



Newsletter: 30th June 2024

Dear Families

A huge well done to all the children who took part in sports days last week. Thank you to families who joined us; it is lovely for the children when you can. It was very hot and it was much better in the morning than it would have been in the afternoon. A massive 'well done and thank you' has to go to Mrs Thompson. She organised the events, set them up, grouped the children into teams...and only works 3 days a week in school! Mrs Thompson, I know you did a lot of work at home as well so on behalf of the children and the staff, THANK YOU!!

Wednesday morning, I was at an awards ceremony for ATLP at Drayton Manor Park. This was for children and students who have excelled in an area of school life, worked in the community, overcome barriers or obstacles, or taken part in clubs outside of school. It was too short notice to nominate this year, but next year we will. From September, if your child does any fundraising for a charity, takes part in clubs where they receive awards or certificates, does any voluntary work in the community, is a young carer to someone in your family, etc, please let myself, Mr Jones or Mrs Baxter know. We can then select one child per category to be a winner. Their reward is to go with a parent or relative to Drayton Manor Park to receive their trophy, be photographed and celebrated on ATLP's social media sites and spend the day, free of charge, at Drayton Manor with full access to the zoo and rides. It really was lovely to see how every school attended and celebrated the efforts of the children and young people from all of the ATLP schools.

Have a lovely week everyone!
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General Reminders

- Doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am.
- If your child arrives after 8:50am, please take them to the office and explain to the office staff the reason why your child is late.
- Please do not send your child to school with crisps, sweets, chocolate, etc for snacks or their lunch. Too many children are bringing food like this in on a daily basis. Sending cakes or sweets in for special occasions like birthdays are fine if we can all eat healthily at other times.
- **If you have any concerns regarding other children or parents, please do not approach them yourselves. Instead, speak to Mrs Brewer, Mr Gunchala or Mr Downes and we will try and resolve your concerns.**
- If your child has an appointment, please bring proof for our records.
- If your child is going to be absent, please ring school by 8:30am and give a reason and an expected return date. Also, please remember to cancel their meal on School Grid. If you do not cancel the meal and you pay for your child's meals, you will be charged.
- Please do not Dojo staff to inform them of your child's absence. We do not always see Dojo messages. Please ring the school office and leave a message.
- **Finally, please send your child to school with a water bottle.**

Thank you. 😊

We want all our pupils to be **STARs**: **S**uccessful, **T**olerant, **A**mbitious and **R**esilient.

Everyone at Deykin Avenue JI School is expected to adhere to our values of respect, responsibility, inclusivity and fairness. Our children know that these values help us all to become STARs but also help us to be good citizens within our community.

Term Dates 2023-2024

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8th April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024- Friday 31st May 2024

Term Ends: Monday 22nd July 2024

Training Days

Thursday 4th July – school closed to children and staff due to the unexpected announcement of voting for the General Election

Friday 5th July will be a training day and children do not attend.

Monday 22nd July – school will be closed to children and staff

Attendance

Reception – 86.67%

Year 1 – 91%

Year 2 – 93.33%

Year 3 – 91.33%

Year 4 – 92.33%

Year 5 – 84.67%

Year 6 – 94.33%

Whole School – 90.52%

Well done to Year 6 who have achieved the highest attendance. However, you will not have the 5mins extra playtime this week as you are below the magic 96%.

Thank you to all families for your effort in sending your children into school every day. We understand that children are ill sometimes and if they are really unwell, they are better at home to recover. However, if your child is tired, or doesn't feel like coming to school, please send them in. If they wake up late, send them in late. We would rather them come into school late, than not come to school at all. Thank you.

Important Dates

Tuesday 2nd to Thursday 4th July – Various transition days for Year 6. Each school will send parents a letter saying which day or days the children are expected to attend

Wednesday 3rd July – Transition morning – each class spends the morning in their new class with their new teacher/teaching assistant

Thursday 4th July – School closed to children and staff due to voting for the General Election

Friday 5th July will be a training day and children do not attend.

Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 SATs results are published

Tuesday 9th July – Written reports to parents are sent home (except Year 3)

Wednesday 10th July – 9:00am – Nursery Graduation – families invited

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th July – Year 6 Conover Hall residential

Monday 15th July – Which class will win the behaviour sticker? Pizza lunch this week for the winning class!

Tuesday 16th July – 9:15am Year 2's Moving Up assembly – families invited

Wednesday 17th July – 1:30-3:00pm – Parent consultation meetings (no appointment needed – details to follow)

Thursday 18th July – 9:00am – Prizegiving/Attendance

Thursday 18th July – 5:00-7:00pm – Prom (details to follow) includes Prom King and Queen for Years 2 and 6

Friday 19th July – 9:15am – Year 6 Leavers assembly – families invited

Friday 19th July – 3:20pm – Children break up for the summer holiday

Goodbyes

We will be sadly saying goodbye to 2 members of staff at the end of this term. Mr Gunchala only joined our school temporarily for this academic year and he will be leaving us to start a new role as Head of School at a school closer to where he lives. He has settled in so well at Deykin that I think we forgot he was only with us for a year. Mr Gunchala, thank you for all your work – we will all miss you.

Secondly, Mrs Lambert will be leaving us as well after working at Deykin for over 23 years. She has secured a job outside of teaching so will be starting on a completely new journey. Mrs Lambert, on behalf of the children, families and staff, we will all miss you. You have worked so hard during your time at Deykin and taught so many children. Your amazing range of voices when reading stories to children will also be missed!

Merit Assembly



A huge 'Well Done!' to all the children who have achieved a certificate in Merit Assembly. Keep up the good work. You have all proved to be Deykin STARS!!

Friday 28th June

Reception – Samaritanca

Year 1 – Sengamo

Year 2 – Haris

Year 3 – Saif

Year 4 – Sara

Year 5 – Walid

Year 6 – Huzaifa

Times Tables Rockstars

None this week



Happy birthday to the following children:

Lawy – Year 2

Yahyaa – Year 5

TT Rockstars

Please encourage your children (particularly those in Year 2 and above) to play on TT Rockstars regularly. It is a wonderful resource to help children learn their times tables. There are different games they can play on TTRS. For example, the 'Jamming' game allows them to choose the times tables they would like to focus on and they will only receive questions on those. Any questions, please contact your class teacher or Mr Gunchala.

Learning your times tables is really important and is something we use in everyday life as adults. For children, learning their times tables will help them to access a wide range of mathematical strands, eg, fractions, percentages, area and ratio. Once you learn your tables off by heart, you won't forget them!

Classes for 2024-2025

Please see below the staffing list for next academic year.

Reception – Mrs Nehar, Mrs Whitehouse and Mrs Kerr

Year 1 – Miss Begum (A supply teacher who will hopefully join us on Wednesday for transition morning.) Mrs Sajdah will be working in Year 1 too. Mrs Bourne may also support in Year 1.

Year 2 – Mrs Brewer (Mondays and Tuesdays) Mrs Thompson (Wednesdays to Fridays) and Mrs Bourne. Mrs Sajdah may also support in Year 2.

Year 3 – Miss Wongsam until Miss Burke returns from maternity leave in January 2025. Mrs Latif will also work with Year 3.

Year 4 – Miss Wood (A new teacher who will join us on Wednesday for transition morning. She will join us for the last two weeks of this term as well.) Mrs Latif will also work with Year 4.

Year 5 – Mr Downes and Mrs Hennessy

Year 6 – Mrs Mohamed and Mrs Hennessy

Miss Kelly will be working with a small group of children lower down in the school. We may have a couple of extra support staff as well. There may be slight changes to staffing due to the needs of the children but as soon as I am aware of this, I will let you know. Children, please be kind to the staff on Wednesday as some of them are just as nervous as you are feeling!

Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

This week, we have continued to learn about transport and have focused on pirate ships. We looked at the different parts of a pirate ship, such as the Jolly Roger, the stern, the rigging and the masts. We had a pirate treasure hunt and also sorted pirate coins into groups.

We learnt some phrases pirates say, such as “ahoy”, “shiver me timbers” and “land ahoy!” We will have a pirate themed celebration day on Monday 15th July to consolidate all our learning in the last week to conclude our time in Reception. We can’t wait as we will dress up as pirates!

In art, we have created seasonal crafts. This week, we have produced salt paintings and learnt a special technique to create rainbow pictures.

As we had some lovely weather this week, we also cooled off with some lovely ice activities!



Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard this week, giving their opinions in literacy. We were discussing if a dog should be allowed to do ballet, but we had to give our reasons. There were some very well thought out arguments for against, including no because the dog might bark and run around which would be distracting for other people, and yes because the dog might be very well trained and would just sit quietly to watch. Well done Year 1, I was very impressed with how well you were able to give reasons for your opinions.

Year 3

Year 3 had a wonderful time this week, learning about Alexander Graham Bell and his work with early communication, including the telephone. Children made their own 'telephones' out of plastic cups and string. They were shocked at how they were able to hear one another. They learnt that it isn't a type of magic... It's just science!

Alexander Graham Bell



Year 4

Year 4 began to make words from black paper. We had to cut out letters and find a way to make a shadow from them. We will test our words next week - can they make a shadow? Can we read the words?



Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been very busy rehearsing for their Leavers Production. They have been working extremely hard to create a fantastic show for you all.

Sports Day – Reception, Year 1 and Year 2



Sports Day – Year 3, Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6



29th July - 1st August

10am - 3pm

For children
aged 5-11

WITTON HOLIDAY CLUB



@ **Witton Methodist Church,**
B6 7BS

PLEASE BRING A PACKED LUNCH AND DRINK

To secure your child a place, **please contact**
Carole on 07812 184309

Consent form required when booking a place

£4.00

PER CHILD
PER DAY

