

Deneholm Primary School Newsletter Issue 10 February 2024



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very busy half-term. The children have shown great resilience and determination in their learning.

Our February Half Term Sports Club will be running at Stifford Clays Primary School. Places are available to book in advance or on the day. Children who have attended in the past have had a brilliant day full of fun and made lots of new friends.

As we approach the second half of the spring term, we are at the half way point of our academic year. Children in year 6 are busily preparing for their SATs and children are working hard all through the school. Please help your child by ensuring they are completing their homework and practising their times tables as much as possible.

Our Parents Evenings will be held on Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th March, where parents will have an opportunity to speak to class teachers. More information regarding booking appointments will be coming out to parents by email during our first week back after half term.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break and enjoy the time together. We look forward to seeing the children when we return to school on Monday 26th February. Friday 16th February is a non-pupil day, therefore children's last day is Thursday 15th February.

Mrs Bradfield



SEN

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

Curriculum Overviews

Our Curriculum overviews are now going to be sent home to parents at the end of each half term rather than the beginning to share the learning that will be going on in school over the next half term. This is because we would like to share the Creative Homework options with parents before each holiday, when we do not send home their usual homework. We hope this will enable families to spend more time on these, if they wish, and get pupils excited about their new topics. These are a menu of activities which pupils can complete at home and share with their peers and teachers in school. They are linked to their new topics in school. The Curriculum overviews for next half term will be sent home on Monday 12th February.



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](#)

Winter Mini Reading Challenge

Read 3 books of your choice between 1st December 2023 and 19th 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.

February Half term Sports Club



FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY SPORT and LEISURE CLUB

Monday 19th February to Friday 23rd February

BASED AT STIFFORD CLAYS PRIMARY SCHOOL

The provision is for pupils of CSM, DPS and SCP only

8AM – 4PM £15 PER FULL DAY PER CHILD

Or

9am-12pm £7 and 1pm-4pm £7 HALF DAY PER CHILD

✓ Dodgeball ✓ Art activities ✓ Football tournament ✓ Mini Olympics
✓ Board Games ✓ Gymnastics ✓ Hide and Seek ✓ Treasure Hunt ✓ Rounders
✓ Quizzes ✓ Tennis ✓ Athletics ✓ Team Games and lots more!

The provision will be led by our SWECEET Trust PE team and so the children know the teachers well.

You can book a day, a half day, a few days, some half days or a whole week or two if you prefer. We expect good behaviour from all children whilst attending so that the days are not spoiled by anyone and everyone has fun. Repeated poor behaviour will result in the place being withdrawn.

You need to book as detailed below to secure your place(s).

Numbers are limited to ensure the safety and enjoyment of the children attending.

Bookings and payment

Bookings and Payment will need to be made through your child's school's Gateway account no later than Monday 12th February. Please go to the School Gateway App where you be able to book and pay for the sessions you require.

Please contact the school office if you need help with booking/paying and they will provide support.

Science Corner

In Year 2, the children have been learning about habitats. We have discussed why animals live in particular habitats as opposed to others for reasons such as availability of the food they eat. The children also looked at food chains and the difference between the terms prey and predator. This unit has linked well to our Geography topic about Kenya where we looked at Kenyan animals and their habitats.

Showcases

It is our Reception Showcase on Tuesday 13th February and it is our Year 6 Showcase on Thursday 15th February 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



5HB have their sharing assembly on Tuesday 5th March. 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



February

- 13th Reception Showcase
- 14th Year 2 Trip Barleylands
- 15th Year 6 Showcase
- 16th Non-Pupil Day

Half-Term 19th February – 23rd February

- 29th KS2 Workshop

March

- 5th 5HB Sharing Assembly
- 7th World Book Day
- 11th Year 6 SATs Meeting
- 12th Parents Evening
- 14th Parents Evening
- 15th Red Nose Day

- 19th 4SA Sharing Assembly
- 21st Year 2 Showcase
- 22nd World Maths Day
- 26th 3LM Sharing Assembly

Last Day of Term – 19th July 2024

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

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
- 16th Year 4 Showcase
- 21st 4W Sharing Assembly
- 23rd Year 3 Showcase

Half-Term 27th May – 31st May

June

- 3rd Year 4 MTC
- 10th Phonics Screening Week
- Year 4 MTC
- 11th 3U Sharing Assembly
- 13th Year 2 Showcase
- 18th 2W Sharing Assembly
- 20th Year 1 Showcase
- 25th 1G Sharing Assembly
- 26th Year 6 Residential to 28th
- 27th Reception Showcase

July

- 2nd RP Sharing Assembly
- 5th Sports Day
- 9th RT Sharing Assembly
- 12th Year 6 Adventure Island
- 16th Year 6 Production to Parents
- 18th Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am