

Deneholm Primary School Newsletter Issue 6 December 2023



***Empathy *Aspiration *Resilience *Self-confidence**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Over the last couple of weeks, I have been to visit phonics lessons in reception and KS1 and I have been so impressed with their engagement and progress. Pupils are working so hard. I know some of our families are accessing the phonics videos sent home each week and they are having a real impact on their learning in school. If you have not accessed these or have any questions, please do email the school office on admin@dps.swecet.org.

Yesterday, I was lucky to enough to accompany Miss Chapman, Mrs Clayton and 30 of our KS2 children to a backstage tour of the Royal Opera House Production Park in Purfleet. They got behind the scenes access to the workshop and saw how scenery is created before it goes on the stage in Covent Garden. It was a fascinating experience and the pupils who attended represented our school excellently. Their enthusiasm and curiosity was commended.

Mrs Bradfield
Head of School

Christmas Events

Christmas Fete



A huge thank you to everyone who has agreed to have a board in their garden advertising the school Christmas fete this year.

The Christmas fete will be held on 8th December from 3:30pm until 5:00pm. There will be many stalls including drinks and snacks and, of course, Santa in his Grotto.

Carol Service



Our annual Carol Services at St John the Evangelist Church in Victoria Avenue will take place at the following times:

Monday 11th December – 10:45am (Years R, 1, 2 and 3)

Tuesday 12th December – 10:45am (Years 4, 5 and 6).

If you would be willing to walk with your child's class as a parent helper please speak to the class teacher.

Families are very welcome to attend however please bear in mind seating is limited and the children will be seated first.

Reception Nativity

The reception nativity will take place on Thursday 14th December 2023 at 9:00am and 2:30pm. Tickets can be booked via School Gateway with a maximum of two tickets per child. Please refer to the email that was sent to all reception parents previously.

Our last day before Christmas – Thursday 21st December

This will be our real celebration day. Children will be able to order a Christmas Dinner (including a vegetarian option) on the day. For children in year 3-6, who have not got free school meal entitlement, a payment of £2.30 will need to be made in the usual way, using School Gateway, before 21st December so that the meal can be ordered.

Children are encouraged to come in wearing a Christmas Jumper or Christmas themed outfit (Non-uniform day).

In the afternoon, each class will have a party with party games, music and fun! Donations of a small amount of shop-bought snack foods, eg individual cakes or packaged crisps would be much appreciated. In previous years, families have been extremely generous with this, however we are asking for just a small donation please, as most children will have just had a Christmas dinner and classes can end up with lots leftover.

PE Kits



Please ensure that your child/ren have a full PE Kit in school, including winter jogging bottoms, a hoodie or jacket and trainers.

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Read, Write Inc.



Please watch the Read Write Inc videos emailed to you weekly. These will help your child learn their sounds and allow them to read words fluently. If you need any support with this, please speak to your child's teacher.



Oxford Owl E- Books

Every child has access to the Oxford Owl E-books. These can be accessed by visiting <https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>. These are a great resource for children learning to read on our RWInc phonics programme. Children can also take quizzes on these books. Your child's log will be in their learning log. If you need your child's details please speak to the class teacher.



Science Corner

Children in Year 1 have been leaning about animals and living things. They are able to categorise animals according to their features and discuss what each animal can eat. We have also learnt about the wonderful things that make each animal unique and different.



Showcases

It is our Year 1 Showcase on Thursday 7th December at 2:50pm. Please join us in our classrooms to see our learning in action. Gates will open at 2:45pm. We hope you are able to join us.



Sharing Assembly

4W have their sharing assembly on Tuesday 12th December. We do hope you are able to join us to see what the class have been up

to so far this year. 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.



Labelling School Uniform

Please can we remind you to label all of your child's uniform and PE kit. If items are not labelled with names, it becomes very difficult to give them back to the correct child.

Awareness Raising Session for Parents



Important Dates for your diary...

AUTUMN TERM 2023

December

- 5th 5C Sharing Assembly
- 7th Year 1 Showcase
- 8th Last Day of Afterschool Clubs
Flu Vaccination
- Christmas Fete**
- 12th 4W Sharing Assembly
- 14th Reception Nativity 9:00am and 2:30pm
- 21st Christmas Jumper/Dinner/Party Day



Last day of term - 21st December



SPRING TERM 2024

January

First Day of Term – 8th January

- 11th KS1 Workshop
- 18th Year 5 Showcase
- 23rd 3U Sharing Assembly
- 25th Year 4 Showcase
- 30th 2W Sharing Assembly

February

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

Half-Term 19th February – 23rd February

- 29th KS2 Workshop

March

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

Last day of term - 28th March



SUMMER TERM 2024

April

- 15th World Art Day
- 22nd Earth Day
- 30th Year 2H Sharing Assembly

May

Bank holiday 6th May

- 7th 1A Sharing Assembly
- 13th KS2 SATs week
- 14th 5C Sharing Assembly
- 21st 4W Sharing Assembly

Half-Term 27th May – 31st May

June

- 10th Phonics Screening Week
- 11th 3U Sharing Assembly
- 18th 2W Sharing Assembly
- 25th 1G Sharing Assembly
- 27th Reception Showcase

July

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

Last Day of Term – 19th July 2024

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