

# Deneholm Primary School Newsletter Issue 1 September 2023



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been such a lovely first few days back at school after our summer break. The children have come back full of excitement and the school has felt incredibly settled and focused. New teachers and classes have enjoyed getting to know each other and we are so looking forward to an exciting term ahead.

Thank you so much for your ongoing support which has led to such a successful first week back at Deneholm.

We are pleased to confirm that we are continuing to offer regular opportunities for families to come into school and see children's learning. Details of some of these can be found below.

## **Sharing Assemblies**

We are thrilled to confirm that classes will continue with sharing assemblies this year. Reception and year 6 will both have one per year and years 1-5 will have two per year. Dates of these can be found in our 'Dates for your Diary' section at the end of this newsletter. The front gate will continue to open at 2:45pm and we will be allowing 5 minutes for parents to make their way round to our hall before gates close at 2:50pm and the performance begins.

## **Showcases**

Each of our classes will be hosting a showcase for our parents again each term.

These will be an opportunity for parents to come in so pupils can share a particular area of their learning. For some of these parents will be able to join in, whereas others may be more of a performance. Dates of these can be found in our 'Dates for your Diary' section at the end of this newsletter. The front gate will continue to open at 2:45pm and we will be allowing 5 minutes for parents to make their way round to our hall before gates close at 2:50pm and the performance begins.

## **Jeans for Genes Day**

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September, we will be supporting Jeans for Genes Day at Deneholm and children are invited to come in wearing jeans/denim as non-school uniform. We are asking for those who can to donate £1 to support the Jeans for Genes campaign.

## **Phonics Workshop**

Families with children in reception, year 1 or year 2 are invited into an introduction to phonics workshop on Thursday 21st September at 2:50pm. This will cover the basics of the programme we use in school as well as supportive strategies that families can use at home.

## **Culford Road**

Please could we ask families to be considerate of our neighbours whilst waiting in the road outside our school at the

beginning and end of the day. We have had reports from a number of neighbours over the last few days of children and animals entering their gardens, driveways being blocked and children damaging trees by ripping bark off. If parents do arrive early to school for any reason, please be thoughtful about the homes and gardens of our neighbours.

## **Swimming**

Years 3 and 4 will be completing their swimming lessons this term. We hope this will prove an exciting experience for all involved, once they get started, as they develop this life-saving skill. Please check your emails carefully as classes are swimming on different weeks and please contact the school office if you have any queries. Thank you for the support and flexibility around the arrangements for getting our year 3 and 4 children swimming this term.

## **Harvest Donations**

We will be collections donations for Harvest Festival again this year. All donations will be generously received at any time between now and the morning of Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September and can be given to class teachers, adults at the school gates or into the school office. Thurrock Foodbank will be collecting the donations which will help local families.

## **Important Dates for your diary...**



### **AUTUMN TERM 2023**

#### **September**

#### **First Day of Term – 6<sup>th</sup> September**

- 21<sup>st</sup> Phonics workshop Reception, Year 1 & 2
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Jeans for Genes Day
- 26<sup>th</sup> 6H Sharing Assembly
- 28<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Showcase
- 29<sup>th</sup> Harvest festival donations

#### **October**

- 3<sup>rd</sup> 5HB Sharing Assembly
- 5<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Showcase
- 10<sup>th</sup> 4SA Sharing Assembly
- 12<sup>th</sup> Year 3 Showcase
- 17<sup>th</sup> 3LM Sharing Assembly
- 19<sup>th</sup> E-Safety Day & Parent Workshop

#### **Half-Term 23<sup>rd</sup> October – 3<sup>rd</sup> November**

#### **November**

- 14<sup>th</sup> 2H Sharing Assembly
- 16<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Showcase
- 17<sup>th</sup> Children in Need
- 21<sup>st</sup> 1A Sharing Assembly
- 22<sup>nd</sup> Walk Online Roadshow Year 5
- 23<sup>rd</sup> Year 2 Showcase
- 28<sup>th</sup> 6C Sharing Assembly
- 30<sup>th</sup> Reading Parent Workshop KS2

#### **December**

- 5<sup>th</sup> 5C Sharing Assembly
- 7<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Showcase
- 8<sup>th</sup> Last Day of Afterschool Clubs
- 12<sup>th</sup> 4W Sharing Assembly
- 14<sup>th</sup> Reception Showcase
- 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Jumper/Dinner/Party Day

#### **Last day of term - 21<sup>st</sup> December**

### **SPRING TERM 2024**

#### **January**

## **First Day of Term – 8<sup>th</sup> January**

11 <sup>th</sup>	KS1 Workshop
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Showcase
23 <sup>rd</sup>	3U Sharing Assembly
25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Showcase
30 <sup>th</sup>	2W Sharing Assembly

## **February**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 3 Showcase
2 <sup>nd</sup>	NSPCC Number Day
6 <sup>th</sup>	1G Sharing Assembly
7 <sup>th</sup>	Safer Internet Day
15 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Showcase
16 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Pupil Day

## **Half-Term 19<sup>th</sup> February – 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

29 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Workshop
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## **March**

7 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day
11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 SATs Meeting
12 <sup>th</sup>	5HB Sharing Assembly
14 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Showcase
15 <sup>th</sup>	Red Nose Day
19 <sup>th</sup>	4SA Sharing Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 2 Showcase
22 <sup>nd</sup>	World Maths Day
26 <sup>th</sup>	3LM Sharing Assembly

## **Last day of term - 28<sup>th</sup> March**

## **SUMMER TERM 2024**

## **April**

15 <sup>th</sup>	World Art Day
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Earth Day
30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2H Sharing Assembly

## **May**

### **Bank holiday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

7 <sup>th</sup>	1A Sharing Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 SATs week
14 <sup>th</sup>	5C Sharing Assembly
21 <sup>st</sup>	4W Sharing Assembly

## **Half-Term 27<sup>th</sup> May – 31<sup>st</sup> May**

## **June**

10 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screening Week
11 <sup>th</sup>	3U Sharing Assembly
18 <sup>th</sup>	2W Sharing Assembly
25 <sup>th</sup>	1G Sharing Assembly
27 <sup>th</sup>	Reception Showcase

## **July**

2 <sup>nd</sup>	RP Sharing Assembly
5 <sup>th</sup>	Sports Day
9 <sup>th</sup>	RT Sharing Assembly
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production to Parents
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am

## **Last Day of Term – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024**

**WE WILL AIM TO KEEP TO THESE DATES BUT, IF NECESSARY, THEY WILL BE CHANGED.**