

# Deneholm Primary School Newsletter Issue 7 December 2023



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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to attend our recent Parents Evenings. It is always a useful opportunity for us to share information and work together.

As the end of our first term of the academic year draws to a close, I am filled with pride about what our children have achieved already. We have seen sharing assemblies, showcases, choir performances, swimming lessons, sports competitions, our reception nativity, a lovely Carol Service and much, much more.

Children have worked so hard this term and we are grateful for the support that we have received from parents in order to maximise pupils' progress and a range of other experiences in school.

May I take this opportunity to wish all of you who celebrate a very Merry Christmas and every a happy New Year. We look forward to seeing children back in school on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Mrs Bradfield  
Head of School

## **Fruit Snacks for KS1 and EYFS**

A reminder to parents that free fruit is provided to all reception, year 1 and year 2 pupils as a snack each day to eat during breaktime.

## **Christmas Dinner Day**

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 20<sup>th</sup> December so that the meal can be ordered.

## **Our last day before Christmas – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**



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 lunch and classes can end up with lots leftover.

## **SEN in the SWECET Primaries**

Miss Delucia has created a Padlet to support parents of children with SEN in a wide variety of ways by including links to other sights which contain guidance and group for support. We hope that parents will find this a useful source of support and guidance.

Please check it out by following this link:  
<https://padlet.com/deluciac/sen-for-sweacet-primaries-parents-btu0c96h8p7v3mp1>



## Year 4 MTC Check

In year 4, children take the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC check). On Tuesday 16th January, we will be holding a parent workshop for all year 4 parents to explain what the MTC check will involve and how we are supporting your children in school. We will also share examples of how you can support your child at home. The workshop will take place in the main hall at 2:45-3:10pm. We hope to see you all there.

## Children's University Challenges

During the Christmas break, you may be looking for extra ways to gain credits. If so, see the latest CU challenges on our website using the following link:

<https://deneholm.org.uk/key-information/childrens-university/>

Should you have any queries about your child's account, please contact the new Children's University Manager, Clare Ruffle [cruffle@UnitySPE.co.uk](mailto:cruffle@UnitySPE.co.uk)

## Library Book Amnesty

Calling all pupils and parents!  
Do you have any school library books at home that you have not returned? Please **return** them as we are very low on stock. Thank you.

## Winter Mini Reading Challenge

Read 3 books of your choice between 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023 and 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 and add them to your online profile. To take part in the challenge, visit <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>. Local libraries also have more information and plenty of books to choose from.



## 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.



## 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

This term in Reception, we have been looking at seasonal changes and in particular the "signs of Autumn." We have

also looked at the types of animals we might see in autumn and been learning all about nocturnal animals and hibernation. We will be carrying out an experiment “fizzy Christmas trees” and predicting what will happen when we add vinegar to baking soda.

## Showcases



It is our Year 5 Showcase on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January 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



3U have their sharing assembly on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. 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

- 20<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner Day
- 21<sup>st</sup> Christmas Jumper/Party Day

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



### SPRING TERM 2024

#### January

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

- 8<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Bikability
- 11<sup>th</sup> KS1 Workshop
- Year 6 Bikability
- KS1 Parent Workshop
- 12<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Nurture Breakfast
- 16<sup>th</sup> MTC Workshop Year 4
- Young Voices 02
- 18<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Showcase
- 19<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Nurture Breakfast
- 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
- 14<sup>th</sup> Year 2 Trip Barleylands
- 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

#### 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 – 19<sup>th</sup> July 2024

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

## 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
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Showcase
21 <sup>st</sup>	4W Sharing Assembly
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 3 Showcase

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

### June

3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 4 MTC
10 <sup>th</sup>	Phonics Screening Week Year 4 MTC
11 <sup>th</sup>	3U Sharing Assembly
13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 2 Showcase
18 <sup>th</sup>	2W Sharing Assembly
20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 1 Showcase
25 <sup>th</sup>	1G Sharing Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Residential to 28th
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
12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Adventure Island
16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Production to Parents
18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am