



### News From The Office...

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you managed to have a lovely Easter break. Before the holidays I sent out a questionnaire. As a result of the questionnaire, you asked for more communication, therefore I have decided to send out monthly newsletters which will hopefully keep you up to date with what is happening in school.

Your child's Year Group Curriculum newsletter has been sent to you this week on MME and the school website, please take a look at what your child will be studying this term. At the bottom of the newsletter there are dates for your diary too.

Thank you again for your continued support as we move into the Summer term, as always if you have any queries or questions at all please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher in the first instance.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sian

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### Gardening...

Mrs Mitchell writes...

During the spring term, Years 2 and 3 had their gardening sessions with Mrs. Mitchell. Despite a very rainy Spring, the children have been kept busy making bird feeders, learning origami to create seed packets for this year's take home project, measuring the polytunnel ready for its new cover, seed sowing and salad tasting. We also made soup using garden produce and enjoyed it together, got our potato growing off to a good start by setting seed potatoes to chit, and seed sowing started in earnest with flowers and edibles all well underway. The children also started weeding the beds ready to be planted next term. We have secured an additional sum of money from the East Midlands Airport community

fund, (in collaboration with the Parent and Staff association), so that we can get the polytunnel re-covered and repaired. This work took place over the Easter holidays. The polytunnel is a vital part of the secret garden. It gives us a sheltered outdoor space and enables us to grow lots of our plants from seed in a sheltered environment. A team of volunteers from East Midlands airport also spent a day in our school garden improving the environment for us, this is the 2<sup>nd</sup> year they have done this.



## Dovecote Primary And Nursery

### Parent Survey...

It was lovely to receive your thoughts and comments regarding the parental questionnaire that I sent out at the end of last term. I have attached the information for you to look at.

Thank you for your comments, they are very much appreciated.

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree
My child is happy in school	44%	42%	14%
My child feels safe at this school	51%	34%	15%
The school makes sure the pupils are well behaved	44%	35%	21%
The school deals effectively with bullying	31%	40%	29%
The school responded well to concerns I may have	27%	50%	23%

### Introduction to our new SENCO...



I'm Sarah Hudson and I'm very pleased to be taking up the full time position of SENCO at Dovecote. I am an experienced SENCO at both secondary and primary schools in Nottingham and have a wide range of knowledge in all areas of the Special Educational Needs from Nursery to 16 years. I'm looking forward to getting to know the children and families and building on the good practice and provision at Dovecote for all children. If you have any concerns regarding your child please come and see me or make an appointment at the office.

### Primary Parliament...

Primary Parliament is a termly opportunity for primary school pupils to come together and have their voices heard.

This term's Primary Parliament explored the digital world, children's experiences of being online and awareness of the new digital tools to stay safe online. Our pupils engaged in workshops. The first involved discussing online tools, trends of using the internet and what it is like to be a child in the digital world. The second, focussed on the trustworthiness of things we read online and how we can use critical thinking skills to keep safe.

#### Reminder

Don't forget your reading diary

After taking part in both workshops, pupils were set a brief to develop a message they could take back to school around survival skills in the digital world. Working with another local school, our pupils presented their ideas on stage to all the other schools and Primary Parliament members

### School Council...

Our school council is extremely active and is currently looking at our PE Kit. More details to follow.

### Dates For Your Diary....

Bank Holiday: Monday 6th May 2024

Year 6 SATs week: Mon 13th to Thurs 16th May 2024

