. If this date is inconvenient, or you feel that a longer discussion will be necessary, please email Mrs Massey to arrange an alternative appointment ([office@dilhome.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:office@dilhome.staffs.sch.uk)).

# The Moorlands Primary Federation

## Term Dates 2024/25



### **Autumn Term 2024**

**Inset Day for staff** (schools closed for pupils): Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September

**Term starts for pupils:** Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September

**Half Term:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November

**Inset Day for staff** (schools closed for pupils): Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November

**Pupils return:** Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November

**Term ends:** Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December

### **Spring Term 2024**

**Inset Day for staff** (schools closed for pupils): Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January

**Term starts for pupils:** Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January

**Half Term:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February - Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Inset Day for staff** (schools closed for pupils): Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**Pupils return:** Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February

**Term ends:** Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

### **Summer Term 2024**

**Term starts for pupils:** Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

**May Day (Bank Holiday):** Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

**Half Term:** Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May - Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Term ends:** Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July

**Inset Day for staff** (schools closed for pupils): Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**\*School closes for children – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025\***