



September 2019

Newsletter



I would like to welcome back all parents, and extend a very warm welcome to our new parents. I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer break and are feeling ready for the busy school year ahead.

Parent Information Sessions

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Parent Information Sessions this week. I hope these sessions have been beneficial and provided the opportunity for you to meet the teachers and ask any questions. As this is the first time we have offered such sessions, we will be sending home letters to all parents who attended asking for their feedback. We would be very grateful if parents could complete the feedback forms to help us to improve these sessions in the future.

Suggestions Box

In order to further improve communication with parents, we have introduced a Suggestions Box in the main entrance hall for you to share your ideas or comments with us. If you do place a suggestion in the box, please add your name to it – this way we can respond to individuals and give feedback.

Book Bags

As you can see from the photo below, the children only bringing in book bags and PE bags has made a significant difference to the corridors in school. They are much tidier and no longer a fire hazard! Thank you for support with this transition.



Uniform

I would like to thank the parents of the Y6 children for their support with the change of uniform – the children are looking very smart with their new ties and Prefect badges.

Please remember that trainers should be kept for PE lessons and not worn routinely at other times. Jewellery should not be worn, other than watches and stud earrings, and these must be removed for PE. Please also ensure that hair accessories are small and in school colours.

Clubs

Clubs started this week and it was lovely to see such a high uptake. We are really pleased to be able to offer a Multi-skills club for the children in Y1 and Y2 and it has proved to be very popular. The first session went very well and the children seemed to really enjoy it. If your child is unable to make a club for any reason, please remember to inform the school so that the person running the club can be made aware.

Staff News

As many of you will be aware, Miss de Vanche, our school secretary, is not currently in school and may not be for some time. We are all thinking of her and missing her in school. Although cover has been arranged in the office, I would like to ask for your understanding when corresponding with the school - please bear with us if we do not respond immediately to emails etc. To help the office, please remember to sign forms, when required, that are sent home and return promptly. This will save a lot of time in chasing incomplete/late forms

Parent Consultation Evenings

Just before half term there will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress at Parent Consultation Evenings. This year, we have decided to have appointments available over three consecutive evenings to give more choice for parents, dates of which can be found at the end of the newsletter. For those parents new to the school, a list of available times is displayed in main children's entrance in advance of the evenings. Parents are then asked to sign up for the time they would like against the teacher's name. The lists will be made available from Wednesday 2nd October. Anyone unable to get into school on that day will be able to make an appointment by telephoning the office **after 9.30am** on 2nd October.

Sainsbury's School Games Gold Award

We were thrilled at the end of the summer term to receive the Sainsbury's School games Gold Award for the second year running. The award recognises our commitment to delivering high quality PE across the school and is not easy to achieve in such a small school. Thank you to all the staff who have worked very hard towards achieving this award, particularly Mrs Henden.

Sporting Stars

We would like to continue to celebrate the children's sporting achievements outside of school on our 'Sporting Stars' display board, therefore please bring in any appropriate photos or certificates and pass these on to Mrs Henden. These will then be added to the board.

Class 3's Handball Taster Session

Class 3 will be engaging in the OMNES (which means 'for all') Games again this year. In order to involve all the children in the class, we have arranged for taster sessions to be delivered in school for each of the sports covered this year. The first handball taster session was held this week and the children thoroughly enjoyed themselves. All children in Class 3 will also attend an OMNES Games event out of school throughout the course of the year.



Golden Mile

Following its success last year, we are continuing to engage with the Golden Mile. For those of you who are new, the children spend some time each week walking or running around our 200m Golden Mile track on the field. Their laps are counted at the end of each week and certificates are awarded when the children reach certain milestones, the first one being 10 miles. Following consultation with the children, we have decided that the children will add to their totals from last year. Let's see how many miles the school can clock up this year.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

As mentioned in my letter at the beginning of term, we are hosting a Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 27th September at 9am. Please do come and join us for tea/coffee and cake, and the chance to meet with me to ask any questions you might have about your child's education. We will have a small raffle with prizes kindly donated by staff members. If anyone would like to donate a cake or biscuits, we would be very grateful. All monies raised will go to Macmillan Cancer Research, a very good cause I'm sure you will agree. Any cake/biscuits left over will be sold in the playground at the end of the school day.

Volunteers

We have a number of regular volunteers who kindly give up their time to listen to readers, help out on school trips etc. If any parents feel that they have some spare time, please come in and see me.

Website

Please refer to the school website www.denverschool.co.uk for a great deal of useful information, including newsletters, class information etc. We are currently in the process of updating the website to make it more current and hopefully easier to navigate.

Pre-school age children

For their own safety, please ensure that all pre-school age children are fully supervised before and after school. To avoid any accident, children are not allowed on the play equipment in the Foundation Stage area during these times. We also ask that parents/children wait until the whistle blows in the morning before entering the Foundation Stage area. Thank you for your co-operation.

Ball games should also not be played on the field at the end of the school day.

Foodbank Donations

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we would like to support foodbanks in the local area. If you are able to donate an item(s) to the foodbank, please bring these into school hall on the morning of Tuesday 1st October. Thank you.

Bank Holiday

Please note that the Spring Bank Holiday is on Friday 8th May next year. This is a change from the original date.

School Lunches

Miss Palmer has requested that the children make it clear at morning registration which lunch option they would like for that day. Increasingly, children are coming to the hatch asking for the vegetarian option and it is difficult for her to know how much of this to prepare each day. Thank you for your support with this.

Learning Café

Class 1 will be organising our first Learning Café on Friday 11th October. Parents/grandparents will be invited in to work alongside the children in a range of activities based on a story. More details will follow at a later date.

Class Assemblies

You'll see in the diary dates that this year each class will be organising a class assembly to share with parents some of what they have been learning about in school. These assemblies will start at 2.45pm and finish in time for the end of the school day. All parents/grandparents will be welcome to attend.

Dates for your diary- please keep for future reference:

Autumn Term

September 2019	23 rd	Mon	Friends AGM 3.15pm – all welcome
	27 th	Fri	Macmillan Coffee Morning 9am – 10.30am
October 2019	1 st	Tue	Foodbank donations into the hall
	11 th	Fri	Learning Café for parents in Class 1 – details to follow
	14 th	Mon	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30pm-5pm
	15 th	Tue	Parent Consultation Evening 4.30pm-6.30pm
	16 th	Wed	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30pm-5pm
	21 st -25 th		School closed for half term
	28 th	Mon	Children return to school
November 2019	29 th	Tue	School photographs. Please notify the office by Monday 28th October if you do not want your child to have a school photograph taken.
	1 st	Mon	Flu immunisations YR-Y6
	21 st	Thu	Christmas Fair – more details to follow
	21 st -26 th		Scholastic Book Fair
December 2019	27 th	Wed	Class 4 assembly 2.45pm – details to follow
	5 th	Thu	Class 2 assembly 2.45pm – details to follow
	10 th	Tue	Christmas Coffee Morning – details to follow
	13 th	Fri	Christmas lunch
	18 th	Wed	Pantomime for Y1-Y6
	18 th	Wed	Last day of term
	19 th	Thu	School closed for staff Professional Development Day

Spring Term

January 2020	6 th	Mon	Children return to school
	30 th	Thu	Class 1 assembly 2.45pm – details to follow
February 2020	17 th -21 st		Half term break
	24 th	Mon	Children return to school
March 2020	24 th	Tue	Class 3 assembly 2.45pm – details to follow
April 2020	1 st	Wed	Last day of spring term
	2 nd	Thu	School closed for staff Professional Development Day

Summer Term

April 2020	20 th	Mon	Children return to school
May 2020	8 th	Mon	School closed for Bank Holiday
	11 th -14 th		Key Stage 2 SATs
	25 th -29 th		Half term break
June 2020	1 st	Mon	Children return to school
	8 th -12 th		Statutory Phonics Screening Check for all children in Y1 and those in Y2 who did not meet the standard in Y1
July 2020	21 st	Tue	Last day of summer term
	22 nd	Wed	School closed for Staff Professional Development Day

