



## Newsletter: 25<sup>th</sup> February 2024

Dear Families

We have had a very busy first week back at school. The children enjoyed their dance workshops on Thursday and the dance teacher told me how well behaved they all were and that everyone joined in. Well done, children!

We have had problems with parking again. Please do not park on the zig zag lines, and do not double park and let your children out of the car. There have been some near misses this week where accidents have been a possibility. Apart from putting your children in danger, this has caused problems with lorries as they are trying to drive past. This is also potentially dangerous. Please park responsibly. Park further down the road, or round the corner, and walk your children round if necessary, but please do not park illegally.

Thank you to our parents who have joined in with their children's maths lessons. I have been so pleased to see so many of you! I really hope you have found them useful. Next half term, we will hold similar sessions for reading lessons. Anything we can do to help you support your children at home will always be our aim.

Finally, if there are any ladies who would like to attend Raise Your Voice every Thursday in the library, please turn up at 1:15pm. You can have a chat with other ladies, have a lovely hot drink and there is always something to eat! This is a great way to meet other ladies and make new friends.

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 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Half Term: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2024 - Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024**

Term Ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2024

### Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**Half Term: Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2024- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024**

Term Ends: Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2024**. School will be closed on this day to all children.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Eimaan – Year 6

### 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 15<sup>th</sup> April and Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

**Year 4 - weeks beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Both classes will have a 45 minute lesson each afternoon.

### Attendance

Reception – 86.4%

Year 1 – 94.33%

Year 2 – 93.67%

**Year 3 – 96.9%**

Year 4 – 91.43%

Year 5 – 90.34%

Year 6 – 92.07%

Whole School – 92.3%

**Well done to Year 3 who had the best attendance last week. You will receive an extra 5 minutes playtime each day as you were above the magic 96%!**

If your child has been absent from school for a period of 3 days or more, you may be asked to provide medical evidence. In cases of poor attendance, absences may only be authorised if medical evidence is given. Please see the list below of what can be used as evidence.

We also ask you provide confirmation of medical appointments to school. Please also remember that school will only authorise time for the medical appointment, usually no more than 2 hours, and we certainly do not expect that children are absent for a whole school day.

- Text confirmation of medical appointment/telephone consultation
  - Medical appointment card with one appointment entered
  - Letter from a professional, such as a hospital consultant or psychologist
  - Evidence of a consultation with NHS 111
  - Medication prescribed by a GP
  - Copy of prescription
  - Print screen of medical notes
  - Letters concerning hospital appointments
  - Slip with date, pupil's name and surgery stamp, signed by Receptionist
- GP 'sick' notes are not required. Please do not request these from your GP as s/he will not be able to provide one.**

### Important Dates

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – 2:50pm Birmingham City Mission’s assembly

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – World Book Day – bedtime stories. Lots of activities during the day. Children and staff may come to school in their pyjamas. (Children, please wear a clean pair of pyjamas, not the ones you have spent all night in!)

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – 10:30am – Year 1 leaving to travel to Waterstones in Birmingham

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March** – 9am – Reception’s Mother’s Day Assembly – families invited

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

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

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March** – 2:50pm – Aston Churches Easter Assembly – families invited

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

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March** – 3:20pm - break up for the Easter holiday

### Maths Lessons – Parents/Carers Invited

Year 1 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – 9:30-10:30am (after Reception’s Mother’s Day assembly)

Year 2 – To be confirmed

Year 5 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March – 10:00-11:00am

Year 6 – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 10:00-11:00am

### Eggs Incubating!

Mrs Whitehouse has bought some chick eggs which she has placed in an incubator. When they are about to hatch, she will bring them into Reception so the children can watch them hatch into baby chicks!



### 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 Merit Assembly. Keep up the good work. You have all proved to be Deykin STARS!!

#### **Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Reception – Eric

Year 1 – Caleb

Year 2 – Akim

Year 3 – David

Year 4 – Connor and Aleena

Year 5 – Adam

Year 6 – Nimra

#### **Times Tables Rockstars**

Emaad – Year 3

Nuwayra – Year 5

Atif – Year 6



# Snapshots of the Week!

## Reception



In topic, we have been learning about Emergency Services, such as the police force. We learnt about how the police help us all in the community.

In maths, we have been representing 9 and 10. Our parents also joined us for a lesson on Tuesday and we loved sharing what we do in maths with them.



## Year 1

Year 1 really enjoyed their dance workshop on Thursday. They learnt a routine to Let It Go from Frozen and worked really hard to copy the moves. We even carried on dancing when we got back into class!



## Year 2

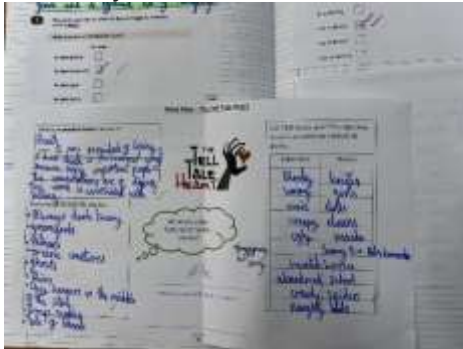
This week, Year 2 have been learning about money. They have been learning to recognise money and add money together. They have also been finding different ways to make different amounts.





## Year 6

In English this term, Year 6 are exploring the story 'The Tell-Tale Heart' by Edgar Allan Poe, a gothic horror story. The children have so far enjoyed and have really engaged with this story.







## DECORATED EGG COMPETITION

FREE

Design your own Easter egg for a chance to win a prize!

Decorate a hard-boiled egg at home and bring it to school on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## EASTER RAFFLE

50p

Win a giant Easter egg or Lindt Bunny Family Hutch!

Last day to enter – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.



## EGG HUNT

50p

Meet the Easter Bunny and hunt for chocolate eggs and bunnies on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March!

You can order a laminated photo with the Easter Bunny for 50p.

Last day to enter – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

## EASTER GIFTS

£1

Give a wonderful gift to your loves ones – a keyring with your photo and a message!

Last day to order – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2024.

