



Dhoon Primary School

'Curiosity, Independence, Determination, Creativity, Collaboration'



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NEWSLETTER
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Dates for your diary...

- Today** Christmas Fair
- 09.12.20** Zoom "Test Events" for Remote Learning - Details on website
- 11.12.20** Christmas Dinner Day
Details below
- 11.12.20** School Council Film Night
Details below
- 13.12.20** Dhoon Church Carol Service
details to follow
- 14.12.20** Christmas Concerts
Details below
- 17.12.20** Christingle Service
Details below
- 18.12.20** Final day of school term
- 05.01.21** School re-opens for Spring Term

Not an exhaustive list!

Message from Mr Kelly, Executive Headteacher

Where has this term gone? It has been an action packed time at Dhoon School with so many fantastic learning opportunities and community events. I am proud to be associated and involved with a school and a community as excellent as Dhoon. If you happened to watch the One Show on BBC1 last week, you may have seen the National Teaching Awards being broadcast. Kensington School in Newham, London won "National School of the Year" in recognition of their great work. I mention this because their Headteacher, Mr Ben Levinson, contacted me before COVID19 to ask if he could visit Dhoon School to see us in action and learn about all the great things he'd heard about - word has travelled far apparently! It's fantastic to think that a little piece of Dhoon has influenced the work which has led to their prestigious recognition and we're all delighted to be associated with them.

On a different note, it has been lovely to see lots of children wearing Christmas jumpers in school this week; remember this can continue all the way up to the last day of term with the rest of the normal school uniform being worn - but in the final week of term we can enjoy a week of non-uniform. On the matter of uniform, children are always very smart at Dhoon School, but I've taken the opportunity to remind everyone about our expectations for uniform and these are printed on the reverse of this letter.

Finally, it just remains for me to wish each and every one of you a restful, peaceful and happy Christmas; a prosperous and positive new year and a well-earned break.

Christmas Concerts 2020

A reminder of the times of the performances of the Christmas Concerts:

- Monday 14th December (2pm)
- Monday 14th December (7pm)

For the evening performance, we request that all children are in school between 6.30pm and 6.40pm. Children do not have to be in school prior to 6.30pm. On that evening, please could the children walk along the playground and come into school through the main entrance where they will then proceed to their classrooms. Adults and other audience members can use the ramp by the sports hall and enter school through those doors, as they can for the afternoon performance. Tickets are not required to attend, however, we are continuing with our usual request that younger children, toddlers and babies are not brought to the evening performance.

LAXEY SCHOOL

and

DHOON SCHOOL

REMOTE LEARNING "TEST" EVENTS for LIVE ONLINE LESSONS

LXY: Tuesday 8th December
DHN: Wednesday 9th December

Dhoon (9.12.2020)

- 4.30pm - Class 1
- 4.50pm - Class 2
- 5.10pm - Class 3

See the school website for full details!

Choking Hazards

All our staff have updated their First Aid training and qualifications this term. Part of our training focused on responding to children who are choking. It has prompted us to remind parents to think carefully about packed lunches, especially the inclusion of grapes. These are absolutely fine to give to children but should be sliced into half **lengthways**. Thank you for your cooperation.

Christingle Service

Nigel Cretney from Dhoon Church is leading a Christingle Service in the School Hall on 17.12.20 at 2pm. All of our pupils will be attending - we'd like to extend the invite to all parents, grandparents, family members and friends too. If you'd like to come along, the doors by the sports hall will be open from around 1.45pm. There's no need to let school know whether or not you'll be joining us. We hope to see you if you can make it.

Christmas Film Night

To give our busy parents an extra opportunity to do a bit of last minute shopping / peace & quiet, Dhoon School Council is offering a special service on Friday 11th December. Films will be shown complete with snacks, and this will run from 3.30pm to 6.30pm. You do need to sign up in advance so if you haven't yet done so, please see Mrs Kelly in the school office at your earliest convenience!

Reception children for September 2021

If you know of any families who have a child due to start at Dhoon School next September, please would you ask them to contact the school as soon as possible to register a place with us.



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Dhoon School Uniform Reminder



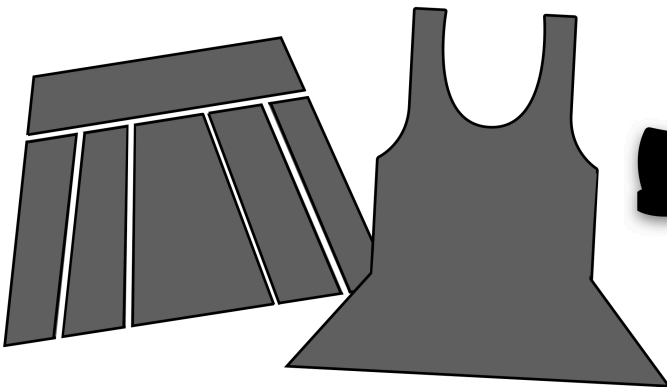
Jade or white
polo shirt



Lets get the little details right!

White, grey
or black
socks

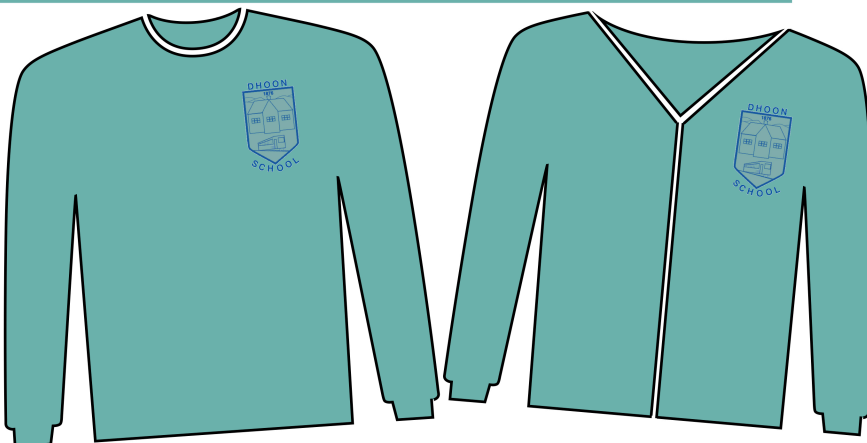
Grey school
trousers or
shorts



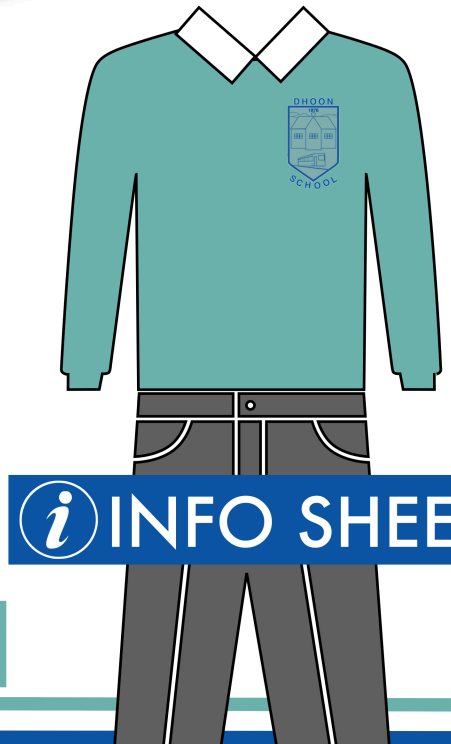
Grey school skirt or dress



Black shoes



Jade jumper or cardigan



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