



Dunster First School

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Newsletter No 2



Friends of Dunster First School Annual General Meeting



Thursday September 22nd - 7.00pm

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Dear Parents

May I please bring the following to your attention:

Diary Dates

Monday September 19th

Tuesday September 20th

Wednesday September 21st

Thursday September 22nd

Friday September 23rd

Monday September 26th

Wednesday September 28th

Wednesday September 28th

Friday October 7th

Friday October 7th

Friday October 21st

Saturday October 22nd to

Sunday October 30th

Friday November 11th

Monday November 14th to

Friday November 18th

Monday November 14th

Tuesday November 15th

Friday November 25th

Monday November 28th

Thursday December 1st

Friday December 2nd and

Saturday December 3rd

Thursday December 8th

Friday December 9th

Year 2 Curriculum Information Meeting, 3.30pm

Year 4 Curriculum Information Meeting, 3.30pm

Year 3 Curriculum Information Meeting, 3.30pm

Friends of Dunster First School AGM, 7.00pm

School Photograph Day

Meeting of the full Governing Body, 7.00pm

School Council Elections

Year 1 Curriculum Information Meeting, 3.30pm

Harvest Service in St George's Church, 10.00am

Reception Class Curriculum Information Meeting,
1.30pm

School Closed for staff training

Autumn Half Term Holiday

Remembrance Day Service, 10.40am

National Anti-Bullying Week

**Parent and Carers Meetings with Teachers,
6.00pm to 9.00pm**

Parents and Carers Meetings with Teachers, 4.00pm
to 7.00pm

**Friends of Dunster First School Advent Fair,
6.00pm to 9.00pm**

Meeting of the full Governing Body, 7.00pm

Film Club Christmas Film Night, 6.00pm

Dunster by Candlelight

**Year 3 and Year 4 Nativity Play, St George's
Church, 2.00pm**

Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Play, St
George's Church, 2.00pm

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Wednesday December 14th	Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Thursday December 15 th	Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
Friday December 16th	Last Day of the Autumn Term
Saturday December 17 th to Monday January 2 nd	Christmas Holiday
Tuesday December 3rd	First day of Spring Term 2017

A list of dates can also be found in the calendar section of the school website.

Reception Class Key Dates

Here is a reminder of the key dates this term for parents and carers with children in the Reception Class



Monday September 5 th to Friday September 30 th	Children attending on a part time basis, 9.00am to 12 noon or afternoons 1.25pm to mornings 3.25pm.
Monday October 3 rd to Thursday October 20 th	All children attending mornings and staying for lunch 9.00am to 1.30pm
Friday October 21 st	School Closed for staff training
Saturday October 22nd to Sunday October 30th	Autumn Term half Term Holiday
Monday October 31 st	Reception Class children attending on a full time basis, 9.00am to 3.25pm.

Reading Diaries - Home School Agreements

Could I ask parents to make sure that they talk through with their child and then sign the Home School Agreement and Acceptable Use Policy that are in the Autumn Term Reading Diaries.

Thank you for your help with this.



Data Checking Sheets

Thank you to everyone who has returned their data checking sheets. If you have not done so, could you please return these to the school office as soon as possible so that your child's records can be updated.



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The Friends of Dunster First School's Annual General Meeting will be held in the school hall on Thursday September 22nd at 7.00pm.



The Friends of Dunster First School is a group of parents, carers, members of staff and friends of the school who work together to raise funds to support the education of the children at our school. While we have a Chair, Treasurer and Secretary there is no "formal" committee and all parents, carers, members of staff and friends of the school are encouraged to attend meetings and get involved with the fundraising activities and social events that are organised.

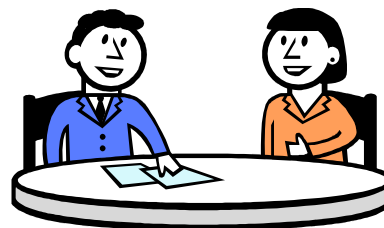
The agenda for the Annual General Meeting will be as follows:

FODS Annual General Meeting - 7.00pm

Agenda

Refreshments available from 6.45pm

1. Apologies
2. Minutes of Annual General Meeting held on Thursday September 2015
3. Matters arising
4. Chair's Report
5. Treasurer's Report
6. Renewal of Friends of Dunster First School's constitution
7. Election of Chair(s), Secretary(s), Treasurer(s)
8. Any other business



Following the Annual General Meeting there will be a short business meeting, which all those attending the AGM are welcome to attend. The agenda for this meeting will be as follows:

FODS Committee Meeting

Agenda

1. Review of Summer Fete
2. Advent Fair - November 25th
3. Other Fund Raising Activities
4. Any Other Business

I would encourage as many parents, carers and members of staff as possible to attend this meeting. Our school has benefited over many years from the support of parents and carers through the Friends of Dunster First School. Our ability to maintain and build upon the good work of the past will depend on people's willingness to get involved, so please do come along to this meeting.

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School Photographs - Friday September 23rd

School photographs will be taken by Marlene Prescott of Tempest Photography on Friday September 23rd.

As was the case last year, you will not need to order photographs in advance. Instead a photograph will be taken of your child and a proof of the picture, a price list and an order form will be sent home at the end of the day. You can then decide whether or not you want to order a photograph.

Photographs will also be taken with siblings who attend our school and, again, these will be sent home as proofs at the end of the day.

As in previous years, we will be providing you with the opportunity of having family photographs to include children of pre-school age and/or children who have left our school. We will start taking these family groups in the school hall from 8.00am. If you are unable to come into school at this time we will ensure that children with siblings within school have a photograph taken together.



Class photographs will also be taken, although proofs of these photographs and order forms will not be sent home for a couple of weeks. If you have any questions about school photographs please contact the school office.

Miss Collins has written to parents and carers with children in the Reception Class inviting all of the children in the class to attend on the morning of Friday September 23rd so that they can have their photograph taken.

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Flu Vaccination for Children in Years 1, 2 and 3
Letters about Flu vaccinations were recently sent home with all of the children in Years 1, 2 and 3.

Thank you to all those parents and carers who have returned the consent form to school. If you have not yet returned your consent form could I ask that you do this as soon as possible so that we can pass the forms on to the School Nurse team who will be doing the immunisations. If you did not receive or have mislaid your form and need another one please, then please contact the school office.

The immunisations are due to be given in October and we will inform you of the exact date as soon as we know it.

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School Harvest Service - Friday October 7th



Parents, Carers, Grandparents and friends of the school are invited to attend this year's Harvest Service in St George's Church, Dunster on Friday October 7th starting at 10.00am.

Once again we will be collecting groceries (tins and packets) and fresh produce for the MENCAP residential home in Bampton Street, Minehead. Bampton Court is home to a number of adults with learning difficulties and had been in existence since 1993. As a charity MENCAP receives no financial support from the government.

Harvest gifts can be brought into school on the morning of the service and taken to your child's classroom. A collection for a charity chosen by the School Council will also be taken at the end of the Harvest Service.

Children starting school in September 2017

Parents with children who will be five between September 1st 2016 and August 31st 2018 need to apply for a place at school now.

The best way to do this is online at www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions. The online form is easy to use, safe and secure. The website also has lots of information on the application process. If you don't have access to the internet but would like to apply online please contact me at school and we will arrange for you to use one of the school's computers to make the application. When you apply online you will receive a personal unique identification number (UID) for your child, giving you access to your child's personal details. You will also receive an electronic receipt for your application.



Alternatively you may complete a paper application form which can be obtained by calling Somerset Direct on 0300 123 2224. For further information please contact the Admissions and Entitlement team on 0300 123 2224.

Please note that the closing date for applications is January 15th 2017. Parents will be notified of outcomes on the national offer day of April 1st 2017.



Piano lessons

As older students move on to college and university, piano teacher, Jeannette Owen GLCM (Hons) LLCM(TD) ALCM has availability for new pupils. Piano lessons at Dunster School are available with Jeannette on Friday mornings. For more information, please contact Jeanette directly on: 01823 252221, 07925 108801 or email owen.jeannette@gmail.com

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Roald Dahl Summer Reading Challenge

Congratulations to all those children who took part in this year's Roald Dahl Reading Challenge run by the library service during the summer holidays.

This year 45 children from our school took part in the challenge. All those taking part received a certificate and if your child read six books or more then they should also have received a medal.

The following children took part in the challenge:



<u>Reception</u>	<u>Year 1</u>	<u>Year 2</u>	<u>Year 3</u>	<u>Year 4</u>
Rebecca Jenkinson Jackson Slader	Jessica Blay Samantha Blay Charlotte Higgins Gabriel James Seth Newell Olivia Parfitt Stephen Stokes Blossom Whittaker Billy Williams Ella Woodward	Noah Antonelli Toby Beadell William Bishop Jody Lyddon Ellis Nurton Esme Priddle Orla Strong Harry Wallace Tallulah Webber	Izabella Antonelli Harry Doolan Ben Higgins Noah James Emily Johnson Abigail Lamb Kate Lancaster Logan O'Connor Erin Strong Albert Vickery Evie Willis Ben Wintermantle	Alisha-Beth Fairbrother Hallie Gregory Cora Gregson Leo Grigg Riley Lovell Maisie Lyddon Millie Slader Ruby Smith Ben Sokol Jude Stanbury Lexie Webber Jake Woodward

Please let Mr Hoyland know if your child took part in the Roald Dahl Reading Challenge but hasn't received their certificate.

Yours truly

Peter Hoyland
Headteacher