

# Denton C.P. School

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# **Better Never Stops**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Term 3 and Happy New Year! I hope that you all had an enjoyable time over the festive season. This newsletter provides you with some key dates for the next few months, as well as up-dating you concerning some other aspects of school life.

### Term 3 dates

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January-Cross Country Competition at Seahaven Academy for Key Stage Two children; further details coming shortly from Mr Walsh.
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January-Whale Class Assembly 9.10am.

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January-Starfish Class Assembly 9.10am. Open Morning for Governors. Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January-Open Morning for Governors.

Thursday 4th February-Turtle Class Assembly 9.10am.

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February-Safer Internet Day (*Play your part for a better internet*). Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February-Penguin Class Assembly 9.10am. Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February-Term 3 ends.

### Term 4 dates

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February-Term 4 begins for children. Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> February-Octopus Class Assembly 9.10am.

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> February-Year 2 Music Enrichment Day; further details tbc. Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March-Seahorse Class Assembly 9.10am. World Book Day.

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March-Parent Consultations 3.30-5.30pm; details to follow. Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> March-Dolphin Class Assembly 9.10am. Parent Consultations 5.30-7.30pm.

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> March-Parent Consultations 4.00-6.00pm. Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March-Lobster Class Assembly.

Thursday 24th March-Puffin Class Assembly. Term 4 ends.

Monday 11th April-INSET day; school closed for children.

Tuesday 12th April-Term 5 begins for children.

Year 6 SATs week commences on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May 2016. Year 2 SATs are undertaken throughout May. Year 1 Phonics Screening Week commences Monday 13<sup>th</sup> June. No holiday/absence requests can be considered for pupils during these times.

### **School Dinners**

Our school dinners cost £2.03 per day. School lunches are free for children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Please ensure that school lunches are paid for; the school cannot be expected to pay for dinners for children. Also, please ensure that your child is not spending their dinner money on tuck at breaktime; this has become a problem recently with some of our Key Stage 2 pupils!

Thursday 21st January will be our next school dinner Sticker on a Plate Day; your child's plate could feature a prize-winning sticker...!

# **Data Collection**

Shortly you will be receiving a Data Collection Form from our School Office. We want to ensure that we have the correct contact details for you. Recently we have had difficulty in contacting some of our parents because we have not been provided with up-to-date mobile phone numbers, for example. We need to be able to contact our parents/carers in the event of an emergency. Please complete the forms promptly to ensure that we have all of the information that we need. Thank you for your support.

### School Uniform

Thank you for getting your children ready for Term 3. We want our children to wear our school uniform; we want them to be appropriately dressed for school. Please ensure that your child is wearing black shoes. We would ask that they are not wearing canvas shoes for school. The recent heavy rainfall and predicted cold weather mean that canvas shoes are not suitable for the children; they offer no protection in bad weather. Please ensure, too, that your child has their PE kit in school. Thank you.

## Attendance/Punctuality

For Term 2 114 of our pupils attended school every day. We are committed to raising attendance at Denton CP School and will be continuing with our cinema voucher initiative, for example. Every term every child who has 100% attendance is entered into a draw to win £20 of cinema vouchers. We are concerned about some of our children's attendance, and we will be contacting some parents about this. Also, we are concerned that some of our children are late for school too often. We understand that sometimes children are late due to unforeseen circumstances or because they are facing particular challenges. However, we are concerned about our regular latecomers. We will be continuing to work with the Local Authority's Education Support, Behaviour and Attendance Service; we will be carrying out late sweeps this term, for example.

#### Football Success

Congratulations to our Year 5/6 football team who won the local Football League last term. A big thank you to Mr Waslh for all of his hard work.

Ms C Yapp-Head Teacher