



Newsletter: 19th November 2023

Dear Families

Lots of hard work was seen in all classes last week. We had a couple of visitors in school, one of whom has not visited our school before. They both said how polite and hardworking our children are. Well done, children!

Unfortunately, we have had a few incidents recently where a few children have been either rude to staff, unkind to other children or have stopped other children in their class from learning properly due to their poor attitude. This is very disappointing and not what we expect to see. If the teacher speaks to you about this, please speak to your child. It is very important that home and school work together. If a child is allowed to get away with poor behaviour at home, they will struggle to change their behaviour at school. Some of our younger children are struggling with this at the moment. Thank you.

Finally, we are in the process of ordering Christmas party food for all the children which school will pay for. This is more expensive than the usual food price. If your child does not want the party food and would rather bring their own food in, this is fine but please let the office know so we won't order food for them. If your child has allergies, there will be party food suitable for them. If your child has food and usually brings a packed lunch, let the office know and make them aware of their allergies. Thank you.

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. We are waiting to have this repaired. We recognise it is difficult just using the small gate and apologies for this.
- 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:

Ayaan - Year 3
Zaakira – Year 1
Eric – Reception
Moiz – Year 2

Maths Workshops

Please look when your children's maths workshops are. The teachers will explain to you the methods that we use in school and how you can support them at home. Thank you to those parents who attend Year 3's.

Reception – Friday 24th November – 2:30-3:15pm
Year 1 – Thursday 30th November – 2:20-3:20pm
Year 2 – Thursday 30th November – 9:00-10:00am
Year 4 – Tuesday 5th December – 9:00-10:00am
Year 5 – Wednesday 29th November – 9:00-9:45am
Year 6 – Monday 4th December – 9:00-10:00am

Important Dates

Monday 20th November – Photographer in school all day (Year 6 and Year 5 – please wear school uniform today. PE will not require kits today so children do not need to bring them.)

Monday 20th November – 9am - Year 3's Diwali assembly – families invited

Monday 27th November – Birmingham City Mission to take assembly at 2:50pm

Thursday 7th December – Christmas jumper day (Save The Children charity) details to follow

Thursday 7th December – 1pm - Year 1 walking to Aston Villa Academy for a 'Football Fun Session'

Thursday 14th December – 1pm - Y3 walking to Aston Parish Church for Carol concert – families are welcome to join us at the church

Friday 15th December – Mr Holmes leading the Flute Assembly for Year 4 and electives in Years 5 and 6

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Party in the hall (party food paid for by school). Children break up for the Christmas holiday and will **leave school at 1:30pm**

Attendance

Reception – 90%
Year 1 – 88.28%
Year 2 – 89.33%
Year 3 – 88.33%
Year 4 – 94.67%
Year 5 – 89.14%
Year 6 – 92.33%

Well done to Year 4 who had the best attendance last week. No extra playtime though as it was under 96%. An improvement on last week – well done!

Slightly better attendance overall than last week, but we have a lot of work to do to achieve the magic 96% and above.

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.

Dolce - Lunches

Please remember to book your child's lunch using the School Grid app/website. If your child has a lunch but it has not been ordered, they will be offered a jacket potato and many children do not like this option.

It is very easy to order your child's meals. You can order them every day, for a whole week or even for a term. If your child is entitled to free school meals, it really is worth ordering them as they will receive a hot meal. If you pay for your child's meal, you can either set up a direct debit to pay, or pay an amount of your choice and then keep topping up as you run out of credit.

If you are having problems with using the School Grid (the app/website used by Dolce), please see Mrs Sayed or Mrs Dargan and they can support you and show you what to do.

Safeguarding

Please talk to your children about ways to stay safe. This may be when they are outside playing with their friends, inside the home where cleaning products and medications are kept, or if they are out with you, eg at the park or in a supermarket, what they should do if they get lost. It is really important we all have conversations with our children so they are confident to help themselves if anything happens to them.

Whilst it is important not to tell strangers personal details about yourself, it is important they know about 'safer strangers'. These may be shop assistants, police officers or someone who works in a bank for example. These are people who usually wear a uniform and work in a building like a shop or a bank. If your child gets lost, or feels frightened by someone when they are out somewhere, these are people they could find in a safer building to help them.

Please have these conversations with your children. 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 17th November

Reception – George

Year 1 – Hasan

Year 2 – Araf

Year 3 – Nubia and Kewther

Year 4 – Shafayat

Year 5 – Mudassar

Year 6 – Balal

TT Rockstars Winners

Yahya – Year 3

Rehan – Year 2

Zain – Year 2



Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

We have been learning all about Hinduism and Diwali. We loved singing songs about Diwali. We learnt about the festival of lights and celebrations. We also explored mixing materials together to create salt dough in order to make our Diya lamps for Diwali.

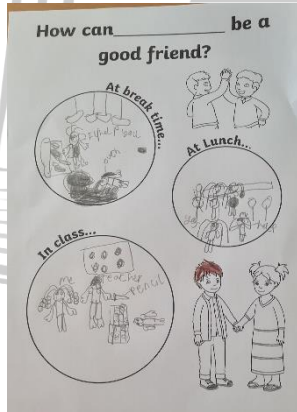
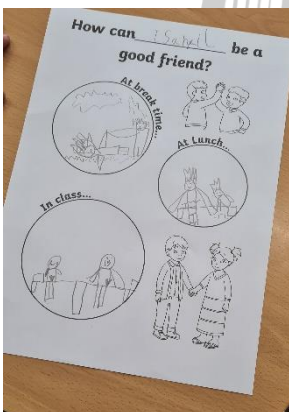


Year 1

Year 1 have been looking at the story of Pumpkin Soup. We went on a vocabulary hunt in the story and found lots of interesting words that we will hopefully begin to use in our writing. Instead of walking into lunch the other day, we waddled!

Year 2

This week in RHE, we discussed friendship. Children thought what a good friend does at school and how we can ensure everyone feels happy and safe within the school community.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 were learning about the life and diet of people during the Stone Age. They found out how difficult it was to survive at that time and even got to try out hunting mammoths and hyenas!



Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been identifying, drawing and comparing the area of 2D shapes. They have used fantastic problem solving and reasoning skills.

