



April 2022 Newsletter



Welcome to the April newsletter. I hope you all had a relaxing Easter break and enjoyed the lovely sunshine. With Covid-19 restrictions easing, we have been able to arrange a jam packed summer term and this newsletter aims to give you a flavour of the many exciting events coming up.

Crucial Crew

As part of their RSHE and citizenship studies, the children in Year 6 visited King's Lynn Fire Station for its annual Crucial Crew event. Members of organisations such as Norfolk Constabulary, RNLI and St John's Ambulance led the workshops. The event aimed to equip children with the knowledge and skills to keep themselves safe in a range of situations and how to help someone who needs emergency first aid. The children worked around 9 different stations, each with a different theme. These included how to assess whether a casualty is responsive and how to put people into the recovery position, how to give CPR, road safety, recognising fire hazards, protecting our emotional wellbeing, what to do if you smell a gas leak, staying safe online and managing risks associated with peer pressure with cigarettes, alcohol and drugs. The event was generously supported by King's Lynn Rotary club volunteers. The children really enjoyed participating in the Crucial Crew and now have a greater understanding of how to keep themselves and others safe.



Denver Supertots Playgroup

Last Friday, we hosted another Denver Supertots session at school. The playgroup is being jointly run by the school and students from Downham Market Academy. Sessions run once a

fortnight and the next is on Friday 13th May, 9.30am-10.45am. Please help us to spread the word as we are keen to welcome new families.

Cyber Security

The National Cyber Security Centre (NCSC), which is part of GCHQ, has launched some new resources to help parents and carers have conversations with their Primary School aged children about cyber security. These new resources, which NCSC has developed in partnership with Internet Matters, are 15 puzzles, aimed at children aged between 7 and 11 years old, and three interactive stories for young people to read with adults.

They form part of a suite of resources empowering parents and carers to have conversations around cyber security in the home environment and have been created to build upon the success of the free interactive game CyberSprinters, also aimed at 7 to 11-year-olds, which was launched by the NCSC last year. CyberSprinters is designed to make learning about cyber security fun and interactive at a time when children might begin to seek more independence online. The online game sees players become a 'cybersprinter' who is racing against its own depleting battery power. Users can win battery power by correctly answering questions about cyber security but face losing it if they bump into 'cybervillains'.

The game is available at www.ncsc.gov.uk/collection/cybersprinters and the wider resources can be found on the NCSC website www.ncsc.gov.uk

Parent Governor Election

In the spring term, we sent out communication regarding two vacancies on our Governing Body for parent governors. Unfortunately, we did not receive any nominations of parents interested in taking up this role. Being a governor is very enjoyable and worthwhile, and is important that we have parent representation on our Governing Body. We are having another election round this term and hopefully we will be successful in filling these very important roles. If you would like more information on becoming a governor, or have any questions you would like to ask, please do not hesitate to talk to me or one of our current parent governors – Emma Goulding and Amanda Dawson.

Christian Value

Each half term we focus on a different Christian value in school, and our value for this half term is **forgiveness**. We will explore this value in detail during collective worship and the children will be encouraged to record examples of forgiveness in action in their class floor books.

Sunlounger Travel Competition

King's Lynn firm Sunlounger Travel are running a colouring competition for primary school children to design their perfect summer holiday and a chance to win a trip to attractions like Alton Towers. The competition, which is open until May 31, encourages the children to use their imagination and draw their idea of a great summer holiday. The winner will be invited into store to collect tickets for them, and their parents, to either Legoland Windsor, Alton Towers, Chessington World of Adventures or Thorpe Park! Details of how to enter can be found at:

<https://www.lynnnews.co.uk/news/primary-colours-lynn-travel-firm-urges-pupils-to-design-an-9249428/?fbclid=IwAR0mmF2mZ1py6e4RUc6kC3-NDhgr7JQ3456QaifVcWLnIjNGos573DcSMZc>

Sun Protection

During the summer term, the children will spend more time outside. To help protect them from the sun, please ensure that they bring a sun hat and water bottle to school each day, and that they apply sun cream before coming to school. Thank you.

Hot Lunches

Due to some equipment issues in the school kitchen, we have had to make a few small changes to the menu, which have already been communicated with you. Thank you for your understanding.

Eco-Schools

The Eco-Committee met last week to review their action plan and the targets they need to complete for them to achieve the Eco-Schools award. This term, they are creating a wild garden on the school field to encourage more nature onto the school site. They have also arranged for a local bee keeper to give a talk to each class on bees later in the term. They have organised a Go Green day on Friday 6th May and they are encouraging the children to have a waste free lunch (more details can be found later on in this newsletter). They are also asking the children to collect any old batteries to bring to school to be recycled.

Out of School Hours Communication

Please remember that parent/carers can contact the school urgently out of school hours, for example because of a safeguarding incident, by using the dedicated email address worried@denver.norfolk.sch.uk. If you are worried about something, please do contact the school via this method and a member of staff will get back to you as soon as possible.

Covid-19 Update

Although Covid-19 restrictions have now been eased, the virus has not gone away and we are still experiencing a small number of cases in both staff and children. We are now following the updated DfE guidance for schools which advises:

- adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature
- children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend
- adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days

The NHS [COVID-19 symptoms in adults](#) and [symptoms in children](#) have been updated and can be accessed via these links.

If you are at all unsure about the new guidance, please do not hesitate to contact the school for advice.

Friends' Update

Village Yard Sale

The sun shone on this year's Denver Village Yard Sale and there was a real buzz in the air throughout the village. Many people turned out to bag a bargain, or simply to have a walk around the village on such a lovely day. The pitches, refreshments and donations raised an amazing £1042 for The Friends, a truly wonderful achievement! A huge thank you goes out to all those who gave up their time to organise the event or to volunteer on the day – THANK YOU!

Easter Trail

The Easter Trail around Denver raised a worthwhile £121.25. Thanks again to those who organised this event, and to everyone who joined in and supported it.

Bag2School

The next Bag2School event is on Friday 6th May. Now is the perfect time to have a spring clean and sort out any unwanted clothes to fill those bags with. Please bring all bags to the front of school at the beginning of the school day. Thank you.

Father's Day

All Father's Day templates need to be handed in by 6th May. Thank you.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee 'Cream Team'

The Friends are organising a 'cream tea' celebration for parents/carers to coincide with the street party the children will be enjoying on 27th May and the annual sponsored walk. More details to follow soon.

New Atlases

All the money raised by The Friends goes directly to support trips, visits, educational resources etc. to enrich the learning experiences of the children in school. The Friends have recently purchased a new set of atlases for both KS1 and KS2 to support the geography curriculum. Here are some members of Class 4 with the brand new atlases.



Sports News

Girls' Football Tournament

On Monday 25th April, 2 teams of 6 girls travelled to Downham Market Academy for a football festival. The girls were a credit to the school for their teamwork, behaviour, enthusiasm and effort. They supported each other and were recognised by the sports coaches for their talents. As this was a 'development' rather than 'competitive' festival, no formal places were given. However, the girls performed really well winning or drawing the vast majority of their matches and scoring plenty of goals.



Bike to School Week

Well done to all the children who biked or scooted to school during our Bike to School week last week. It was lovely to see the bike shelter full and we hope this will continue to be the case throughout the summer term.



Kwik Cricket Club

This term, we are pleased to be joined by Martyn Wardle from Denver Cricket Club who is running an after school cricket club for Y5/6 to help prepare the children for the cluster Kwik Cricket tournament. Thank you to Martyn for giving up his valuable time to coach the children.

King's Lynn Gear Run

Well done to Mrs Henden who finished a very impressive 6th female past the finish line in this weekend's King's Lynn Gear Run in a time of 39 minutes 42 seconds. What a fantastic achievement!

Forthcoming Events

Parent Consultation Evening – 5th May

The next Parent Consultation Evening will take place on Thursday 5th May (3.30-5.30pm). If you have not already booked an appointment, please contact the school office to do so. Parent consultations are an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress with their class teacher, therefore please do take up the opportunity. These will, once again, take place on Teams or via telephone.

Go Green Day – 6th May

On Friday 6th May, the Eco-Committee have organised a Go Green day. The day will focus on how we as a school can become more eco-friendly. They have planned a 'waste free lunch' on the day and would like for all children to avoid bringing in any food in packaging, instead using re-usable containers. Stickers will be given to those children with waste free lunches. They would also like all the children to come to school dressed in something green to mark this event.

KS2 SATs Week – 9th – 12th May

The children in Y6 will be sitting their KS2 SATs during the week beginning the 9th May. They have all worked extremely hard and are well-prepared. We wish them all the best of luck – just try your best, you can do it!

Kwik Cricket Tournament - 20th May

A group of children in Class 4 will be representing the school at the cluster Kwik Cricket tournament on Friday 20th May.

Premier Sports Taster Sessions - 24th May

We have arranged for Premier Sports to come into school on Friday 24th May to deliver some taster sessions in archery, fencing and lacrosse. The coaches will work in each class and I'm sure the children will enjoy taking part in sports they might not have had the opportunity to engage with before.

Queen's Platinum Jubilee/Sponsored Walk – 27th May

To celebrate the Queen's Platinum Jubilee, we are arranging a street party on the school playground during the afternoon of Friday 27th May. Parents/carers will be invited to come along and share this special event with us and then stay for the annual Sponsored Walk. More details to follow soon.

Quad Kids – 14th June

A group of children from Class 4 will take part in a Quad Kids athletics festival on 14th June.

Class 3 Visit to Norwich Castle - 17th June

To support the history curriculum, Class 3 will be visiting Norwich Castle on 17th June.

Sports Day – 21st June

Our annual Sports Day will take place on the afternoon of Tuesday 21st June, with a reserve date, in case of bad weather, on Wednesday 22nd June. All will be welcome into school to cheer the children on.

OMNES Games Ultimate Frisbee – 24th June

A group of children from Class 3 will be visiting Lynnsport on 24th June for an Ultimate Frisbee event as part of the OMNES Games.

Area Sports – 29th June

The annual cluster Area Sports is back again this year and will take place on the morning of 29th June. This will involve a number of children from KS2.

Art Exhibition – 1st July

Mr Bonham is busy organising an art exhibition for the afternoon of Friday 1st July. The children will be working hard this term on pieces to be exhibited and parent/carers will be invited into school to see their hard work. More details to follow soon.

Eaton Vale – 6th - 9th July

The children in Class 4 will be visiting Eaton Vale in Norwich for their residential visit from 6th – 9th July. They will take part in a variety of exciting outdoor and adventurous activities, and this year they even get to stay overnight too! We know they are already getting excited at the prospect of the visit – let's just hope that they are blessed with some good weather!

Move Up Afternoons

We are really pleased that we will be able to offer our normal transition arrangements this year. On the afternoons of 13th, 14th and 15th July, we will welcome the new reception intake into school and the whole school will move up to their next year group/class. A meeting for the new reception parents/carers will take place on Friday 15th July.

Denver Fun Day – 17th July

Denver Fun Day is taking place on Sunday 17th July. The Friends will be running a tombola stall and the school choir will be performing. We look forward to supporting the local community at this very popular event.

Active Kids – 19th July

The final of the Active Kids festivals for Y1 children will take place on Tuesday 19th July. The children have really enjoyed the previous two sessions and I'm sure the final one will be just as enjoyable.

And finally...

It is so wonderful to have the diary full with lots of exciting events for the summer term and we are really looking forward to welcoming parent/carers back into school again to share these with us.

Dates for your diary- please keep for future reference:

Summer Term

May 2022	2 nd	Mon	School closed for Bank Holiday
	5 th	Thu	Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-5.30pm
	6 th	Fri	Go Green day
	9 th - 12 th	Mon-Thu	Y6 SATS week
	20 th	Fri	Kwik Cricket tournament
	24 th	Tue	Sports taster sessions
	27 th	Fri	Sponsored Walk
	27 th	Fri	Queen's Platinum Jubilee Street Party
30 th - 3 rd June		School closed for half term	
June 2022	6 th	Mon	Children return to school
	14 th	Tue	Quad Kids Class 4
	17 th	Fri	Class 3 visit Norwich Castle
	21 st	Tue	Sports Day
	22 nd	Wed	Reserve Sports Day
	24 th	Fri	OMNES Games – Ultimate Frisbee Class 3
	29 th	Wed	Area Sports KS2
July 2022	1 st	Fri	Art Exhibition
	6 th – 9 th	Wed-Fri	Class 4 residential visit to Eaton Vale
	13 th - 15 th	Wed-Fri	Move up afternoons
	17 th	Sun	Denver Fun Day
	19 th	Tue	Active Kids Y1
	22 nd	Fri	Last day of summer term