



Newsletter for March and April 2018

Parent Consultation Evenings

We look forward to seeing you at the next Parent Consultation Evenings which will take place on 21st and 22nd March. Appointments will be available from Tuesday 6th March. Please try to attend as this gives you an excellent opportunity to discuss your child's progress.

SIAMS

The school received a one day SIAMS Inspection (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools) on 30th January. The principle objective of a SIAMS inspection is to evaluate the distinctiveness and effectiveness of the school as a Church school, and how well the distinctive Christian character and ethos of the school ensure the development and achievement of the whole child. I am pleased to say that we received a Good judgement. The report can be found on our website.

Bishop Stephen's Lent Challenge

During the second half of the spring term we have been engaging with Bishop Stephen's (Bishop of Ely) Lent Challenge. This year it is built around 'The Five Marks of Mission', also known as the '5 Ts': Tell, Teach, Tend, Transform and Treasure. Each week the children have been undertaking a different challenge to show our commitment to observing Lent.

Denver Sluice

Tamsyn and Liz from the Environment Agency visited Class 4 to discuss flooding and the importance of Denver Sluice in preventing flooding in the local area. This supported their geography topic for this term, 'Rivers'. The children were set a competition to name the new gates at Denver Sluice. The standard of entries for the new gates was very high, although Paige was announced the winner. She had chosen the following names for the three gates: Pirates Gate, Mucky Porter Gate and Farmer's Boy Gate. The judges were impressed by how the names were based on old Fenland stories and the relevance to the local area. Sky and Kieran were also highly recommended.

Safety on the Railway

On 21st February, two Railway Enforcement Officers visited from the Safety on the Railway Campaign. The children all received goodie bags and an important message about keeping themselves safe near railways.

Football/Netball Tournaments

The school has been represented in both cluster netball and football tournaments this term. Both teams performed well and enjoyed the opportunity to play against other schools.

Active Kids

A group of children from Class 2 took part in their second Active Kids Festival at Lynnsport. The festival was aimed at engaging children in games/activities with three main themes: targets, creativity and being adventurous. There will be a final session in the summer term.

Dance Festival - King's Lynn Corn Exchange

On Wednesday, 7th March, over 400 children from primary schools around West Norfolk strutted their stuff on stage in the King's Lynn Corn Exchange. The audience of children and 200 members of the public, clapped, sang and cheered as each school performed their dance routine. There was such a diverse range of styles: tap, street, rock and roll - even Gangnam Style! The Denver Dance Troupe went on towards the end of the festival and danced their socks off to 'Faith' by Stevie Wonder and Ariana Grande! They had never danced on the stage before and certainly to no more than 3 audience members but it didn't faze them at all and they just took it all in their stride... whilst Miss de Vanche and Miss Waters hid in the wings! Well done girls and thank you for all your hard work - you have made us all at Denver School very proud!



Hockey

The children in Class 4 have received some hockey coaching from a member of staff at Wisbech Grammar School. They will use the skills they have been learning when they attend a friendly tournament against a range of other schools at Wisbech Grammar School later in the term.

School Council News

The School Council have recently enjoyed a tasting session with Amanda Massen from Norse. They tried some of the dishes from the new menu and gave their feedback to the other children.

Noted Liars

Throughout the spring term, the children in Class 4 have been working on a lottery funded project called 'Noted Liars' to learn more about the history of the Fens. They have been learning traditional songs, molly dancing and listening to local stories and legends. A performance to showcase what the children have been working on will take place on Thursday 22nd March at 2.15pm in the school hall. The performance is for the parents/grandparents of children in Class 4. A further performance will take place at the King's Lynn Corn Exchange in July, details to follow at a later date.

The Real True Story

The Y6 children visited Downham Market Academy earlier this term to watch a performance of The Real True Story. The play was based on the story of Hansel and Gretel.

World Book Day

The children once again enjoyed celebrating World Book Day by coming to school dressed as different book characters. A variety of different events were organised, including a book quiz and visits to other classes to share stories. The Friends also organised for class photos to be taken. All of the children received a book token, and some were chosen for an extra prize for their imaginative costumes. The School Council organised for biscuits (kindly made by Miss Palmer) to be sold to raise money for their funds. A total of £56 was raised which will go towards funding the flowers for the Mother's Day posies. Well done to all the children for their wonderful costumes.

Easter Assembly

The Easter Assembly will this year take place on Wednesday 21st March at 9.30am. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Old £10 notes

Just a reminder that as the old paper £10 notes went out of circulation on the 1st March, we will not be able to accept them for any payments into school and they will be returned accordingly. Thank you for your co-operation.

Dates for your diary

Please keep these dates for future reference. They will be added to each newsletter as other events are confirmed. Holidays during term time will not be authorised.

Spring Term

- Monday 12th March: Science Day at DMA for Class 4
- Friday 16th March: Hockey tournament for Class 4 at Wisbech Grammar School.
- Wednesday 21st March: Easter Assembly at St Mary's Church - 9.30am start.
- Wednesday 21st March: Parent Consultation Evening.
- Thursday 22nd March: Noted Liar Performance at 2.15pm.
- Thursday 22nd March: Parent Consultation Evening.
- Friday 23rd March: Easter Disco.
- Monday 26th March: Football Tournament at Hillcrest.
- Tuesday 27th March: Cluster First Steps Netball Tournament at Denver.
- Tuesday 27th March: Last swimming session for Class 4.
- Wednesday 28th March: Last day (for children) of spring term.

Summer Term

- Monday 16th April: Children return to school.
- Monday 7th May: School closed for Bank Holiday
- Week beginning 14th May: Key Stage 2 SATs.
- Monday 28th-Friday 1st June: Half Term break.
- Monday 4th June: Children return to school.
- Week beginning Monday 11th June: Statutory Phonics Screening check for all children in Year 1 and those who did not meet standard in Year 2.
- Tuesday 24th July: Last day of summer term.