



Newsletter: 4th February 2024

Dear Families

Again, we had lots of visitors from ATLP walking round school last week. The positive comments they have shared with us have been a delight to hear. On Friday, we were told how welcoming and friendly our children have been (some shaking hands with our visitors in the playground!) and despite lots of people walking into classrooms and offices, staff have also been warm and friendly. Mr Gunchala and I would like to thank our children and staff for this excellent first impression of our school that they have given to EVERYONE who has visited us. It has been a very busy few weeks, and we have more visitors this week, but hearing all of these positive statements about our school has made us both feel very proud of everyone, and especially proud to be part of Team Deykin.

We are happy to offer you a £20 supermarket voucher to help you buy food for your family over February half term. These vouchers are available from Birmingham City Council, through the Household Support Fund which is funded by the Department for Work and Pensions. Mrs Sayed will be emailing every parent this week to claim your £20 supermarket voucher. Once you receive the link, you choose your preferred supermarket. Please make sure that you redeem your voucher by 12th March 2024; after this date, the voucher will expire. If you have changed your email address, please email Mrs Sayed on enquiry@deykinav.bham.sch.uk by Monday 5th February with your name, child's name and class. Thank you.

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:

Jibraeel – Year 4

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 (dates changed due to Ramadan)

Year 4 - weeks beginning Monday 13th May and Monday 20th May

Both classes will have a 45 minute lesson each afternoon.

Attendance

Reception – 85%

Year 1 – 91%

Year 2 – 93.33%

Year 3 – 91.33%

Year 4 – 90%

Year 5 – 83.33%

Year 6 – 93.33%

Whole School – 89.75%

Well done to Years 2 and 6 who had the best attendance last week. However, no extra playtime as you were below the magic 96%.

We have had parents who have been fined by the council for their children's absences. We have many children who are currently absent, or will be absent soon, due to term time leave. If your child is well enough to be in school, please send them in.

Internet Safety Day

Tuesday 6th February marks Internet Safety Day. In school, the children will be taking part in different activities in order to help them understand how to keep themselves safe. Please feel free to look at the following link which has been designed to give parents and carers information to share with their children about how to stay safe online. [Parents & carers | Childnet](#)

Children's Mental Health week – 5th-11th February 2024

This week marks Children's Mental Health Week. The theme this year is 'My Voice Matters'. This is about empowering children and young people by providing them with the tools they need to express themselves. Please visit [Families - Children's Mental Health Week \(childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk\)](https://childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk) to find a range of resources you can use with them at home.

Thank you.

Important Dates

Tuesday 6th February – Traditional wow day

Tuesday 6th February – Internet Safety Day

Friday 9th February – 2:15pm - pancake sale - £1 for one pancake and topping

Thursday 22nd February – Dance workshops in school all day – Reception to Year 6 – children may come to school in their PE kits (details of the sessions to follow)

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

Monday 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

Maths Lessons

Next half term, there will be the opportunity for you to join in with one of your children's maths lessons. Each class teacher will choose one lesson and invite you in to join your child. This will be a normal maths lesson that would happen if you were not there – not a workshop aimed at you. The idea is that you will be able to see the content and skills taught so that you can support them more easily at home. It is very difficult for parents as you don't actually see what we teach in lessons. This way, you will see how staff support the children in class, the structure of a lesson and the expectations that are placed on the children. When you receive your letter, we will ask you to confirm whether or not you can attend so that teachers can book the hall if lots of parents are able to join.

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.



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 2nd February

Reception – Abid

Year 1 – Zaakira

Year 2 – Muna

Year 3 – Miley

Year 4 – Cristina

Year 5 – Suwaydah

Year 6 – Tasnim

Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

This week, we discovered the wonder of Chinese New Year and learnt a lot about how it is celebrated. We took part in food tasting and created Chinese lanterns using various tools and decorations.



In maths, we learnt about spotting a pair and practised sharing amounts between 2 groups. Well done!



In literacy, we learnt about the Zodiac story and described a character using adjectives. Great work, Reception.

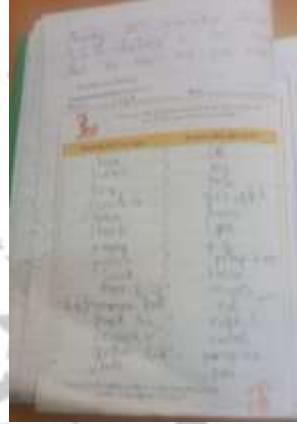


Year 1

Year 1 have been discussing what is fair. They have very clear opinions on what is and is not fair, but were very thoughtful when a different view was presented to them. They all said it was unfair if a child told a lie to get another child in trouble. There was more discussion about a child inviting everyone in class to their birthday party except one child. What do you think? Is that fair or unfair?

Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about animals and the places that they live. Some children found this tricky, but with help, we worked together and produced some beautiful work.



Year 3

In Year 3 in RE, we looked at 'Integrity'. We learnt about the story of Iblis and how he did not show integrity and believed he was better than others. As a class, we then came up with a religious/moral code and chose which values and attitudes show we live with integrity.



Year 4



Year 4 have regular music lessons and are being taught to play the flute. They are learning skills to handle the instruments with care and respect.



It's been quite an exciting week as we have also programmed a microbit!



Year 5

This week, Year 5 have started to write a biography about the life of Norse legend, Beowulf. We have enjoyed reading tales of his heroic adventures.



Year 6

In English, Year 6's text for this half term has been *The Midnight Fox*. As part of their learning journey this week, they have worked extremely hard on gathering as much information about foxes, they created a linear plan of what they would include and finally they independently produced their individual non-chronological reports about foxes.



Measles

Please see [Measles | NHS inform](#) for further information on measles including symptoms, treatment and what to do if you suspect you or someone you know has measles.

Symptoms of measles

The first symptoms of measles develop around 10 days after you're infected. These can include:

- cold-like symptoms, such as a runny nose, sneezing, and a cough
- sore, red eyes that may be sensitive to light
- watery eyes
- swollen eyes
- a high temperature (fever), which may reach around 40°C (104°F)
- small greyish-white spots in the mouth
- aches and pains
- loss of appetite
- tiredness, irritability and a general lack of energy

The measles rash appears around 2 to 4 days after the initial symptoms and normally fades after about a week. The rash:

- is made up of small red-brown, flat or slightly raised spots that may join together into larger blotchy patches
- usually first appears on the head or neck, before spreading outwards to the rest of the body
- is slightly itchy for some people



Go to A&E or phone 999 if:

You or your child have measles and:

- shortness of breath
- a high temperature that does not come down after taking paracetamol or ibuprofen
- is coughing up blood
- drowsiness
- confusion
- fits (convulsions)

Phone your GP urgently if:

- you think you or your child might have measles
- you've been in close contact with someone who has measles and you've not been fully vaccinated (had 2 doses of the MMR vaccine) or haven't had the infection before – even if you don't have any symptoms
- you've been in close contact with someone who has measles and you're pregnant – measles can be serious in pregnancy
- you have a weakened immune system and think you have measles or have been in close contact with someone with measles

If your GP is closed, phone 111.

You should phone your GP first before visiting. They can make arrangements to reduce the risk of spreading the infection to others.

