



# DUNTON BASSETT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Dear Parents,

Time flies quickly when you are having fun or so the saying goes and we have been having lots of fun over the past few weeks as well as learning lots of course.

I have been very impressed with classes 3 and 4 and the work they have completed as part of their topics over the last half term. Both classes had creative homework and the resulting volcanoes and models of the titanic we have had in school have been simply fabulous and I look forward to seeing class 3's production at the end of this term.

Class 2 have had several opportunities to perform, in school and out of school and it is lovely to see their confidence growing all the time. Class 1 are benefitting from the emphasis we have put on improving the outdoor area and are enjoying being outside - in all weathers! The stay and play sessions on a Friday afternoon are also proving to be very popular.

Thank you to all parents, grandparents and our local community for your continued support.

*Kind regards, Jo Blackburn*

### World Book Day

We had an amazing array of book characters in school today including: Mary Poppins, some Worst Witches, Harry Potter and friends from Hogwarts, several Roald Dahl and David Walliams characters, Fairy Tales, Alice in Wonderland, Peter Rabbit and James Bond!

Well done to all children who entered a model to represent a book, they were very imaginative and we loved them!

We finished the day with bedtime stories after school for classes 1 and 2. This was a lovely event and we hope to repeat it later in the year.



### Healthy Eating

Class 2 reminded us this morning of the importance of healthy eating, having a balanced diet and not eating too many sweets - or we may have to visit the dentist!

An important message that we can all learn from!

Well done class 2 - you gave us a great assembly this morning.

As a reminder to all parents we are a healthy School and would encourage parents to provide healthy snacks and packed lunches.



Thank you.

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### Dance Festival

Class 2 and some of year 3 went to Lutterworth College just before half term to perform in the dance festival.

Despite the technical hitches on the day, the performance from everyone was fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed by the audience.

This was the first opportunity for class 2 to represent the school and everyone did so confidently and, once again, behaviour from everyone was excellent.

Well done everyone.



### Governor Update

Many thanks to the parents who spoke with the governors at the recent parents' evenings and completed the parental survey. The results of the survey are now being processed and will help in improving the school.

Thanks also to those parents who have expressed an interest in becoming a governor. If you are interested in joining the governing body please contact the school office.

### Reminders:

Please can we remind all parents that bikes and scooters should not be ridden in the playground, particularly at the end of the day when it is busy.

Please can you ensure that all children, including preschool children, do not use the climbing equipment at the beginning and end of the day. The equipment is not supervised and we do not want any accidents.

We have a large amount of Lost Property items in school - if you are missing something please check the bins in KS2 or the disabled toilet.

Thank you.

### IPAT Music Morning

Class 2 had a busy week before half term as they also took part in this term's IPAT singing morning.

This was an opportunity for all year twos across the nine schools to come together and participate in a morning of singing activities. Each class performed their own song to the others - we performed 'Count on Me' by Bruno Mars and then they all sang as a large choir together.

A fabulous morning for all. Well done! Class 3 will have their singing morning in June.



### Comic Relief - Red Nose Day Friday 15th March

Wear something red - Suggested £1 donation

Cake Sale after school - donations gratefully received! Thank you.

### Golden Book

The following children were all mentioned in the Golden Book in January and February



**Class 1:** Willow, Alice, Harvey, Rachel and Freddie

**Class 2:** Cameron, Stan, Oliver and Finn

**Class 3:** Louis, Raphie, Seb, Ava, Noah and Jacob

**Class 4:** Max, Lilia, Martyn, Ethan, Oscar, Jacob, Freya C, and Owen

Well done everyone - keep up the good work

### Attendance

Class attendance results to date are:

Week beginning 28.01.19: Class 2 (97.5%)

Week beginning 04.02.19: Class 2 (98.1%)

Week beginning 11.02.19: Class 1 (98.3%)

Week beginning 25.02.19: Class 2 (100%)

**Whole school attendance to date is: 95.9%**  
(our target is 97% for the year).

We had a lot of illness over the last half term - hopefully the bugs are behind us now and attendance can improve again.

We shall continue this year to work with parents and professionals to improve attendance across the school.

## **Sporting News and Updates**

### **Basketball**

A big thank you to the children that took part in Basketball tournament at Lutterworth College last term. You not only played really well, you were also a credit to our school with your behaviour. Well done.

### **Cross Country**

We have the third Market Harborough cross country race this week. We have had a great turn out and some fantastic performances at the previous two races so well done everyone. Good luck to the runners this week.

Stop Press - Race cancelled. Watch out for a new date!

### **IMPACT**

We are trying to provide children with opportunities to experience different sports, as part of this we were fortunate to have Impact Gym come in to school and deliver a Kickboxing session to each class earlier this week. All the children seemed to enjoy this lesson and learned some good moves. We are trying to provide children with opportunities to experience different sports



### **Tournaments**

As part of our sports development work we try to provide as many opportunities as possible for children to represent the school at local tournaments/matches.

Recently we have noticed that we have struggled to get a full team together for some events and have had to cancel our participation (e.g. the upcoming netball tournament)

As a school we do understand that children have a lot of other activities they do outside of school but we would like to continue to provide a range of opportunities for pupils.

We do provide transport to some events particularly when it is a larger group taking part, however we can't do it for all activities. If transport is a problem please speak to myself (Miss Gamble) and I will do my best to either take the children or put parents in touch with another parent who can help.

We shall also continue to work with local schools to review our calendar of events and participation from small schools who are struggling with teams.

Thank you for your support for sporting activities. Miss Gamble



# Dates for your Diary

## **Summer term 2019**

### **April/May**

Monday 29th April  
Monday 6th May  
Thursday 9th May  
Friday 10th May  
Monday 13th - Friday 17th May  
Tuesday 14th May  
Thursday 16th May  
Thursday 23rd May  
Friday 24th May

School Reopens for the Summer term

### **May Day - School closed**

Y3/4 Mini tennis - Lutterworth High School  
Class 3 Assembly 9.15am  
Year 6 SATs Week  
Key Stage 1 Multi skills event - Lutterworth College  
Y5/6 Mini tennis - Lutterworth High School  
Open the Book Assembly  
School closes for half term



### **June**

Monday 3rd June  
Wednesday 5th June  
Thursday 6th June  
Thursday 6th June  
Saturday 8th June  
Monday 10th June  
Wednesday 12th June  
Saturday 15th June  
Monday 17th June  
Tuesday 18th June  
Thursday 20th June  
Friday 21st June  
Friday 21st June  
Tuesday 25th June  
Wednesday 26th June  
Thursday 27th June

School reopens after half term

KS2 Athletics - Saffron Lane  
Class 2 Assembly - 9.15am  
Y5/6 Kwik Cricket  
Village - special clean up  
PTA Father's Day Craft  
Maypole and Country Dancing show 2.15pm (TBC)  
PTA Summer Fete and Dunton Bassett Open Gardens  
Small school athletics - Corby (TBC)  
Y5/6 Rounders tournament  
Open the Book Assembly  
IPAT singing morning (Class 3) at Lutterworth College  
Sports day 1.15pm (TBC)  
Y3/4 Rounders tournament  
Year 4/5 Music concert - De Montfort Hall  
Class 1 Assembly 9.15am

### **July**

Tuesday 2nd July  
Monday 8th/Tuesday 9th July  
Thursday 11th July  
Friday 12th July

Class 4 production

Year 6 Secondary School Induction/Class swaps  
Minnie Burman Assembly 10.00am  
School closes for Summer holidays

## **Reminder: Dates for 2019 - 2020**

### **Autumn term 2019**

Thursday 29th August to Friday 20th December  
Half term: Monday 14th October - Friday 18th October

### **Spring term 2020**

Tuesday 7th January to Friday 3rd April  
Half term: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

### **Summer term 2020**

Monday 20th April to Friday 10th July  
Half term: Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May (also closed for May Day on Monday 4th May)