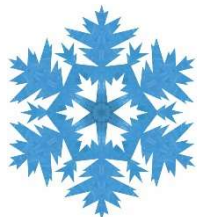


# Newsletter for January and



# February 2019

Happy New Year to you from all at Denver School. I hope that 2019 is happy and healthy for you all.

## **End of Year Events**

We had an extremely busy end of term at Denver School. Thank you for supporting both carol services. I am sure you will agree that the children performed exceptionally well and were a credit to the school. A total of £220.09 was raised, through the collections, for St Mary's Church. This money is always gratefully received.

Thank you to the Friends for organising the Christmas Coffee Morning at the beginning of December. There were some impressive raffle prizes and a fantastic Christmas hamper, this year won by Tina Hurrell. The event was once again very successful, raising an impressive £449.86. The eco bags/cards raised a further £220. Without the fundraising efforts of the Friends, we would not be able to provide such a range of opportunities for the children.

Many children enjoyed Christmas lunch which was prepared by Miss Palmer and Mrs Fenn. Crackers were kindly donated by Mr and Mrs Baheerathan of Denver Stores.

Despite their very busy schedule, Father Christmas and his elf paid the children a visit on the last afternoon to distribute some presents. The children enjoyed asking a range of questions and sharing some of what they had been doing in the run up to Christmas.

The children in Y1-Y6 thoroughly enjoyed their visit to see the pantomime Jack and the Beanstalk at The Maltings, Ely. Thank you to the Friends for organising

and funding such a wonderful opportunity for the children. Reception children enjoyed a special party day and lunch.

### **Spring Term Consultation Evenings**

Parents Consultations will happen at the end of the spring term - dates can be found at the end of the newsletter. Please do try to come to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Remember, also, that class teachers are available after school on most days if you need to speak with them.

### **Weather**

Thankfully, the weather has been reasonable so far this winter. For new parents, however, I would like to mention our procedures for inclement weather which we do get from time to time during January and February. I would like to reassure you that we always do our utmost to keep the school open. However, it may very occasionally be necessary to close the school in really bad weather as several members of staff travel long distances across Norfolk and beyond. If this is the case, regular announcements will be made on Radio Norfolk and KLFM soon after 7am. Details are also posted in the Norfolk County Council school closure list at: [www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.schoolclosures.norfolk.gov.uk)

Please also ensure that your child remembers to bring a coat every day for outdoor playtimes.

### **Reading Information Session**

In December, we held a reading information session for the children of parents in KS1. The session aimed to help parents to support their child with reading at home. Thank you to all those who attended.

### **The Golden Mile**

The children have all been working hard to clock up miles for the Golden Mile, with many reaching the 10 mile mark. Well done, in particular, to Edward in Class 2 who has managed to achieve 25 miles! This initiative will continue throughout the spring term.

## **Website**

Please remember that a lot of useful information, including newsletters, is published on the school website at [www.denverschool.co.uk](http://www.denverschool.co.uk). We do our very best to keep it up to date, although we are a small school and no-one has sole responsibility for the website. Any urgent news will be published on the front page as 'Breaking News'.

## **Dates for your diary**

**Please keep these dates for future reference. They will be added to in each newsletter as other events are confirmed.**

### **Spring Term**

- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> January: Children return to school.
- Week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> January: After school clubs begin.
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> January: Friends meeting at 3.15pm in ICT suite.
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> to Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> February: Half Term break.
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February: Children return to school.
- Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March: Lists up for Parent Consultations.
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: 3.45pm to 6.45pm - Parent Consultations.
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March: 3.30pm to 5.30pm - Parent Consultations.
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April: Last of spring term.
- We hope to have an Easter Assembly at the end of the spring term - details to follow.

### **Summer Term**

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Children return to school.
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May: School closed for Bank Holiday
- Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May: Key Stage 2 SATs.
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup>- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May: Half Term break.
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June: Children return to school.
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> June: Class 4 Residential to Eaton Vale.
- Week beginning Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June: Statutory Phonics Screening check for all children in Year 1 and those who did not meet standard in Year 2.
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of summer term.

**Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2019**