



Newsletter: 14th July 2024

Dear Families

It is hard to believe we have reached the final week of this academic year. Please remember that Mr Jones will be hosting a coffee morning on Monday in the library between 9am and 10am. This is the chance for you to meet him, have a chat and have a tea/coffee and a biscuit. I hope you can join him.

Year 6 had a wonderful time at Condover. Excellent behaviour from them and a HUGE thank you to Mrs Mohamed, Mr Downes, Mrs Kerr and Mrs Hennessy for giving up their time in order for this residential trip to happen.

We have several events going on this week; I hope you can attend them all! Please join us on Wednesday afternoon and you can have a look through your children's books (and then take them home with you) and have a chat with their teachers. If you would like to take your children home early, please sign them out on Wednesday with the following staff who will be in the classrooms.

Reception – Mrs Sajdah (Mrs Nehar and Mrs Whitehouse in class)

Year 1 – Mrs Bourne (Mrs Lambert in class)

Year 2 – Mrs Kerr (Miss Wongsam in class)

Year 3 – Miss Kelly (Mr Gunchala in class)

Year 4 – Mrs Latif (Miss Moore in class)

Year 5 – Mrs Hennessy (Mr Downes in class)

Year 6 – Mrs Baxter (Mrs Mohamed in class)

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.

Goodbye

We will be saying goodbye to two more members of staff on Friday. Miss Khan has been working in Year 1 and Miss Shaheen has been working between Reception and Year 1. They have fitted into our school really well and we will be sorry to say goodbye to them both.

We will say goodbye to Mrs Lambert after our Prizegiving Assembly on Thursday as this is her final working day. We will be saying goodbye to Mrs Dargan, Mr Gunchala, Miss Moore, Miss Khan and Miss Shaheen on Friday after our Year 6 Leavers assembly. We hope you can join us and wish them all well on the next chapter of their lives. On behalf of the staff, children and families, you will all be missed.

Attendance

Reception – 83.67%
Year 1 – 91.67%
Year 2 – 90%
Year 3 – 95%
Year 4 – **96.33%**
Year 5 – 91.67%
Year 6 – 91.9%

Whole School – 91.44%

Well done to Year 4 who have achieved the highest attendance and will have the 5mins extra playtime this week as you are above the magic 96%.

Thank you to all families for your effort in sending your children into school every day. We hope that attendance improves next academic year. Many children have been taken out of school on term time leave which impacts on our attendance and the children's learning. If your children are healthy, please send them into school.

Important Dates

Monday 15th July – Which class will win the behaviour sticker? Pizza lunch on Wednesday 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)

Thursday 18th July – 9:00am – Prizegiving/Attendance/Goodbye to Mrs Lambert

Thursday 18th July – 5:00-7:00pm – Prom which includes Prom King and Queen for Years 2 and 6

Friday 19th July – 9:15am – Year 6 Leavers assembly – families invited/Goodbye to other members of staff

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

Monday 2nd September – staff away at a training day – children do not attend

Tuesday 3rd September – training day – staff in school but children do not attend

Wednesday 4th September – children return to school

Merit Assembly



Friday 12th July

Reception – Ibrahim and Abid

Year 1 – Fazan

Year 2 – Araf

Year 3 – Mario

Year 4 – Anayah and Fizah

Year 5 – Usmaan and Dean

Times Tables Rockstars

None this week



Happy birthday to the following children:

Essa – Year 1
Avah – Year 6
Mudassar – Year 5
Umayyah – Year 4
Angela – Year 1
Samaritanca – Reception
Uriel – Reception
Hareem – Year 3
Imaan – Year 3
Aleena – Year 4
Ikhlāas – Year 4
Amirah – Year 4
Tarek – Year 6
Lyan – Reception
Matusalen - Reception
Mario – Year 3
Eljana – Year 5
Caleb – Year 1
Balal – Year 6
Anisa – Year 3
Michael – Year 2
Javad – Year 1
Atif – Year 6
Freya – Year 4
Thanha – Year 3
Elisa – Reception
Mariam – Year 2

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!

Lost Property

There is a lot of clothing in the hall in the lost property box. Mrs Kerr has kindly offered to lay everything out in the hall on Wednesday 17th July. Please come and see if any of this clothing belongs to your children and take them home with you. Anything that is left behind will be thrown away or recycled depending on the condition it is in.

Thank you.

Tik Tok and You Tube

Please monitor what your children are watching on any electronic devices they have access to, especially during the summer holiday. We have had instances where children have been accessing inappropriate videos. Some of these include challenges which they have then played in school. (One such game is asking other children to stand still and not move; if they can't do this, they are saying this means that the child is gay.) There have been other challenges played out by children (fortunately, not connected to our school) where a game has gone wrong and a child has died. Without going into details as I don't want the children to copy this, but a parent has shared a challenge with me which involves children deliberately kicking their friends' legs out to make them fall on the floor. This has led to serious injury and death. (Possibly through brain injury if the head has hit the floor with a force.) The video makes it look fun but it is very dangerous.

To access Tik Tok, you need to be at least 13 years old. The same age is required to access You Tube unless an adult is supervising. Many parents say their children are watching cartoons or playing games but we know from experience, this is not always the case. It is also very easy to click on pop ups during videos which can take the viewer to adult material. There have been times when children have accidentally seen these videos and have been very upset by the content.

If we work together – home and school – and inform our children how to stay safe on the internet, the children will hopefully take notice and stay safe online.

Please see <https://www.internetmatters.org/> and <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/> for a wide range of ways to help keep your children safe.

Thank you.

Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

This week, we have continued to learn about transport and have focused on rockets. We discussed the various parts of a rocket and how a huge ignition and high speed is needed in order to launch a rocket.

We also learnt about Neil Armstrong who was the first astronaut to land on the moon. We remembered his famous words, "A small step for man, a giant leap for mankind".

We created rockets using junk modelling. Thank you to everyone who kindly donated plastic bottles!



In Number, we have recapped addition and counting on 1 more and back 1 less.

Reminder: Our pirate celebration day has been moved to Monday 15th July, so children can come to school dressed as pirates. We will take part in lots of fun games and activities linked to pirates.

Year 1

Year 1 were hoping to have their beach day last week but the good old British weather decided differently! We will have the day this week, whatever the weather brings. Last week, we have been learning about different assistant dogs and the amazing things they do to help people. Did you know a dog can smell when someone might be about to have a seizure and can alert them so they can get somewhere safe? Ask your child about the different dogs we found out about, and maybe see if you can find out about any more.

Year 4

Year 4 are enjoying classifying plants and animals. We looked at the many plants that are in the school grounds. Some children have laminated the plants to try to preserve them - will it work?



Year 6

This week, the children had a great time during their residential trip at Conover Hall. They showed brilliant bravery, encouraging support towards their peers, unmatched respect towards everyone at Conover where they were praised for their manners and a lot of laughter - memories they will always have!



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

