

DINAS POWYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term Newsletter September 2018

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Welcome back or welcome to Dinas Powys Primary School. We are looking forward to another happy and successful year. The children have settled well and are really pleased to be back.

School Grounds—Junior Site

The side gate will be locked until 8:30 a.m. It is locked again at 8:50 a.m. and remains closed until 3:00 p.m. Please use the main entrance if you require access during these hours. The vehicular gate is closed during the School day but opened at 3p.m. to enable you to wait on the School drive to collect your child. This is to ensure the safety of all children. Thank you



Values School

As part of a Vale of Glamorgan initiative we are a Values School. Values Education underpins all aspects of our School life. The Values this term are Friendship and Courage. The children will have opportunities to discuss and reflect on these values.

School Dinner

Thank you for supporting School Dinners. Our School Cook, Ms Burt and her team, continue to provide nutritious meals. The main meal, baguette or jacket potatoes are available daily. Dinner money payments are paid through 'Parentpay'. No cash can be taken for dinner money. Please always ensure your account is in credit.

Thank you for your support. We aim to increase the uptake of School meals and would be grateful if sandwich children would consider dinners on certain days. Please see me if you require this option.

Manor Adventure

10th-12th April 2019
Year 6 Residential Visit

A meeting for Year 6 parents will take place at 2:45 p.m. on Wednesday 26th September in the Junior Hall.

Data

Please ensure you inform the School immediately of any changes in contact numbers or address.

School Uniform

Please ensure all uniform is clearly name labelled.

Home Reading Record

The Home Reading Record with an Oxford reading scheme book is sent home every Friday with Year 3,4 and 5. Please continue to support your child's reading by adding your comments in this book. We will be grateful for this support. Please return the reading record and book every Monday.

Spelling Journals

Spelling Journals will be sent home every Monday with words to learn that week. Please return the following Monday to enable pupils to complete their quiz.

Home Reading Library

Our system, Junior Library.net, enables us to run the library on the Infant and Junior Sites and tracks the books as every book in the School has a bar code. Pupils will choose a book to bring home on a Friday—please return the following Friday.

Junior Site

The refurbishment of the Junior Site continued throughout the Summer holidays. The Year 6 classrooms and cloakrooms were decorated. New flooring was laid in the Year 5 and Year 6 toilets. The courtyard has been resurfaced and blue railings have replaced the wooden fence. The breeze block cupboard has been demolished in the corridor and white panels have been installed. The Emergency Light System has been updated.

Water Bottles

All children have received a water bottle courtesy of School Fund.

Library

Congratulations to all our pupils who achieved the Vale of Glamorgan Library Service 'The Mischief Makers' medal. Keep reading.

Dates for the term.

Individual Photographs Colorfoto

Tuesday morning September 18th. All siblings on the same site will also be photographed together. Other siblings may be brought to the Infant School Hall from 8.30am onwards.

Parents' Association AGM

October 1st Junior Hall at 7 p.m.

Please make every effort to support our Association.

Harvest Festival Day

Tuesday October 16th.

Your child will be invited to bring a harvest food gift - details to follow.



Dates for the term. Cont...

Curriculum Talks -

School Hall 9.15 a.m.

Year 5 & 6 - Friday October 12th

Year 3 & 4 - Tuesday October 23rd

You will be given a chance to see your child in their teaching area after the talk. Crèche facilities will be available.

School Clubs—Junior Site

A number of Clubs run on a voluntary basis by Staff after School. All Clubs run from 3:10 to 4:00 p.m.

'JAFFA' Club, run by Bethesda Chapel

Mon.	Y3 and Y4	Book Club
	Y5 and Y6	Dance Club
Wed.	Y5 and Y6	Choir
Thurs.	Y5 and Y6	Football Club
	Y6	Shakespeare
	Y5 and Y6	Netball Club

will restart in due course.

Pupils must obtain a consent form to take part. Regular attendance is expected.

Book Fair Week

Monday October 22nd - Thursday October 26th. Details to follow.

Parents Evening

Thursday October 25th -3:30-6.30 p.m. This will give you an opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into his/her new class. Appointment System by Parent Mail.

Half-term

29th October to 2nd November inclusive

Early notice- National Tests

7th – 14th May 2019. Year 2-6

It is imperative that your child is in School between these dates.

Our next **INSET Day** is Thursday October 11th 2018

The School Holiday dates for 2018/2019 are overleaf.

Thank you in anticipation of supporting these events. If there are any unforeseen circumstances, dates and times can be subject to change. We are looking forward to a very successful Autumn Term.
Julie Thompson Headteacher.