



# Newsletter for January and February 2018

I would like to take the opportunity to wish everyone a Happy New Year and all the very best for 2018.

## **End of Year Events**

I hope everyone enjoyed the end of term Carol Service. It was lovely to see the children performing and to see the church full of parents. Everyone did their very best and many children grew in confidence through their performances. A total of £197.10 was raised, through the collection, for St Mary's Church. Thank you all for your support.

The children enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas who spent the last afternoon here with us. We were grateful that he could fit us into his busy schedule!

Thanks also to the Friends for organising the successful coffee morning on the last day which raised £502.34. This money will be used for the benefit of all children in the school. They were able, once again this year, to ensure that Father Christmas had gifts for all the children and also provided a different type of party for the children - a Science Party. A Mad Scientist entertained the children with exciting science facts and experiments. Amongst other things, they enjoyed learning about white light and static electricity.

We said goodbye to Mrs Nicholson at the end of term and she was very touched to receive her gifts and many good wishes. We wish her all the best in her new job.

## **Welcome**

We welcome Mr Sexton to Denver School and thank him for his efforts to ensure a smooth transition for the children in Class 1. Ably supported by Mrs Alves and Mrs Kenna, the children generally seem to be taking this in their stride. Please keep them all informed of any needs your child may have.

## **Thank You**

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all parents who help us in so many different ways. We are grateful for the reading support, help with craft days and on school visits as well as the many other things that people do from time to time. Thanks once again to Mrs Hewitt for providing some lovely winter flowering pots to brighten the entrance to school.

## **Weather**

The weather has been reasonable so far this winter and I hope it remains so. It is cold however, so please ensure that your child remembers to bring a coat every day for outdoor playtimes - some of the older children do sometimes forget!

For new parents I would like to mention our procedures for inclement weather because occasionally we do have very bad conditions in January or February. I would like to reassure you that we always do our utmost to keep the school open and closures over the years have been rare. It may very occasionally be necessary to close the school in really bad weather however, 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 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)

## **Spring Term Consultation Evenings**

At the end of term, we shall be having the second of this year's Parent Consultations. Please do try to come to discuss your child's progress with their teacher. Lists are available to sign for appointments at 9am on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. If you are unable to sign in person, it will be possible to do so from 9.30am by ringing the school office. Dates are at the end of this newsletter. There will also be an opportunity to view work in the classrooms later in the term and details will be available from each class teacher.

## **Website**

As always, please remember to have a look at our website from time to time. There is information about the school's curriculum; online sites to help you to support children's learning and safety and a number of school policies including our Behaviour and Safeguarding Policies. All recent newsletters are there as well as some children's work.

[www.denverschool.co.uk](http://www.denverschool.co.uk)

## **Special Request**

Please ensure that, whenever possible, you park in the Playing Fields car park if you need a car to drop off and collect your children. Recently we have received complaints from local residents about parents parking inconsiderately outside their properties. I am sure you would not like them to complain to the police. Thank you for your support.

## Dates for your diary

Please refer to the dates below when booking your holidays. Holidays taken in term time will not be authorised.

### Spring Term

- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January: Children return to school.
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January: Swimming begins for Class 4.
- Week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January: After school clubs begin - details to follow.
- Monday February 5<sup>th</sup>: 'Friends' meeting at 3.15pm in ICT suite - details to follow.
- Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February 3.15pm: Break up for half term.
- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Half Term break.
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February: Children return to school.
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March (date to be confirmed): Easter Assembly in church. All welcome.
- Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March: 3.30pm to 5.50pm - Parent Consultations.
- Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> March: 4pm to 6.50pm - Parent Consultations.
- Wednesday March 28<sup>th</sup>: Last day (for children) of spring term.

### Summer Term

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

**Children return to school on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2018**