

# Deneholm Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carers,

It is unusual for the children to be in school on Valentine's Day as this usually falls in half term, however this gave rise to some very interesting conversations that made us smile.

As we approach half term the staff have been busy reviewing children's progress in readiness for their teaching when we return after the break.

Class 6B treated us to a very interesting and entertaining assembly today and their rendition of 'Run Rabbit. Run Rabbit' will leave us with a lasting memory.

On Thursday we carried out an Emergency Evacuation Drill which the staff did not know about in advance, the children evacuated the building in a very orderly manner and we were proud of the attitudes that they showed in the process. It is of course an important procedure for us – we hope we never have to follow this in a real situation but best to be prepared.

When we return after half term we will be introducing a few new lunchtime procedures.

- Children who have food allergies or preference will have a 'badge' to wear when they collect their food in the dining hall so that we can ensure that all children are correctly 'catered' for. The badges will be made from the information we hold on your child's records so please keep us up to date if these need changing at all. The badges will only be worn as the children collect their food and not at any other time.
- Recently children who have a packed lunch have been throwing food that they do not want under the tables. This means that we and parents do not know what a child has actually eaten. We are introducing a trial system where children place all their uneaten food and packaging back into their lunchboxes so that parents can check. The exception will be drinks that have been started and not finished as these should still be disposed of in the bins.
- As we have had a spell of nice weather some older children have not been coming in to eat when they should and therefore having to be brought in when the rest of the school has eaten. I can understand they are enjoying their play but they must eat when called in or they are missing the start of their afternoon lessons.

**May I wish you all a very pleasant break next week and look forward to the Children's return to school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.**