

# Deneholm Primary School Newsletter Issue 8 January 2024



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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome our children back this week after the Christmas break. Children have come back with an excellent attitude and have all settled well back into their learning and routines.

Before the holidays and again this week, we have had a number of complaints again from our neighbours on both Culford Road and Crowstone Road. Unfortunately, they have reported that driveways are being blocked and, on occasion, that they are being spoken to in quite a rude manner. The roads are very busy in the morning, please can I ask again that families are considerate when parking, if they need to drive to school. There are lots of residential roads nearby so please do consider parking a little further away if you are able to prevent blocking driveways or even roads. We have advised neighbours to contact the police and local council if they have any further issues.

A huge congratulations to our lovely choir who performed some Christmas songs at Lakeside Shopping Centre before the holidays. They raised an amazing £142.94 for St Luke's Hospice. The total raised across the 2 weeks of schools singing was an incredible £5869.16. Thank you Miss Gale for organising and practising with the choir.

Mrs Bradfield

Head of School



## **Maths Enterprise**

Thank you for supporting us for this year's Maths Enterprise Project. As a school we raised £824.74! Well done to the two winning classes – 1G and 5HB. A huge 'thank you' also to the PTA for supporting us in running the project.

## **Pokemon Cards**

We have had a few instances this week of pokemon cards being brought in and traded between pupils and this has then led to some upset about whose cards are whose. Please can we ask that pokemon cards, or any toys from home, are not brought in to school. If they are, they will be looked after by an adult and returned to parents safely at the end of the day.



## **SEN**

For SEN information and advice, please visit our new SEN Padlet via the QR code. This will be updated throughout the year.



on a detailed letter at the end of our newsletter.

## 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.

## Essex Year of Numbers



Essex County Council is running a countrywide campaign called 'Essex Year of Numbers'. Their aim is to inspire a love of learning through exciting maths activities. The following website contains links to free, fun events that are taking place in Essex at local libraries and country parks with a focus on giving children's maths skills a 'magic boost'. The website also contains free resources which can be used at home. Activities include learning how numbers are used in music production and exploring numeracy themed books in the great outdoors.

[Essex Year of Numbers | Essex County Council](#)

## NSPCC Number Day



On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> of February, we will be supported NSPCC Number day with a non-uniform day. Please can children wear clothing which includes some numbers and we are asking for donations of £1 to support the charity. More information can be found

## 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.



## Childcare Survey

Help us to meet your childcare needs! By completing the Parent survey, we will be able to work towards ensuring you have the childcare you need!

[Parents survey for the new childcare entitlement | Have my say | Thurrock Council](#)

If you are a working parent and looking for childcare The 30 hours funded childcare is expanding! Working parents of all children over the age of nine months will also be entitled to funded 30 hours of childcare.

For all primary aged children from reception to year six, from September 2024, you can expect to see an increase in the number of wraparound childcare places available across Thurrock. Wraparound care is before and after school (8am-6pm) childcare for primary school aged children in England during term time. With your help by completing the survey we expect all parents who need it to have access to wraparound

care, either from their school or from another provider in your local area, by September 2026.

By accessing funded childcare for 9 months to 4 years and the funded Tax Free Childcare you will be able to get help with childcare costs.

Please click on the below QR Codes for more information



## 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



Year 6 this term are learning about light. They have discovered that light travels in a straight line. In the next few weeks, the children will be looking at shadows as well as how light is reflected in a mirror.



## Showcases

It is our Year 5 Showcase on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January at 2:50pm and Yr 4 Showcase on the 25<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.



## Important Dates for your diary...



### SPRING TERM 2024

#### January

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

- 16<sup>th</sup> MTC Workshop Year 4  
Young Voices 02
- 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
- 13<sup>th</sup> Reception Showcase
- 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

- 5<sup>th</sup> 5HB Sharing Assembly
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs Meeting
- 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
- 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 28<sup>th</sup>
- 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

#### **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.**