

Deneholm Primary School Newsletter Issue 6 December 2019



***Resourcefulness *Resilience *Reasoning *Responsibility *Reflection**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hard to believe it is already December and we are so close to Christmas. The children in Years 2-5 have been completing assessments this week and have been working incredibly hard to show teachers the progress they have made.

I was very proud of some of our year 6 pupils this week. Titomi, Casey, Jacob and Amara helped at our open evening by giving tours to prospective families. Everyone commented on how polite, well spoken and engaging they were.

Christmas shows are starting next week. Could I please ask all parents to use the side entrance by the Year 1 classrooms to enter the hall. Year 6 will be testing so we are trying not to disturb them. Please make sure mobile phones are off or are on silent. The children have been practising and will want our full attention.

If you are providing your children with a snack for playtime please ensure they are healthy. We have had a few recent incidents where children have been coming to school with sweets for their snack.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our school fete tomorrow.

Mrs L Robinson



Reception Classes

Nativity performances **Tuesday 10th December – 9:30am and 1:30pm in the hall.**

The Reception classes will be walking to the Co-op on Lodge Lane for a short visit in the afternoon of Thursday 9th January 2020.

Dates for our Spring workshops:
Friday 31st January, 9-10am
Wednesday 12th February, 9-10am
Wednesday 18th March, 9-10am
Friday 3rd April, 2-3pm

Name all Clothing

Please label all belongings with your child's full name and class, so we can get any lost items returned to you quickly.



Road Safety

The Reception classes will be continuing their work on Road Safety and will be using all the skills they learnt on the Beep Beep Day on their road walk to Lodge Lane on Thursday 9th January 2020.



Science Corner

Stuck for ideas for Christmas presents?

Consider buying a science kit. Pupils always look forward to the practical science lessons that our teachers plan for them so this would be a great way to take the learning home. Asking questions and showing interest in their discoveries will support science learning and probably impress you!

Type 'science toys' into a web browser for ideas.

Children of all ages can develop their scientific enquiry skills through play. Below are some examples from the key stage 1 and 2 curriculum that relate to helping your child develop into a scientist.

- Compare objects, materials and living things
- Use what you see and your own ideas to suggest answers to questions
- Identifying differences, similarities or changes related to simple scientific ideas and processes
- Evaluate practical investigation methods and suggest improvements



The Sun's Books for Schools

We have registered to be part of The Sun newspaper's new scheme to provide primary schools with a free pack of 106 books, worth more than £600.

To receive these books, we need to collect 3,500 tokens which will be printed in The Sun and The Sun on Sunday from Saturday until, January 18th 2020. If you, family or friends, read The Sun newspaper, please cut out the tokens and bring them into school.

Thank you for your support.



Important Dates for your diary...

AUTUMN TERM

DECEMBER

- 7th Christmas Fete
- 9th Writing – Supporting your child at home workshop (KS1 & KS2) 9 – 9:30am
- 10th Reception Nativity 9:30am & 1:30pm
- 12th KS1 Christmas Concert 9:15am & 1:15pm
- 16th Year 5 – Robin Hood performance at WES
- 17th KS2 Christmas Concert 9:15am & 1:15pm
- 18th Carol Services am & pm St John’s Church
KS2 - 10am & Reception & KS1 - 2pm
- 19th Christmas Jumper Day, Christmas Dinner & Parties

LAST DAY OF TERM 20th DECEMBER

SPRING TERM

FIRST DAY OF TERM 6TH JANUARY

JANUARY

- 6th Inset Staff Training
- 13th Balance Bikes Reception
- 14th Balance Bikes Reception
- 15th Year 1 – Parent Workshop for Reading & Writing
Balance Bikes Reception
- 16th PTA – AGM 7pm (All welcome)
Balance Bikes Reception
- 17th Year 2 - Parent Workshop for Reading & Writing
Balance Bikes Reception
- 20th Year 3 - Parent Workshop for Reading & Writing
Balance Bikes Reception
New Year’s Disco
- 22nd Year 4 - Parent Workshop for Reading & Writing
- 24th Year 5 - Parent Workshop for Reading & Writing
- 29th Year 6 - Parent Workshop for Reading & Writing

FEBRUARY

17th February – 21st February Half Term

MARCH

APRIL

- 1st Year 2 – Parent Workshop for Maths and Science
- 20th Year 3 – Parent Workshop for Maths and Science
- 22nd Year 4 – Parent Workshop for Maths and Science
- 24th Year 5 – Parent Workshop for Maths and Science
- 27th Year 1 – Parent Workshop for Maths and Science
- 30th Year 6 – Parent Workshop for Maths and Science

LAST DAY OF TERM 3rd APRIL

- 28th Bikeability Level 1 Yr 4
- 29th Bikeability Level 1 Yr 4

SUMMER TERM

FIRST DAY OF TERM 20th APRIL

MAY

- 8th Bank Holiday
- 11th SATs Week Yr 6
- 18th SATs Week Yr 2
- 20th Class Photographs

25th May (Bank Holiday) – 29th May Half Term

JUNE

- 1st – 5th Stubbers Residential Week
- 22nd Bikeability Level 2 Yr 6
- 23rd Bikeability Level 2 Yr 6
- 24th Bikeability Level 2 Yr 6
- 25th Bikeability Level 2 Yr 6

JULY

LAST DAY OF TERM 17th JULY

***WE WILL AIM TO KEEP TO THESE DATES BUT, IF NECESSARY, THEY WILL BE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

WE WILL INFORM YOU OF STAFF TRAINING/NON PUPIL DAYS AS THEY ARE BOOKED.