## The Denton Playtime Project

## Did you know....

Children spend a significant part of their school day at play. In Key Stage One nearly 1/4 of the school day is spent on the playground whilst at Key Stage Two an hour and fifteen minutes is spent outside every day.

Playtimes can have an impact on how children engage in subsequent lessons and we know positive playtimes can really help children to form good relationships and to enter their classroom environment settled and ready to learn.

At Denton we are committed to making playtimes both purposeful and positive.







Friendship stops will be appearing on the playgrounds very soon. The children will be able to wait at the stop for a buddy to come and play with them.

This year the School Council have undertaken a project to review play time provision at Denton.

The councillors have worked with their classes to think about what is successful about playtimes and what could be improved.

The children have come up with some amazing ideas and we are working hard to put these into practice.

The School Council met with Mrs Wright (who looks after the Key Stage 1 playground) and Mrs Buss (who manages the Key Stage 2 playground) to share their ideas.

As a result you will see lots of new initiatives and resources to enhance our playtimes.

## Can you help us?

Following feedback from the children we are trying to develop the opportunities for quiet play at playtimes. We would be really grateful for any donations of small dolls, toy cars, characters or craft activities such as loom bands. We are making activity boxes for the children to access in the quiet areas. Donations can be brought to Mrs Dicksee in the Nursery and then they will be sorted by the School Council. Thankyou.