



DOHA ENGLISH SPEAKING SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

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HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year!

I hope that you and your children had a relaxing holiday and that you are all looking forward to the year ahead as much as I am!

I hope you have had the opportunity to look at and explore our new website which has been updated in consultation with pupils, parents, staff and Governors. The Year Group pages under the PARENT ZONE provide information on time tables, homework and reminders and will be updated each Thursday ready for the following week.

A busy term lies ahead with many exciting activities such as, Year 1, 3 and 4 performances; Year Group excursions; musical events; Year 6 Ski trip and the BSME Games, to name just a few. There are also a multitude of ECAs and Private Clubs for the children to choose from. This level of activity ensures that there is never a dull moment at DESS – roll on the Spring Term!

Best wishes for the year ahead.

Andy Yeoman
Headteacher



MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

We would like to take this opportunity to thank our outgoing Governor, Eulian Roberts for all his support and dedication to the school over the past few years. We wish him well for the future.

NEW STAFF

We would like to begin the New Year by welcoming the following recent staff additions and informing you of any changes to our DESS team:

- PS Mary Johnson** Mary joined us before the holidays as Teaching Assistant in Preschool.
- R1 Gillian Delahey** Following Dianne Hall's departure to Australia, Mrs Delahey, who replaced Dianne during her maternity leave, has now become a permanent member of the team.
- Y2 Amanda Caspall** Amanda was employed for the role of Y2 Teaching Assistant, following Jackie Redshaw's departure.
- Y5 Debbie Haddon** Debbie previously worked as a Teaching Assistant in Y1 and has now returned to DESS working as Year 5 Teaching Assistant.
- Y6 Krys Rodgers** Krys has joined us in Year 6 as an additional Teaching Assistant.
- PE Hayley Cable-Coates** Hayley replaced Linda Tunstall and Camille Campbell, taking on a full time PE Teaching Assistant position.
- LS Nicola Farrar** Nicola is our new Learning Support Teaching Assistant, replacing Kelly Oram.
- LS Diane Jones** Diane will be joining us on Sunday, taking on a part time Learning Support teacher's role.
- Library Yola Garawal** Yola became our new librarian, following Line Asghar's departure to England in December.
- Finance Claire O'Connor** Claire replaced Beth Litster as Finance Assistant.

Following Maria Laing's departure, **Lisa Yeoman** has become our new **French** teacher. Lisa has settled well into her new role and has thoroughly enjoyed her first week back as our new Madame!

Staff Vacancies

**IT Assistant Technician
French Teacher (part-time)
Teaching Assistant**

If you are interested in any of these positions and require further information please visit the school website at www.dess.org

Extra Curricular Activities

Today, all children signed up for the clubs they would like to join. You will be notified next week of the clubs they have gained places in.

ECAs start the week beginning 15th January and will run for 8 weeks (school run) and 9 weeks (privately run).



DESS Uniform Shop Opening Times

Sunday 7.00 – 8.00am

Tuesday 12.30 – 1.30pm

Thursday 7.20 – 8.20am

BRITISH CUB SCOUTS



If your sons or daughters are interested in joining this activity, please contact Janet Barnett at

1stdohacubs@gmail.com

PRET-A-PORTRAIT



Tuesday 24 & Wednesday 25 January 2012

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS

The photographer will be in school on Tuesday 24 and Wednesday 25 January to take class photographs.

SIBLING PHOTOGRAPHS

DESS siblings can be photographed on Wednesday 25 January during school time. Please book a slot with Elaine Drury in the school office. Please note that there are a limited number of time slots available and they will be issued on a first come first served basis.

FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS

On Tuesday 24 January, from 1.30pm – 3.25pm, the photographer will be available to take family group photos. There will be three booths available which can be pre-booked for 5 minute time-slots. If you would like to book a time-slot please contact Elaine Drury in the school office. Please note, that there are a limited number of time slots available and they will be issued on a first come first served basis.

BOXERCISE & ZUMBA CLASSES

Small Gym, DESS, Wednesdays at
18.30

Please contact Zara Brook
Zarab26@hotmail.co.uk
for further details

DESS School Council

The next meeting of the
School Council will be
held on
Tuesday 10th Jan 2012



Class Mums' Meeting

Class Mums, an informal get-together will be held in the Multi Purpose Room (the room above the MPH), on Tuesday 10th January at 8am.

The meeting will last for approximately half an hour. We are hoping all Class Mums will be able to attend.

DESS Lost Property

We currently have the following items of value in our lost property box at the School Office:

JVC Everio Video Camera
2 x Nintendo DSi (matching)
iPOD Touch 64GB
Samsung mobile phone
Sterling silver bangle
Set of Kia car keys
Smash digital watch
Casio Baby G watch
G-Shock watch
Girls flik-flak watch
Girls ELC watch
Timex Watch with Velcro strap
1440 Sports watch
Boys flik-flak watch
Hello Kitty watch
Door key on Mickey Mouse keyring
New in packet Barbie watch
Gold Bangle

If any of these items belong to you please come to the school office to identify them as soon as possible.

Any unclaimed items will remain in the school office until 31 January 2012 and then they will be donated to 'Hope and Homes for Children', our school's chosen charity.

Thank you for your assistance.



BBQ at Pickup

As a treat for the end of the week, why not indulge yourself with a tasty burger or hotdog. The food will be cooked freshly at school pick-up. I'm sure you will agree this is a great way to end the week...

Thursday 19th January in the main playground at pick-up.

Internet Security for *Surfing Angels*

The internet can be a dangerous place. You need to protect yourself. However, a lot of people kid themselves that they are not at risk.



So come and join us on **Tuesday 24th January** after drop off in the room above the MPH, for a morning of coffee, cake and learning how to keep yourself safe while surfing online...

Our guest speaker, Susie Billings, is quite passionate about Internet Security and she would like to share her knowledge of this subject with you.



Pizza Day

Is taking place on **Thursday 2nd February**, look out for order forms in your child's books bag next week. **Don't forget**, the last order for pizza day is **Thursday 26th January** and we regret that we are unable to accept any late orders.

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FAB
Club



Gained a few pounds over the festive break?

Join us in FAB Club, a friendly support group for those who want to lose weight
Weigh-in is confidential, then we get together over coffee
swapping advice, recipes etc

We meet above the MPH, immediately after drop-off, Thursday mornings

Not Sure? Just come along and say 'Hi'!

Drop off, Drop in, Drop a size..!

Cost: QR50 to join then QR20 each week

DON'T FORGET...

FAB Club		Every Thursday after drop-off
BBQ at Pick-Up		Thursday 19 th January
Internet Security for <i>Surfing Angels</i>		Tuesday 24 th January
Pizza Day		Thursday 2 nd February
PTA AGM		Monday 6 th February, 7pm

Your Committee

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