



Newsletter: 5th January 2024

Dear Families

Happy New Year, everyone! I hope you have all had a lovely break and are ready for the spring term. This is always the shortest term of the year – two half terms of 5 weeks each. I am looking forward to having more daylight hours; I am especially fed up now of the dark mornings!

Year 4 will be welcoming Miss Moore on Monday who will be working alongside Miss Burke until she begins her maternity leave the following week. Year 2 will be welcoming Miss Wahid on Monday who replaces Ms Costello. Mr Gunchala and I will be supporting them with their induction and to help familiarise them with our school procedures and policies. On behalf of the Deykin family, we welcome them both and hope they enjoy their time with us.

School Grid is back up and running now and you can order your children's meals again.

Enjoy the weekend and please support your children so that they are ready to return to school again on Monday.

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. This should be repaired within the next couple of weeks.
- 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

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:

Amaya – Year 5
Haval – Year 1
Abdalla – Year 5
Nubia – Year 3
Anaya – Year 6

Swimming

Children in Years 4 and 5 will be taking part in 10 days of intensive swimming. They will travel by coach, with two members of staff, to 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. For further information, please speak to your child's teacher. Thank you.

Year 5 – weeks beginning Monday 11th March and Monday 18th March

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

Both classes will have a 45 minute lesson each afternoon.

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.

Attendance

Reception – 68.6%

Year 1 – 85.56%

Year 2 – 97%

Year 3 – 80.84%

Year 4 – 87.93%

Year 5 – 88%

Year 6 – 97%

Well done to Years 2 and 6 who had the best attendance last week. 5mins extra playtime each day for both classes next week.

Many children were absent during the final week due to stomach bugs, coughs and colds. This has really hit our attendance hard. There are only 23 children in Reception and many of these have been poorly – this is why their attendance is so low.