

# Dilhorne Endowed Spring Term 2 Newsletter February 2023





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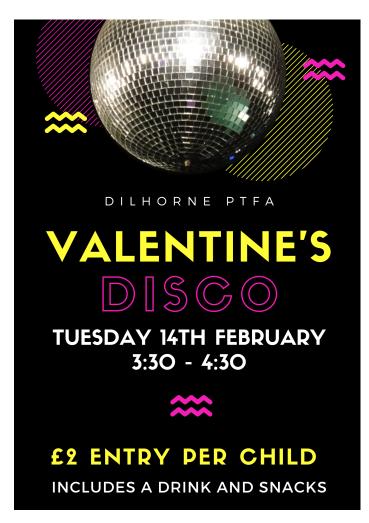
## **Diary Dates**

Tuesday 7th February—Bikeability Years 5 & 6 Only Wednesday 8th February—Bikeability Years 3,4,5 & 6 Thursday 9th February—Netball Y3/4 Monday 13th February—Year3/4 Swimming Gala **Tuesday** 14th February—PTFA Valentine Disco 3.30 –4.30pm Wednesday 15th February- Y6 Transition @TCA Thursday 16th February—Parents Evening 3.30-5.30pm Friday 17th February—School Closes for Half Term Monday 27th February—School re-opens Thursday 2nd March—World Book Day Friday 3rd March - KS2 Dance Festival @ St Werbs 9-12 Tuesday 7th March—Years 3-6 Cross Country (relay) 3.45pm Wednesday 8th March—Gymnastics @ Uttoxeter Tuesday 14th March—Y5/6 Cross Country (league) Wednesday 15th March—Language Day Friday 17th March—PTFA Own clothes day Tuesday 21st March—Y5/6 Cross Country (league) Wednesday 22nd March-Y3/4 Football Monday 27th March—Stoke's Gotta Sing –5pm Wednesday 29th March—Y5/6 Football Tournament Thursday 30th March-Enrichment Day –Rebound Fitness Friday 31st—Easter & Communion Service @ school School closes for Easter





Tuesday 18th April—School re-opens



### Pots and Pans!

If you are spring cleaning and find any cooking pots or saucepans that you no longer need, we would be very grateful for them.

We need thick bottomed pots and pans for bonfire cooking at Forest School.

Any other pans will be useful for the Mud Kitchen.





The Arbor Parent portal can be used to access your child/children's profiles and to top up your child's dinner money, activities such as music tuition and Trip accounts.

We have found that the desktop version of Arbor works best on a laptop, or tablet, where there is an add to basket feature for topping up different accounts. There is an app version available for smart phones, however this does not have the add to basket feature at present.

All outstanding balances/credits have been added to your child's accounts, for you to see, we would appreciate any outstanding payments being made as soon as possible.

We would now kindly ask that you "top up" online and refrain from sending cash payments to school if at all possible.

If you are having trouble accessing or navigating the site, please do not hesitate to contact us and we will be happy to help.







#### FROST, ICE AND SNOW

In the unusual event that we have to close due to health and safety issues caused by snow or ice, we will endeavour to contact you through text/SMS message and also aim to also put a message on the school website (www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk).

With this in mind, please remember to keep the school office updated with any change in contact details, should, for example, Santa have brought you a new phone for Christmas!

# A helping Hand With Meals

During these uncertain times, we understand that families may have had a change in circumstances. Whichever year group your child is in, if you think you may now be eligible for income-based Free School Meals, we would urge you to submit an application. This also applies to children who currently receive a lunch due to being in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2.

During holiday periods, children who are eligible to receive income-based Free School Meals currently have the option to receive e-vouchers which can be used in many supermarkets or online.

Applications are quick and easy with an instant yes, or no answer as to your entitlement. The link can be found on the website at <a href="www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online">www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Educational-awards-benefits/FreeSchoolMeals/Apply-online</a>

Please contact us at office@dilhorne.staffs.sch.uk if you qualify.

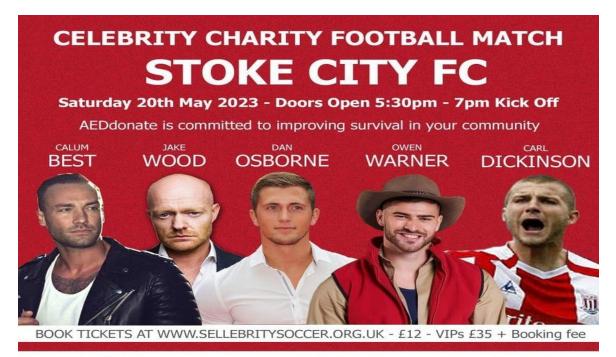
# IT'S GOOD TO TALK

Don't wait until you can't cope before you seek help. For good days, bad days and all the in-between days, there are lots of places you can turn to for support.



IT'S ALWAYS OK TO ASK FOR HELP











Ticket link: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebrity-charity-football-match-at-stoke-city-fc-tickets-5296499562777">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/celebrity-charity-football-match-at-stoke-city-fc-tickets-5296499562777</a> fbclid=lwAR2w85mNLKp9Jim3hmpDrbtC5D6k8L1JBocdpigtdMjeXsc3G-aCZxi1M30

#### ADVICE ON HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE



6 essentials to keep your children safe online - Follow this list to help keep your children safe online:

- 1. **Use parental controls** to block upsetting or harmful content, control in-app purchases, or manage how long your child spends online. They're really easy to set up too. More information about setting controls on mobiles, tablets, home broadband, games consoles, apps, wifi, films, music and TV is on the NSPCC web pages, (www.nspcc.org.uk) and there's a useful helpline number too.
- 2. **Regularly remind your children not to give out personal information**, like their address, phone number, school name, or email address. It can be easy to forget with live streaming videos (like YouTube) that anyone could be watching and it's important not to give away too much information about *themselves*.
- 3. **Get to know the games, apps and social media sites they use**. Learn how to use them yourself and how their 'privacy', 'block' and 'reporting' settings work.
- 4. Make sure they know that people aren't always who they say they are online and that they don't accept friend requests from people they don't know (even if the person has mutual friends, it doesn't mean they can be trusted).
- 5. **Talk about the risks of sharing photos** online, or sending them to others. Once they're out there, they're out there!
- 6. **Let them know that you're listening** and want to know if anything at all makes them feel uncomfortable online, no matter what.

Please also make yourself aware of the age restriction of certain social media platforms, for example **Whatsapp is for 16+, Snapchat is for 13+,** and **TikTok is for 13+.** 

Please also be aware of the content of online gaming, for example, Fortnite is rated as suitable for 12+.

These controls are there to simply keep your child safe in the online world.

#### Need to know more?

These are the places you can find good advice and guidance:

**NSPCC** (www.nspcc.org.uk/preventing-abuse/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/) great for easy-to-follow parental control guides and knowing what to talk about;

**Think u know** ( www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents ) great if you're concerned, need to understand social media or are worried about online abuse;

**Staffordshire Police** (https://www.staffordshire.police.uk/police-forces/staffordshire-police/areas/staffordshire-police/campaigns/2019/cyber-bullying/) explains cyber bullying and online harassment;

**Internetmatters** (www.internetmatters.org) great for cyberbullying advice;

CEOP Child exploitation and online protection command (www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre) - if you suspect abuse report it to one of their specialist advisers now.

Advice on keeping children safe can also be found on our school website, **www.tmpf.staffs.sch.uk**We hope you find the above information useful, if you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.