



Newsletter: 18th February 2024

Dear Families

I hope you have had a lovely half term holiday. Another short half term ahead – only 5 weeks until we break up for the Easter holiday.

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.

A HUGE thank you to the staff at Pioneer People supply agency who provided us with 50 free tickets to watch Birmingham City Football Club play against Sunderland on Saturday at St Andrews. This was a very kind gesture and one that we all appreciated. I hope that the families who watched this game enjoyed it. (I was very pleased to hear that BCFC won 2-1!)

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 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.

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 2nd May 2024**. School will be closed on this day to all children.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Kabir – Year 2

Adam – Year 5

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 15th April and Monday 22nd April

Year 4 - weeks beginning Monday 13th May and Monday 20th 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 this week 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 – Tuesday 20th February - 10:40-11:20am

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

Year 2 – To be confirmed

Year 3 – Friday 23rd February – 11:15-12:15pm

Year 4 – Thursday 22nd February – 9:45-10:45am

Year 5 – To be confirmed

Year 6 – Tuesday 5th March – 10:00-11:00am

Important Dates

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

Monday 26th February – 2:50pm Birmingham City Mission's assembly

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day (details to follow)

Monday 11th March – 9am – Reception's Mother's Day Assembly – families invited

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

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

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

Friday 22nd 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 22nd 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.



Fundraising



A huge thank you to everyone who paid for their children to have a jump on the bouncy castle and to buy a delicious pancake with a topping. Money has not all been counted yet as it was still coming in on the final Friday. So far, it is £312 but this figure will rise.

On behalf of Reception and Year 6, thank you for your support as this will help to support their visits. Although visits to educational places are generally priced okay, if we have to pay for a coach to take the children there and back (rather than being able to walk, take the bus or catch a train) the cost significantly rises. When we go swimming, the coach is £175 per day; a visit to an educational place can be £300+; the cost to take Y6 to Conover and bring them back home is £950.

Other classes have also got fundraising ideas for visits. Watch this space!!

Thank you for all of your support.