



Newsletter: 10th December 2023

Dear Families

With just two weeks to go until the end of term, there are lots of Christmas activities underway. A few parents have asked me if I made a typo last week as I had put two performances for Years 4-6. I hadn't! However, after speaking to Mrs Mohamed, we have changed the start time on both days so that all the children can get ready with their costumes and props, and the staff can set all the chairs out for the audience. Therefore, the starting time on both days will be 1:45pm. Doors will open at 1:35pm for you to take your seats. Please note that once any of the performances have started, we will not allow visitors into the hall. It is not fair to the children if people have to walk past them once they have started performing.

We are also saying that on Tuesday 19th December for the Years 4-6 performance, you are welcome to bring babies and toddlers. However, on Wednesday 20th December, only adults will be allowed in. We understand that it is lovely for little children to come and watch their family members perform, but we do appreciate that they can sometimes be very noisy which means the performers cannot always be heard! This way, you can choose the performance which suits you the best. As there is only one performance for Reception and Years 1-3, babies and toddlers will be allowed to attend.

Have a lovely week, everyone!

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General Reminders

- Doors open at 8:45am and close at 8:50am.
- The big gate into the car park cannot be opened at the moment. This should be repaired within the next couple of weeks.
- 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.
- 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

Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 30th October 2023 - Friday 3rd November 2023

Term Ends: Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 - Friday 16th February 2024

Term Ends: Friday 22nd March 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

There will be 2 more training days to be confirmed.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Augustina – Year 1

Sarish – Year 1

Iqra – Year 5

Betselot – Year 2

Zoya – Year 3

Goodbye

We are really sad to be saying goodbye to Ms Costello at the end of this term. She is leaving us to join a school closer to her home in January. We wish her all the best in her new role and I am sure she will never forget us!

We will also be saying a temporary goodbye to Miss Burke the beginning of January as she is going to have a baby and so will be going on maternity leave. She will rejoin our school in December 2024. We are hoping she will visit us with her new baby when she is able to.

We are in the process of appointing two new teachers for Year 2 and Year 4 and will let you know when this has been completed.

Attendance

Reception – 93.04%

Year 1 – 91.67%

Year 2 – 89%

Year 3 – 88.33%

Year 4 – 81%

Year 5 – 87.59%

Year 6 – 97%

Well done to Year 6 who had the best attendance again last week. 5mins extra playtime each day next week as you surpassed the magic 96%. Well done!

If your child is unwell a lot, please speak to Mrs Baxter to see what support we can provide. We may be able to make a referral to the school nurse, or contact your GP to ask them to speak to you and you can raise your concerns with them.

We have had a lot of absences again last week. Whilst some have been through stomach bugs or other illnesses, some absences are caused by taking term time leave and going abroad. Please try to avoid doing this. We have had parents in the past who have asked other family members to look after their children and these family members have brought the children to school. Sometimes they have been late as they have been staying elsewhere, but we would much rather children be late coming to school than not being in school at all.

Christmas Events

Tuesday 12th December – 9:15am – Reception's dress rehearsal

Wednesday 13th December – 9:15am – Reception's Nativity performance – families invited (babies and toddlers are welcome)

Thursday 14th December – 9am Star of the Term/Attendance assembly – families invited

Friday 15th December – Fife and flute assembly – Year 4 and electives in Years 5 and 6 – families invited

Monday 18th December – 9:15am Years 1, 2 and 3 dress rehearsal

Monday 18th December – 1:30pm Years 4, 5 and 6 dress rehearsal

Tuesday 19th December – 9:15am – Years 1, 2 and 3 Christmas performance – families invited (babies and toddlers are welcome)

Tuesday 19th December – 1:45pm – Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas performance – families invited (babies and toddlers are welcome)

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas lunch - can be ordered through School Grid

Wednesday 20th December - 1:45pm – Years 4, 5 and 6 Christmas performance – families invited (adults only)

Friday 22nd December - 12pm – Christmas party (paid for by school) and **children leave at 1:30pm** – the children can come to school wearing party clothes if they wish but please ensure sensible footwear as they will go outside to play

Safeguarding

Safeguarding children is a huge area and covers a range of topics such as online safety, road safety, safety in the home, mental health and personal safety. The NSPCC have produced leaflets on a range of safety issues including the PANTS rule. <https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets> These tips are really useful and the leaflets can be downloaded.

For further information about internet safety, please visit <https://www.internetmatters.org/> where you can find advice for children of different ages and for a range of topics.

Please have conversations with your children about how they think they can keep themselves safe, both inside and outside the home.

Thank you.

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 Miss Williams

Year 4 will have their Multiplication Tables Check in June 2024 and the government's expectation is that they score 25/25. By the end of Year 4, children should know all the times tables up to 12 x 12.



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 1st December

Reception – Mohammed Ali

Year 1 – Mikael

Year 2 – Mariam

Year 3 – Saif

Year 4 – Modou, Rayyan, Ikhlās, Fizah, Zara, Hadiya, Ferdos and Chioma

Year 5 – Llqraya

Year 6 – Caleb

TT Rockstars Winners (Will have certificates on Friday 15th December)

Chioma – Year 4

Musa – Year 3

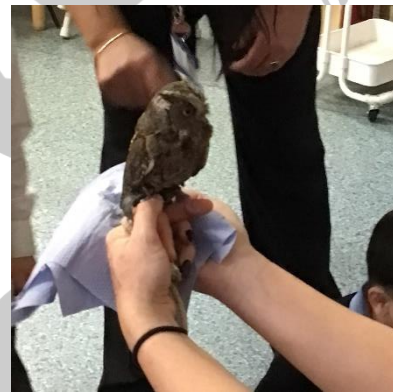
Atif – Year 6



Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

This week, we had an amazing time meeting various animals from around the world. We were very brave and held many animals, learning about each of their features and where they live.



Colin the cockroach has six sticky legs and lives in the Amazon.

Kellog the corn snake from North America, chases away rats!

Guinea pig, Phil, had lovely soft fur.

We met Bill the gecko. Geckos live in India and Pakistan.

Thelma is a bearded dragon from Australia, whose beard is orange when happy and black when angry.

Karen the owl is a daytime baby owl.

They were all very interesting and sweet!

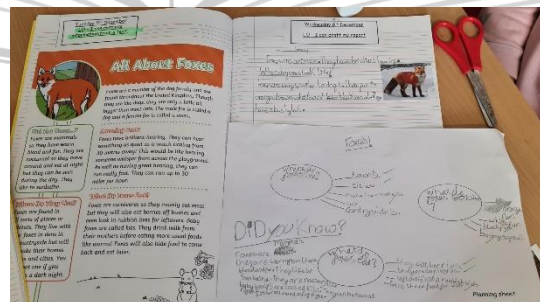
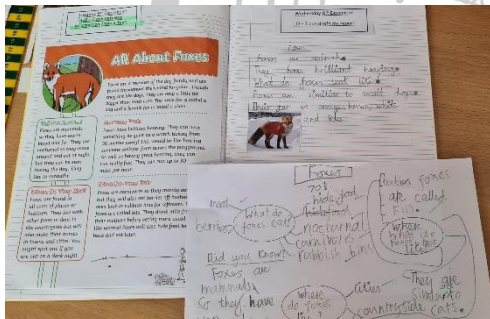
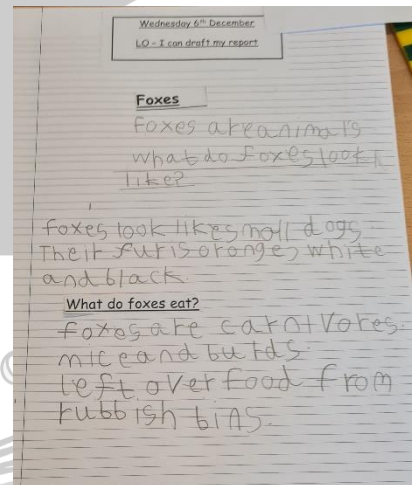
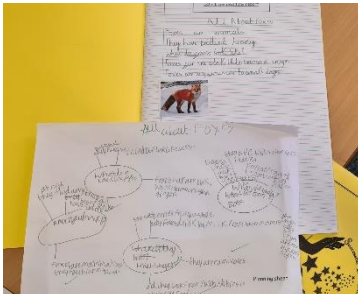
Year 1

On Thursday afternoon, Year 1 went to the new Aston Villa Academy for a fun football session. The children played lots of games and really enjoyed the experience. Not even a soggy walk back to school could spoil the fun. Well done Year 1, you behaved really well and we saw some great football skills.



Year 2

In Year 2, we have been learning about the features of non-chronological reports. We retrieved information on foxes and produced a plan. We used the plan to begin drafting our non-chronological reports on foxes. This links with our English and science curriculum objectives.



Year 3

Year 3 children found out the difference between sharing and grouping objects. They shared and grouped counters practically to solve division problems.



Year 4

In DT, Year 4 have designed and made packaging for biscuits. We also made biscuits and chose three ingredients to improve them. They chose icing, chocolate chips and sprinkles. We then enjoyed taste testing them and also gave some to Year 5 to do some market research on our product.



Year 5

Year 5 have been practising their sewing skills to make these amazing stuffed toys.



Year 6

In science, Year 6 have been learning about microorganisms, they have been investigating how mould grows on bread when the conditions the breads are kept in are different (hot/cold or dark/light). We are going to observe them next week and we'll keep you updated with our findings.

