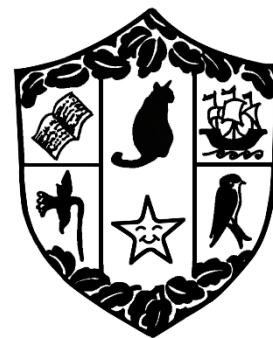


Deneholm Primary School

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I cannot thank the Deneholm community enough for all of your support as we have welcomed back all of the children. The children have made us all feel very proud as they have come back to school with an enthusiasm to learn and a positivity which has been amazing. The school feels just like it did before Lockdown and it is so nice to see the children back and enjoying their time together. Our theme this year is 'Together but Different'. We will use our theme to cover a range of topics about the world with the children at DPS.

A few reminders for parents about drop-off and collection

- Please **do not** arrive early for drop-off or collection. A few minutes before the gate opens is great as it means you will avoid lining up for a long period of time or mixing with other bubbles.
- At collection time, following the one way system parents can exit from any gate they wish. Once you have passed the orange cones on the field you can cut across to make the journey quicker.
- We ask that only **1 parent arrives for collection at the end of the day and drop-off in the morning**. If two parents/carers arrive a member of staff may ask you to wait outside.
- If you would like to speak to your child's class teacher at the end of the day please telephone the school after

3:30pm to make an appointment or arrange a phone call back.

Our new Reception children have started this week and they have had such a brilliant start. Whenever I have visited the classroom the children have been settled, engaged in their play and having a wonderful time. We are looking forward to having full classes next week.

I would like to thank Miss Page for all of her hard work over the last 14 years at Deneholm. Miss Page is off to be a counsellor for Children's Aid and although we will miss her greatly we know that her experience and caring nature will continue to benefit children across Essex.

We will be adding e-safety tips to each of our newsletters this year so please read these tips as they will often help families become more aware of some of the dangers than children can encounter when they are online.

Re-opening Blackshots Library



Well done to Polly in year 5 and Toby in year 2 for their hard work in petitioning to re-open Blackshots library. Real role models in our school who stood up for what they believed in.



School Clubs

To book a place at breakfast or afterschool club please log into SimsPay and look for the date you wish your child to attend, place the club in the basket before checking out. If you pay with childcare

vouchers please call Mrs Davey and book in advance.



Jeans for Genes

Jeans for Genes- raising money for Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital. This fundraising will take place on Friday 18th September. On that day children bring £1 (or more) to school and swap their normal school trousers or skirt for jeans. The only change to the normal school uniform is jeans or jogging bottoms.



Important Dates for your diary...

AUTUMN TERM

SEPTEMBER

18th Jeans for Genes Day

OCTOBER

26th October – 6th November Half Term

NOVEMBER

9th Flu Immunisation

DECEMBER

LAST DAY OF TERM 18th DECEMBER

SPRING TERM

FIRST DAY OF TERM 5th JANUARY

JANUARY

4th Inset Staff Training

FEBRUARY

15th February – 19st February Half Term

MARCH

LAST DAY OF TERM 26th March

SUMMER TERM

APRIL

FIRST DAY OF TERM 12th APRIL

3rd May Bank Holiday

LAST DAY OF TERM 3rd APRIL

MAY

31st May (Bank Holiday) – 4th June Half Term

JUNE

JULY

LAST DAY OF TERM 16th 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.