

New Pastures

Autumn 1 Newsletter

Parents and carers,

the children have made a good start to this academic year. They seem to have grown a lot since last year and look really prepared for their new classes and the exciting learning they will be doing. Behaviour around school is good, children are remembering their responsibilities. We always say 'Be the best version of yourself each day.' As you may be aware, we have had new kitchens put in on both sites. Previously, we had our dinners brought down from Windhill but now they are cooked on site. We have had many positive comments from the children who seem to like the choices on offer – long may it continue.

Safeguarding

Our number one priority at New Pastures is to keep all children safe. All staff are trained in the nationally recognised 'Keeping Children safe in Education' procedures and follow a set arrangement for reporting any safeguarding concerns. This can be a report that comes from a child, a parent, a member of the public or a member of staff. These issues are reported to our Designated Safeguarding Team. Mrs Haycock and Mr Purdy are Deputy Safeguarding Leads, whilst Mrs Eager is the Safeguarding Lead for the whole school. You can contact any of the safeguarding team directly, via telephone (Tel: 01709 583271) or school email (newpastures-admin@vennacademy.org)

FAMILY VOLUNTEERS

If you have some time on your hands and would like to volunteer in school for example hearing children read for an hour or two a week, please see Mr Purdy or your class teacher. You don't need to have any experience, just a friendly manner and a willingness to help.


Gardeners wanted! We have some beds at the back of upper school and some near the field on lower site. Due to staff time constraints and workload, we struggle to maintain our green areas. If you are green-fingered and have the time and energy and would like to help keep our school looking attractive, again please see Mr Purdy. It doesn't matter how much or little time you can offer, we would be very grateful for any help.

Finally we still are running our **Friends of New Pastures** community which is a group of volunteers who organise and run events to raise money for the school. If you are interested in joining, please see a member of staff – the more the merrier.

DATES TO REMEMBER

1 st Oct-7 th Oct	Mental health week
3 rd Oct	School photos
17 th & 18 th Oct	Parent's evening
20 th Oct	Halloween party
TBC	Harvest festival
13 th Nov	Odd sock day
13 th -17 th Nov	Anti-bullying week
17 th Nov	Children in Need

Please note, more details about the above events will be provided via dojo

 **City of Doncaster Council**

2023/24 ACADEMIC YEAR
For Community Primary, Community Special Schools and Pupil Referral Units

September (20 Days)
M T W T F S S
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4 5 6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22 23 24
25 26 27 28 29 30

October (17 Days)
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23 24 25 26 27
30 31

November (22 Days)
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13 14 15 16 17 18 19
20 21 22 23 24 25 26
27 28 29 30

December (16 Days)
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25 26 27 28 29 30 31

January (18 days)
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26 27 28
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February (16 days)
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26 27 28 29

March (20 days)
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25 26 27 28 29 30 31

April (12 Days)
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15 16 17 18 19 20 21
22 23 24 25 26 27 28
29 30

May (17 Days)
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20 21 22 23 24 25 26
27 28 29 30 31

June (20 Days)
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July (17 Days)
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August
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Legend:
■ Bank Holidays
■ School Holidays
 Closing Date for Nursery Applications
 Closing Date for Reception Classes and Year 3 into Junior Schools
 Closing Date for Secondary Applications

Individual Dates May Vary: For Academies and Church Schools - please check with the School.
195 days: Includes 5 days to be taken as professional development days for teaching staff.
Contact: Learning Provision Organisation Team, Civic Building, Waterdale, Doncaster, DN1 3BU
email: admissions@doncaster.gov.uk Tel. 01302 736754

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Here is the calendar for school holidays this year. Please note that no holidays will be authorised during term time.

School Uniform

We have noticed that some children are not coming to school in the correct uniform or shoes. Please see below for our expectations which must be followed. Also we have spare, good quality used uniform that we can give away for free. Please see a member of the office staff if you would like to take advantage of this.

School uniform:

- A white plain polo shirt
- A royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan with school logo
- Grey or black school pinafore dress or skirt
- Grey or black tailored school trousers
- Grey or black tailored school shorts
- Navy blue or pale blue checked summer dress
- All pupils wear dark shoes with no heels or smart dark trainers with black laces

PE Kit:

- Black shorts
- Plain White T-shirt
- Black school pumps or trainers
- Black or grey plain jogging bottoms for colder weather

Sweatshirts & cardigans with the school logo can be ordered from school at cost price. An order form will be available in June / July and at intervals during the year.

Pupils should have their names inside their coats and on as much of their clothing as possible to avoid loss.

In the interests of safety and natural growth and development, flat heeled shoes are much better for your child and we strongly recommend this type of footwear.

Pupils must not wear bracelets, necklaces or rings in school at any time. From Year 1 to Year 6, earrings are allowed. Children may wear one pair of small, plain stud earrings. However during PE it is preferable for these to be removed. If they cannot be removed, the child must be able to cover them up with a plaster. Alternatively when it is your child's day for PE, think about not coming to school with them in at all. Nail varnish must not be worn.

Watches may be worn but are the pupil's own responsibility. They must be removed for PE and games lessons.

Please note that school cannot accept liability for private property lost or damaged. All clothing should be clearly marked with the pupil's name in indelible ink or using nametags or some other means. Pupils should not bring unnecessary money or valuable items of property to school.

Mobile phones – We understand that some children need to bring mobile phones into school, especially if they are walking home alone. However all phones must be switched off **BEFORE** children come through the school gates in the morning and only switched back on again once they leave school premises.

