



# Newsletter for May and June 2019

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break - the good weather was definitely a bonus. It seems hard to believe that the summer term is here already. This term is always extremely busy with many exciting things to look forward to.

## **Easter Assembly**

The Easter assembly went very well and it was lovely to see so many of you there. The children performed very well, whether it was speaking, singing or playing an instrument, and should feel proud of themselves. The collection raised £71.12 for St Mary's Church - thank you.

## **SATS Tests**

Key Stage 2 SATs tests for children in Year 6 take place in the week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May. The children have worked hard and are well prepared for them. We know they will do their best which is all we ask of them. Please help your child by ensuring that they have a good night's sleep each night and a good breakfast each morning. This will ensure they are at their best. Results are not due in school until July and we do our best to get them to parents with end of year reports at the end of term.

There will be other routine testing going on in school during May which teachers use to support their assessments. In June there is also the statutory Phonics Screening Check for children in Year 1 and for those in Year 2 who did not meet the standard last year. The children in Year 4 will also take part in the pilot for the new Multiplication Check which becomes statutory in the next academic year. If you have questions about these, please speak to your child's class teacher.

## **KS2 Production**

The annual Key Stage 2 drama production, which takes place in July, will return again this year after a break last summer due to the Noted Liar project. The children always get a great deal of enjoyment from being involved in the production and often gives individuals a chance to shine or discover new talents. There are usually opportunities for singing, dancing and making props as well as working back stage. There will be two performances on two consecutive evenings (Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> and Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July) and we need all children to be available for these. On the Tuesday night children in Years 3, 4, and 5 need to be collected after the performance and before the buffet as this is a special event for children in Year 6 who are leaving. Guests are invited and Y6 parents receive an invitation. If you are a Y6 parent and also have children in another KS 2 year group, you will need to make arrangements for them to be collected after the play. Also, if there is any reason that your child will be unavailable on either of these evenings, please inform their class teacher in writing by Friday 17th May. Thank you for your support with this.

## **Tree Dedication**

At the end of term, the tree dedication service took place in memory of Jamie Pammenter. The service was led by Judith and attended by Jamie's family and a number of his former Denver school friends. The service was very moving and a fitting tribute. Thank you to Miss Palmer, Mrs Fenn and the Friends for organising the afternoon tea after the ceremony. Here is a picture of the tree looking lovely in full blossom.



## **Book Bags**

Following advice from our Fire Officer, the Governing Body has decided to make it mandatory that **all** pupils should have a book bag from September 2019. This is due to the increased fire safety risk caused by rucksacks blocking fire exits in school, a problem highlighted in the last Governing Body newsletter. Book bags can also easily be stored in the classroom. The Friends of Denver School have kindly offered to buy a book bag for all children currently in Years 3,4 and 5, as well as the new Reception intake. The children presently in Years 1 and 2 already use book bags. The new book bags will be given to the children by the end of the school year. PE bags will also be issued to the aforementioned year groups.

## **Eaton Vale**

The children in Class 4 will be going on their residential Visit to Eaton Vale from 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> June where they will be taking part in a number of exciting activities, including abseiling, archery and trapeze. Let's hope that they have good weather!

## **Tri Golf**

Last term we took part in the cluster Tri Golf tournament. Two teams, one from Class 2 and the other from Class 3, were involved and both performed extremely well. The team from Class 2 came third and the team from Class 3 won, earning themselves a place at the SSP finals.

## **Intra-Sport Competition**

On the last day of term, Mrs Henden and the children in Class 4 organised an intra-sport multi skills festival for the children in Key Stage 1. The children took part in small teams with Team 2 emerging as winners. We were really proud of how Class 4 organised and led the event, and also the enthusiasm of the children in KS1.

## **First Steps Netball**

In the last week of term, we hosted the First Steps Cluster Netball tournament here at Denver. The event involves Y3/4 children and was very well attended with involvement from most cluster schools. In spite of the weather, the majority of the matches were completed and the children had an enjoyable morning of netball.

## **Golden Mile**

The children continue to be working hard to add to their Golden Mile totals. Most children have now achieved their bronze (10 miles) and silver (25 miles) certificates, with many setting their sights firmly on the gold certificate (50 miles).

## **Sponsored Walk**

Just a reminder that our annual Sponsored Walk will take place on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May at 2pm; letters and sponsor forms were sent out last week. This is normally a very enjoyable event and a good fundraiser for the school. We look forward to seeing you there. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us.

## **Friends News**

The Easter Disco last term was enjoyed by many children and raised a good profit. The Yard Sale was again very successful, despite the weather this year, raising approximately £800. Thank you to all members of the Friends for their time and efforts. Money raised from such events funds visits and transport, enabling all children to benefit.

## **Non-Uniform Day**

The School Council have organised a non-uniform day on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May to raise money for their funds. The money raised will help to purchase new play equipment to be used at break and lunch times. Children are asked to bring a suggested donation of £1.

## **After school clubs**

After school clubs for KS2 start again in the week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and finish during week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July. A letter and option form has been sent home - if your child would like to join a club, please return the completed form by Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May at the latest. Please also read the information carefully for details of start and end dates and direct contact details for each club.

## **Safety in the Sun**

During the summer term we want to work together with you to do everything we can to keep the children safe from the sun. Please ensure that sun cream is applied in the morning before your child comes to school. We understand that there are many brands available that are long-lasting. Members of staff are very aware when the sun is particularly strong and adapt activities accordingly. We do encourage the children to use areas of shade and thanks to the Friends we have a new area on the field where children can shelter from the sun.

## **Dates for your diary- please keep for future reference:**

### **Summer Term**

- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Children return to school.
- Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> April: Village Yard Sale.
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May: Y6 Crucial Crew visit.
- Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May: School closed for Bank Holiday.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May: Eaton Vale meeting for parents at 3.30pm in Class 4.
- Week beginning 13<sup>th</sup> May: Key Stage 2 SATs.
- Week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May - week beginning Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July: After-school clubs start and finish.
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May: Non-uniform day.
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May: Sponsored Walk at 2pm.
- 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 12<sup>th</sup> June: Infant Music Festival.
- Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June: Sports Day (pm)
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June: Y5 taster Day at Downham Market Academy.
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June: Reserve Sports Day (pm)
- Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> - Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: New Reception intake afternoons.
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July: Meeting for new Reception parents.
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July: KS2 Production at 6pm - tickets available later.
- Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July: KS2 Production at 5.30pm and Leavers' Buffet. Invited guests only -invitations to follow.
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> July: Last day of summer term. End of year assembly in the school hall at 2.15pm. Parents welcome.

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

**Half term: Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October to Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2019**

**Last day of Autumn term: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019**

**Children return to school on Monday January 6<sup>th</sup> 2020**