



Newsletter: 24th September 2023

Dear Families

Some of you have seen me taking photographs of cars which I have sent to the police if they have been parked on the zig zag lines on more than one occasion. If I have spoken to you and this was a one off incident, I have not sent the photograph of your car to the police. Please do not park on the zig zag lines or in the middle of the road. We sometimes have lorries that are stuck as they cannot get through and tempers start to rise. This is when children could get hurt when drivers become annoyed and may drive carelessly to get around you. Please park responsibly and help keep your children, and other children, safe.

I am going to be off work for a couple of weeks. I am having knee surgery on Wednesday and need time to recover. Mr Gunchala, our new Acting Deputy Head Teacher. will be taking over temporarily whilst I am off. When I return to school, we will continue to work as the school's new leadership team. Mr Bhatti will be with us one day a week, split over two separate days. I know you will give Mr Gunchala a very warm welcome.

Mr Gunchala and I are both in temporary roles and I do not yet know what will happen in the future. Please be assured that we are doing everything we can to provide your children with the best education possible.

Whilst I am off, Mr Gunchala will be sending you the newsletter. I will keep tabs on what is going on! 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.

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

Friday 27th October 2023

There will be 2 more training days to be confirmed.



Happy birthday to the following children:

David – Year 3

Ali – Reception

Mikayla – Year 3

Zahra – Year 6

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

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

Tuesday 3rd October – Year 3 Parent consultation meetings (held in the library)

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

Friday 27th October – Staff training day – children do not attend school

Attendance

Reception – 88.58% **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.**

Year 1 – 91%

Year 2 – 84.83%

Year 3 – 85.17%

Year 4 – 92.86%

Year 5 – 95.17%

Year 6 – 91.67%

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?

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 be aware of films or TV programmes your child may be watching. We have had incidents of young children watching horror films and talking about them to their teachers and classmates. These films are for children aged 15 and older and certainly not appropriate for any child in our school.

Please also be aware of what your children are watching when using tablets or other devices. Unless you have parental controls set on your devices, your children may start off watching age-appropriate videos, but this can change if they click on pop-ups and begin to watch inappropriate videos/clips for their age.

If you would like support to put parental controls on devices, please let Mrs Brewer or Mr Gunchala know and we can arrange a workshop to help you do this.

TT Rockstars

Miss Williams has taken over leading mathematics in school. She has some wonderful ideas how to encourage children to practise their times tables.

She will be putting a message on Dojo this week explaining how TT Rockstars can be used to improve children's knowledge of the multiplication tables, and her ideas for encouraging children to play it.

Year 4 will have their Multiplication Tables Check in June 2024 and the government's expectation is they score 25/25. By the end of Year 4, children should know all the times tables up to 12 x 12.



Merit Assembly

Finally, 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 15th September

Reception – Lyan and Ibrahim

Year 1 – Djena

Year 2 – Isra

Year 3 – Zoya and Musa

Year 4 – Raheem

Year 5 – Iqra

Year 6 – Saba

Friday 22nd September

Reception – Zayan

Year 1 – Javad

Year 2 – Sahil

Year 3 – Saif and Cataleya

Year 4 – Freya

Year 5 – Amaya and Ameen

Year 6 – Alvin

