



## Newsletter: 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2023

Dear Families

I hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and your children are ready to start a new year at Deykin Avenue! I would especially like to welcome our new Reception children and their families. If you have any questions, you can either ask a member of staff at school, or message us on Class Dojo. If you do not have an active account, please ask at the office for help in setting you up on this as this is where staff post messages and updates.

I would also like to welcome a new member of staff who will be joining us from tomorrow (Monday) on supply. Miss Williams is going to be working alongside Miss Bibi in Year 3. Miss Williams is a very experienced teacher who is going to lead mathematics in our school and will hopefully be with us long term. She met the children briefly before we broke up for the summer and is keen to start working with us. I know everyone will make her feel welcome.

Congratulations to Mrs Mohamed who joined us on supply in January 2023 and is now a permanent member of staff!

The office will be unmanned on Monday morning whilst Mrs Sayed and Mrs Dargan are in safeguarding training with the rest of the staff. Please leave a message if you need to and they will return your call when they return to the office.

Have a lovely week everyone.  
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Head of School

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Head of School: Mrs Sharon Brewer

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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 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.

### Important Dates

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September** – Staff training day – children do not attend  
**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September** – Staff training day – children do not attend  
**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September** – Children return to school  
**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> September** – 10:20am – Music Service performing a free concert for the children

### Term Dates 2023-2024

#### Autumn Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Half Term: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2023 - Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023**

Term Ends: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

#### Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Tuesday 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

School will be closed on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023. There will be 3 more training days to be confirmed.



Happy birthday to the following children:

Haris – Year 2

Modou – Year 4

Muwada – Year 3

Isatou – Year 1

### Reminders

Please do not send your children to school with crisps, biscuits, chocolate, etc. Lots of children were eating these during play times and lunch times. We are trying to be a healthy school.

I have said that children may bring in sweets, cakes, etc when it is their birthday as a treat. If children are used to eating cakes and biscuits every day, bringing them in for special occasions will not seem like a treat for them. Thank you.

### Attendance

Please ensure that if your child is well enough to attend school, that they do. Last academic year, we had far too many children taken out of school to go abroad for various reasons. If your child is absent a lot due to illness, we will meet with you to offer support and ways to move forward: this may involve contacting your GP to ask for support or making a hospital referral.

The government expect children to have at least 96% attendance. If attendance is below 90%, interventions are then applied to try and support you and your child. We understand that children are ill and can support you with this, but please DO NOT take your child out of school for holidays or visits abroad. This seriously impacts their education and data from last academic year has proved this.

Last year, parents were fined because of their child's poor attendance. Please help us to improve attendance this year. Thank you.

## Entering School/Leaving School

Please see below the doors your children will use when they arrive at school in the morning and go home from in the afternoon.

**Reception** – children will arrive at school and go home using the gate into the little playground. This gate will be opened by the Reception staff. Please do not come through the gate unless a member of the Reception team invites you. Lots of people in the playground can cause a safeguarding risk with too many people for the Reception staff to try and focus on.

**Year 1** – children will enter school through the ramp entrance on Deykin Avenue. They will leave through the fire exit in the Year 1 classroom. Please stand so the members of staff can see you and they will call your child. Please do not stand on the steps.

**Year 2** – children can enter school through the ramp entrance on Deykin Avenue or the Year 6 door in the big playground. They will leave via the ramp entrance on Deykin Avenue.

**Year 3** – children can enter school through the ramp entrance on Deykin Avenue or the Year 6 door in the big playground. They will leave via the office entrance in the big playground.

**Year 4** - children can enter school through the ramp entrance on Deykin Avenue or the Year 6 door in the big playground. They will leave via the ramp entrance on Deykin Avenue.

**Year 5** - children can enter school through the ramp entrance on Deykin Avenue or the Year 6 door in the big playground. They will leave via the Year 6 door in the big playground.

**Year 6** - children can enter school through the ramp entrance on Deykin Avenue or the Year 6 door in the big playground. They will leave via the Year 6 door in the big playground.

The gates are set on a timer and will automatically open. Please do not ring the office or press the buzzer for the office staff to open the gates early. They will automatically open at the pre-set times.

Home time is 3:20pm and the children will not come out of school before this time. If your child's class is a little late leaving, please be patient as there will be a valid reason for this. Please do not shout at the staff that they are late. This is not the behaviour we want our children to witness.

Thank you.

### English and Mathematics Workshops

Between now and October half term, each class will have an English workshop and you will receive an invite to attend. The teacher and teaching assistant will share with you the reading and writing skills your child is developing and how you can help them at home. For children in Reception and Year 1, this will also include phonics.

Between October half term and December, each class will have a mathematics workshop and you will receive an invite to attend. Calculation methods will be shared with you as well as problems solving activities you can help your child with at home.

### Unacceptable Behaviour

Finally, this is a reminder that the staff at Deykin Avenue are employees of Birmingham City Council. Verbal or physical aggression is not acceptable under any circumstances. Any parent or visitor who displays unacceptable behaviour may find themselves banned from the premises.

Any problems you have, please come and see either Mrs Brewer or Mr Downes and we will do our best to resolve them.

Our school is a community and we like to welcome all families in to see what we do. Positive relationships between home and school is vital and any concerns you have, will be investigated thoroughly.