



Newsletter: 17th September 2023

Dear Families

Well done to the children who achieved a certificate in our first Merit Assembly of the year. It is fantastic to see how hard you have worked in the first few days of our new school year.

Parking has already caused problems for us. Please DO NOT park outside school on the zig zag lines. Also, please DO NOT let your children out of the car and straight into the middle of the road. These are potentially dangerous acts that could result in someone being run over. Starting tomorrow, we will be taking photographs of cars who park illegally and sending them to the police. This is for the safety of your children. Please think before you park.

We will be sending a letter out shortly to ask for donations for our Harvest collection. Some food will be donated to a food bank, and some food will be taken to some of the elderly residents in our community. Any donations will be greatly appreciated.

Finally, please look when your children's English workshops are, and come and join in. They will take place in the hall and you will learn ways to help your children at home.

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 Downes or Mr Bhatti 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 3 more training days to be confirmed.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Yasmin – Reception

Sara – Year 4

English Workshops

Reception – Monday 2nd October - 9-10am

Year 1 – Tuesday 10th October – 9-10am

Year 2 – Thursday 26th October – 9-10am

Year 3 – Wednesday 4th October – 2:20-3:20pm

Year 4 – Friday 13th October – 9-10am

Year 5 – Tuesday 24th October – 9-10am

Year 6 – Monday 25th September – 9-10am

Important Dates

Friday 22nd September – Mr Holmes begins teaching Y4 the fifes, and electives in Y5 and Y6 the flutes

Monday 2nd October – 9-10am - Rebecca Jennings in for a parent workshop for Y5 & Y6 parents re puberty talks

Tuesday 3rd October – Year 3 Parent consultation meetings – details to be confirmed and sent to you

Thursday 5th October – a free activity day from sportscool.org – Rec to Year 2 – 30 min session each of yoga and mindfulness, Years 3 to 6 – 30 min session each of fencing – details about this day to follow

Monday 9th October – Rebecca Jennings in all day delivering Y5 & Y6 puberty talks

Thursday 12th October – 1:15pm - Rebecca Jennings delivering baby talks in Y6 (parental consent needed)

Wednesday 25th October – Parent consultation meetings – details to be confirmed and sent to you

A letter about the puberty and baby workshops will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

Attendance

Reception – 91.36%

Year 1 – 90.34%

Year 2 – 87.59%

Year 3 – 90.71%

Year 4 – 92.5%

Year 5 – 94.83%

Year 6 – 93.67%

Some classes have increased their attendance, whilst others have seen their attendance drop. If your child is well, please send them to school. If your child keeps being unwell, please speak to Mrs Baxter and she can arrange for the school nurse to meet with you to discuss your child's health needs.

Well done to Year 5. No extra play time though as attendance is still less than 96%.

Can any class achieve 96% attendance or higher next week?