

# Deneholm Primary School

## Newsletter Issue 11

### March 2024



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a brilliant first week back for all our children. They have settled back into school routines well and have shown great determination in their learning. It has been particularly impressive to be sharing Times Tables Rockstars achievements in our Celebration Assembly and be celebrating some of our youngest pupils achieving the awards. Please do encourage your children to access Times Tables Rockstars at home to improve their times tables as they are essential to so many areas of maths.

Our School Council have been working hard on organising events for our school and have taken on a greater leadership role this year. This term, they have confirmed our theme for Read Nose Day (read on to find out) and organised donations for Thurrock Food Bank. Please support if you can.

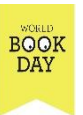
This morning, I noticed a marked difference in the safety of Crowstone Road from my duty at the end of Culford Road. Thank you to everyone who is making efforts to keep our children and community safe.

It is a busy half term ahead as we are celebrating World Book Day, Red Nose Day and Parent Consultations will be taking place. Booking information can be found at the end of this newsletter and booking goes live at 4pm this afternoon.

Mrs Bradfield  
Head of School

### **Parent/Teacher Consultation**

Parents teacher consultation meetings will take place on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March. Bookings will be live from 4pm today. There is a booking guidance document attached.



### **World Book Day**

World Book Day takes place on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, we hope you will join us as we come together to celebrate our World Book Day in school.

We want children to dress up in costumes to share their favourite book/characters.

We would love to invite you along to your child's class on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 2.55pm to read with them.

The World Book Day £1 token will be emailed out to all parents on World Book Day, please ensure you check your email.



### **Red Nose Day**

We will be participating in Red Nose Day on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to wear red instead of school uniform. If you are able to donate, please send £1 in to school on this day. All money raised will go directly to this good cause.



## Food Bank

We are supporting Thurrock Food Bank this year as our chosen charity.

The School Council would like us all to help by donating one item of food for local families.

We will be collecting for Thurrock Food Bank from 4<sup>th</sup> March to 15<sup>th</sup> March to coincide with Fairtrade Fortnight.

With regards to type of foods to donate, the current list from Thurrock Food Bank of items most needed is:-

**Tinned Fish, Packet Mashed Potato, Long life Fruit Juice, Tea Bags, Squash / Cordial, Tinned Custard, Sponge Puddings , Tinned Rice Pudding , Jelly, Angel Delight.**

We would be delighted if parents/carers would be able to donate ONE item and bring it in during the dates given.

Thurrock Food Bank will then come collect our goods to be distributed.



## Year 4 Project

Year 4 would be grateful if you could send in cardboard boxes, transparent egg trays and food containers by Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March for our DT project.



## SEN

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

## 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](#)

## 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

Childcare  
Choices



a scientific lab report. They also developed an investigation which requires them to make observations over time to identify the conditions that cause metal objects to rust.

## Showcases



It is our Year 2 Showcase on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 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.

## 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 5 have been looking at materials in science. They have carried out experiments relating to reversible and irreversible changes. For these experiments, the children develop skills in scientific observation, designing a fair test and writing

## Sharing Assembly



5HB have their sharing assembly on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March and 4SA on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

- 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.**



### Important Dates for your diary...



### SPRING TERM 2024

#### March

- 5<sup>th</sup> 5HB Sharing Assembly
- 7<sup>th</sup> World Book Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs Meeting
- 12<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening
- 14<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening
- 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