



Newsletter: 17th December 2023

Dear Families

The final week to go. It has been a very long term and everyone is very tired now.

I hope you can join us for our performances this week. The children have worked very hard to learn their lines as well as a variety of songs. Costumes and props have been created thanks to our talented staff.

Your children will be prompted to check corridors and their classrooms this week and take home any coats, clothes or bags they may have.

Finally, a message from Mrs Nehar.

We would like to thank the enormous effort and dedication from Mrs Whitehouse, who has worked incredibly hard to raise money (over £372!) for Reception's trip for the summer term by selling hot chocolate and milk. We are delighted to say we have almost reached our target to subsidise the cost of the coach. Thank you so very much, Mrs Whitehouse. I am especially grateful and would love to express my immense gratitude for all your hard work to raise the money. We are very lucky to have you!

Indeed we are, Mrs Nehar! Coaches are very expensive and can significantly increase the cost of a trip. Thank you to all the families who have provided their children with money for a hot drink and a cookie (many thanks to Dolce). Your contribution has supported Reception's trip.

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:

Mahiya – Year 1
Syeda – Year 4
Ferdos – Year 4
Araf – Year 2
Suleiman – Reception
Riyaan – Year 4
Lya – Year 5
Kyemarni – Year 1
Hamza – Year 2
Connor – Year 4
Ike – Year 2
Rebeka - Reception

Goodbye Ms Costello

We will be holding an assembly at 9am on Friday 22nd December to say goodbye to Ms Costello. If you would like to join us, you are more than welcome.

During this assembly, we will also wish our birthday children a happy birthday and see which class or classes have won the behaviour award this half term.

Attendance

Reception – 89.57%
Year 1 – 81.33%
Year 2 – 90%
Year 3 – 86.16%
Year 4 – 91.38%
Year 5 – 83.33%
Year 6 – 96.67%

Well done to Year 6 who had the best attendance again last week. 5mins extra playtime each day next week as you just 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

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

Monday 8th January 2024 – School reopens after the Christmas holiday and all children will be in school

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.



Star of the Term



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

Friday 1st December

Reception – Ismaeel

Year 1 – Djena

Year 2 – Aiden

Year 3 – Cataleya

Year 4 – Ikhlās

Year 5 – Adam

Year 6 – Mujtaba

We look forward to seeing more children awarded certificates for excellent effort, behaviour and attitude during the spring term.

Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

This week, we have learnt about 'The Nativity Story' and have performed to parents and the whole school. Well done children; you have worked so hard!



We have been creating various models using junk modelling materials. We have used joining materials such as tape and glue. Deen told us he created some binoculars. Well done, Deen!

This week, we have been learning about Judaism and have been looking at the Menorah candle. We have been looking at the story behind Hanukkah and the celebration of the festival of lights.



Year 1

Year 1 have been working hard to learn their lines and songs for their Christmas performance!

Year 2

Year 2 have been exploring!

In our geography lessons, we have been learning about the equator and how it affects the weather in different countries. We compared and contrasted two very different countries on two very different continents and found some amazing facts about Greenland and Kenya. We particularly enjoyed watching the animals of Kenya on a virtual safari and we were thoroughly impressed by the Northern Lights in Greenland.



Year 3

This Thursday, Year 3 children visited Aston Parish Church to take part in carol singing. They performed '12 Days of Christmas' and sang beautifully in front of a large audience. Their singing was so catchy that Mrs Brewer was singing it in her head all Friday!



Year 4

Year 4 were visited by West Midlands Fire Service this week! They learned all about fire safety and were able to ask questions about how to keep safe and prevent fires from happening. Thank you, West Midlands Fire Service, for your visit. It was thoroughly enjoyed!

Year 5

Year 5 have been busy learning their lines and songs for their Christmas performance!

Year 6

This week Year 6 have also been busy with rehearsing for the Christmas Production. They have worked extremely hard on this and they look forward to putting on a fantastic production for you.

