



### News From The Office...

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back and I hope you managed to have a lovely half term break.

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 final 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.

#### School Uniform

Thank you to everyone, for sending children to school in School Uniform, Children look smart and have a real sense of belonging!

**Safe footwear:** Please do not send to school in children in crocs.

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs G Sian

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### Gardening...

Mrs Mitchell writes...



During the last half term, Years 5 had their gardening sessions with Mrs. Mitchell. This is always a really busy time, and this year has been particularly challenging due to the unseasonal and unpredictable weather (although this has provided lots of good learning for the children). Despite this, the children have sown a wide selection of seeds – peas, beans, tomatoes, pumpkins, courgettes, butternut squash, carrots, beetroot, salads and some flowers too. They have planted out the seed potatoes and also, for the first time at Dovecote, we have planted a fig tree- that will be something new to taste. The children have also taken part in practical tasks such as weeding, and measuring/installing netting to protect our strawberries and Brussel sprouts from the birds. This sort of 'problem solving' is really important for children to do, and they often have excellent solutions to problems



given the chance. They have worked extremely hard and Mrs Mitchell has been particularly impressed with this cohort of children who have shown a good attitude towards getting the job done.

Our poly-tunnel has been repaired and the cover replaced – so we now have a protected space for our tender plants, and somewhere to work on wet days.

Eco Club continues to run on Thursday Lunchtimes – the aim is to connect children with nature. Children have sown wildflowers, planted up the year 1 playground planters, carried out some tidying up in the secret garden, and also have been preparing to send nasturtium seeds home for all the children at Dovecote (please let us know if your child has not received theirs after half term).

# Dovecote Primary And Nursery

## New staff

Welcome to Jessica Adams, who will be the Year 1 teacher for the Summer Term. Jessica has visited the children last term and is looking forwards to meeting parents too. Please pop in to Y1 and say hello.

## Attendance

Children have been really excited about winning the **Classopoly** Attendance Rewards. The classes with attendance of 93% and above get the opportunity to roll the dice and see where they land.

Please continue to support the children in their quest to improve attendance!

## Class rewards

Congratulation to children who have received the Star of The Week and Mathematician of the Week certificates last term—(Golden Chair time!).

Please ask your children about all the Dovecote rewards:

Stickers

Raffle tickets /prizes for KS1 & KS2

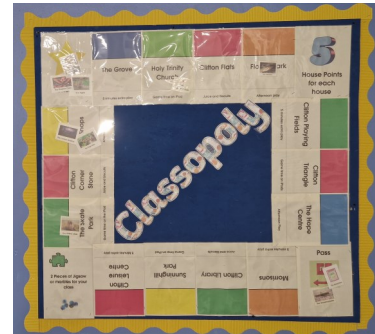
Marbles in the jar/ whole class rewards



## Early Years

We are really excited to give children the amazing experience of seeing ducklings hatching from eggs.

We look forward to sharing photos with you on Facebook!



## School Council...

**PE Uniform:** The School Council, ask for your support in ensuring children wear a plain white t-shirt and plain shorts/jogger's on PE Days (no logos or patterns).

## Dates For Your Diary....

Throughout June/July	Y3-6 - Sport's competition's and events at Harvey Hadden
3 <sup>rd</sup> to 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Y4 Multiplication Check
10 <sup>th</sup> – 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 1 and 2 Phonics Screening check
Week commencing 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y2 – Y6 Basket Ball clubs start this week Y1&2 Gymnastics club
3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Y6 Ministry of Chocolate - Workshop
5 <sup>th</sup> June	Book Fair (3.20pm in the hall)
11 <sup>th</sup> June – 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Residential to Drum Hill Scouts Camp
24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 6 Trip to Trent University
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	LA Transition Day 1, and Dovecote Class Swap <b>morning</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	LA Transition Day 1, and Dovecote Class Swap <b>afternoon</b>
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3 Sleepover in school
17 <sup>th</sup> July	KS2 Sports races/relay/athletics morning
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 6 Trip to Twin Lakes
24 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Themed Party
25 <sup>th</sup> July	Leaver's Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> July	Last Day of Term



**Reminder**  
Don't forget your reading diary each day.

