



## Newsletter: 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Families

At last! Half term has arrived! It has been a very busy half term and it has been lovely to see children in Merit Assembly every Friday who have worked very hard in all aspects of school life. A 'well done' also goes to children in Reception and Year 2 who won the behaviour award this half term. A treat for both classes will take place after the holiday.

I am pleased to say that Miss Wongsam will be joining Year 2 again after half term. Well done children for making her feel welcome.

A HUGE reminder please for when we return to school on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February. Please **do not** park on the zig zag lines, or double park and let children out of cars; these are both very dangerous. Park further down the road if necessary and walk with your child, but please park legally and safely. When staff are outside, we will take photographs of your vehicle and report it to Birmingham City Council if you park illegally. Staff do not expect to receive verbal abuse off parents when we are trying to keep your children safe and ask you to move your vehicles. As drivers, we know where we can and can't park – please teach your children that grown-ups also have to follow rules. A HUGE thank you to the parents who do follow these rules and work hard to keep everyone safe.

Children, have a lovely week's holiday and stay safe. Listen to your grown-ups and see you all on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

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.
- Finally, please send your child to school with a water bottle. Many children are not bringing them and we do not have many cups we can use.

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

### Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 -Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Term Ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Term Ends: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

### Training Days

There will be 2 more training days to be confirmed.

### Election Day

We have been informed that our school will be used for voting for the Police and Crime Commissioner and West Midlands Combined Authority Mayoral Elections on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**. School will be closed on this day to all children.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Azaan – Year 4

Adebukola – Year 5

Emaad – Year 3

### Swimming

Children in Years 4 and 5 will be taking part in 10 days of intensive swimming at Wyndley Swimming Baths and trained swimming teachers will work with the children. This is part of the National Curriculum and children are expected to attend. Jewellery is not permitted to be worn. Boys need to wear swimming trunks and girls a swimming costume (not a bikini) with tight fitting leggings if they wish. No loose fitting clothes will be allowed.

**Year 5 – weeks beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Year 4 - weeks beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Both classes will have a 45 minute lesson each afternoon.

### Attendance

Reception – 88.31%

**Year 1 – 94.67%**

Year 2 – 86.73%

Year 3 – 94%

Year 4 – 90.71%

Year 5 – 87.67%

Year 6 – 85.33%

Whole School – 89.66%

**Well done to Year 1 who had the best attendance last week. However, no extra playtime when we return to school as you were below the magic 96%.**

**Most classes improved their attendance from the previous week, but we still have a lot to do to improve this even further.**

### Maths Lessons – Parents/Carers Invited

A letter will be sent out after the holiday to ask if you would like to attend. This is so we can book the hall if lots of parents/carers would like to join their child during the lesson. If we don't receive your reply, we will assume you will not be able to join us. This will give you the opportunity to see how your children learn maths in school, and how you can support them at home. We really hope you can join us!

Reception – To be confirmed

Year 1 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 9:30-10:30am (after Reception's Mother's Day assembly)

Year 2 – To be confirmed

Year 3 – Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February – 11:15-12:15pm

Year 4 – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – 9:45-10:45am

Year 5 – To be confirmed

Year 6 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 10:00-11:00am

### Important Dates

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February** – Dance workshops in school all day – Reception to Year 6 – children to come to school in their PE kits

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – 2:50pm Birmingham City Mission’s assembly

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day (details to follow)

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – 9am – Reception’s Mother’s Day Assembly – families invited

**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March** – 3:30-6:00pm - Parent consultation meetings (details to follow)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – 3:30-6:00pm - Parent consultation meetings (details to follow)

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – 9am – Star of the Term/Attendance/Behaviour awards – families invited

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – 3:20pm - break up for the Easter holiday

### After School Clubs

Tom (from Aston Villa) will be running a free girls’ football club for girls in Years 3 to 6 on Thursdays. Sports Cool have offered two clubs (Olympics for Years 1 and 2 on Wednesdays and Tag Rugby for Years 3 to 6 on Tuesdays) at a total cost of £20 per child per club. See Mrs Thompson’s Dojo message on School Story for further details.

### Dance Workshops – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

We have been able to organise dance workshops again for the whole school. There is no charge for this as school pays. Each year, the children (and staff!) have enjoyed these sessions. Children and staff will need to come to school wearing their PE kits on this day. If they have PE in the afternoon with Tom from Aston Villa, this lesson will still take place.

Reception – Sound of Musicals – 10:10-10:45am

Year 1 – Frozen – 11:05-11:40am

Year 2 – Mexican Dance – 2:35-3:10pm

Year 3 – African Dance – 1:55-2:35pm

Year 4 – Zumba – 1:15-1:55pm

Year 5 – Flamenco – 9:40-10:10am

Year 6 – Street Dance – 9:00-9:40am

### 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.



### Star of the Term



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 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Reception – Aaira

Year 1 – Kyemarni and Saja

Year 2 – Aiden

Year 3 – Bianca

Year 4 – Fizah

Year 5 – Aisha

Year 6 – Zahra

#### **Times Tables Rockstars**

Mahiya – Year 3

Idris – Year 5

Albib – Year 6

## Snapshots of the Week!

### Reception

Traditional day wow day: This week, we had a wonderful time on Tuesday where we celebrated our Traditional Tale wow day event. We were able to spend time listening to our favourite tales, have a picnic with our parents and retell stories together. We read 'The Three Little Pigs' and many other stories.

We also raised money to fund transport for Reception and Year 6 trips by having a jump around on the bouncy castle.



We also learnt about Internet Safety Day and how we must protect ourselves online. We know that we must not reveal our identity, where we live or other private, personal information online.

We designed our own tablets and also listened to stories about internet safety.



## Year 1



Year 1 were discussing how to stay safe in different situations when they might be using the internet. They were very sensible and understood that the best thing to do is talk to a trusted adult if you aren't sure about something.

In art last week, the children worked together to make a giant paper spider! They all worked really well and are excited to paint it.



## Year 2

In writing, Year 2 have focussed on using capital letters and full stops correctly.





## Year 5

This week, Year 5 have been a little arty. After completing their work on Beowulf, children designed their own version of the book cover. They have also been exploring how to use a selection of 'random' materials and objects to create scenes and landscapes. There are some very creative artists in Year 5!



## Year 6

This week, Year 6 have been extremely busy! In reading, the children have been retelling traditional tales with a twist.



For writing, the children were able to publish their non-chronological reports about foxes.







## Measles

Please see [Measles | NHS inform](#) for further information on measles including symptoms, treatment and what to do if you suspect you or someone you know has measles.

### Symptoms of measles

The first symptoms of measles develop around 10 days after you're infected. These can include:

- cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sneezing, and a cough
- sore, red eyes that may be sensitive to light
- watery eyes
- swollen eyes
- a high temperature (fever), which may reach around 40°C (104°F)
- small greyish-white spots in the mouth
- aches and pains
- loss of appetite
- tiredness, irritability and a general lack of energy

The measles rash appears around 2 to 4 days after the initial symptoms and normally fades after about a week. The rash:

- is made up of small red-brown, flat or slightly raised spots that may join together into larger blotchy patches
- usually first appears on the head or neck, before spreading outwards to the rest of the body
- is slightly itchy for some people



Go to A&E or phone 999 if:

You or your child have measles and:

- shortness of breath
- a high temperature that does not come down after taking paracetamol or ibuprofen
- is coughing up blood
- drowsiness
- confusion
- fits (convulsions)

Phone your GP urgently if:

- you think you or your child might have measles
- you've been in close contact with someone who has measles and you've not been fully vaccinated (had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine) or haven't had the infection before – even if you don't have any symptoms
- you've been in close contact with someone who has measles and you're pregnant – measles can be serious in pregnancy
- you have a weakened immune system and think you have measles or have been in close contact with someone with measles

If your GP is closed, phone 111.

You should phone your GP first before visiting. They can make arrangements to reduce the risk of spreading the infection to others.

