

Newsletter

Spring Term 4 Week 5

Friday 28th March 2025

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Kind
Resilient
Respectful



A huge thank you to Seahorse class who treated us to a wonderful assembly on Thursday. Speaking of year 2, this week we have two children from Seahorse class who wanted to be part of our pupil voice section – see below. The children in year 1 and 2 then enjoyed a visit to the local church as part of their RE learning. They demonstrated our values at all times and were excited to tell me about their visit to a special place in their local area.

Our dance club children are very excited about their upcoming performance at the Congress Theatre in Eastbourne next Wednesday. We wish them the best of luck and I look forward to cheering them on.

Finally a huge thank you to the FADS for organising a lovely Mother's Day Event in school on Friday.

Denton Football – UPDATE

It was yet another win for the football team with an impressive 7-1 victory over Cradle Hill. Fantastic debuts were made by Mary and Billie. Some excellent goals scored by: Dylan (3), Billie, Louie, Solly and Teddy. We are so proud of you all! The whole football team were applauded in whole school assembly this morning.

The Denton Voice - #WeAreDenton

This week we hear from two lovely children in year 2 who want to talk about our OPAL playtimes. Thank you Erdem and Noah from Seahorse class for taking the time share their thoughts.

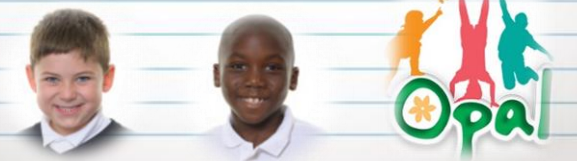
Chris Cotterill – football coach

Today we said thank you and goodbye to Chris the football coach. Chris has been coaching at Denton for 18 years and today was his last session. He has made the decision to spend time with the family and enjoy some time off. We wish him all the best for the future. The school is in contact with a group of parents who have come forward about how we can continue football on a Friday for our children.

"At playtime we get to explore all of our school. It's like an adventure each time we go outside. Our favourite places are the bike area and the sand pit. There is always so much equipment to play with such as: bikes, teddies, dinosaurs and things to dig in the sand like buckets and spades. We never get bored.

Our playtimes are 10 out of 10!"

Noah & Erdem



Celebration Assembly – Friday 28th March

These children were recognised in whole school assembly for their over and above learning this week.

Reception – George Aldridge

Year 1 – Riley Sandalls

Year 2 – All of Seahorse class!

Year 3 – Harry Blick

Year 4 – Sienna Lawrence

Year 5 – Mariela Medina McMurray

Year 6 – All of Whales class!



Our attendance for **this week:**

Whole school: 93.5%

Reception: 90.6%

Year 1: 97.4%

Year 2: 98.8%

Year 3: 92.4%

Year 4: 88.8%

Year 5: 92.7%

Year 6: 94.6%

Attendance Matters



Parent WhatsApp Groups

It has come to the school's attention that discussions about staff members have taken place in parent WhatsApp groups. While these groups can be a fantastic way to share information, we kindly ask that all discussions remain respectful and constructive. Please remember that social media, including WhatsApp groups—whether public or private—should not be used to voice complaints or concerns about the school, staff, parents, or pupils. If you have concerns, we encourage open communication through the appropriate channels outlined below. We appreciate your support in fostering a positive school community.

Who to talk to?

It's always useful to remind everyone what to do if you have a concern regarding your child's learning or experience in school.

In the first instance we encourage all parents and carers to approach the class teacher if they wish to discuss their child's learning. All teachers are available on the playground or gate at the end of the day or you can email the school office to make an appointment. We kindly ask that you avoid speaking with teachers at the start of the day as they are keen to get in the classroom and begin the days learning with your children.

Next if you're not satisfied you can make an appointment to speak with Mrs Hancock (SENCO), Mrs Reffell (Assistant Headteacher), Mrs Turner (Assistant Headteacher) or Miss Blotz (Deputy Headteacher). After this stage, you are welcome to make an appointment to speak with Mr Doody (Headteacher). For more information, please do read our Complaints Policy & Procedure which is available on our school website.

Become involved...

There are lots of ways you can have an impact on the school community and a great way to do this is support our PTA group – The Friends & Associates of Denton School (FADS). FADS is an active and supportive group of parents and friends of the school, who arrange events for the pupils and their families. If you wish to become actively involved in FADS please contact Mrs C Norris (Chair of the committee) via email on: FADS@denton.e-sussex.sch.uk

We also have representatives from our parent community on our governing body. Becoming a parent governor is a rewarding opportunity to give back to your local community and use your skills and experience to ensure that pupils get the best possible education. We do not currently have any parent vacancies but will write to our families should a space become available.

Term Dates (2024 – 2025)

Term 4: Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April
Easter Holiday: Monday 7th April to Friday 18th April

Term 5: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May
Bank Holiday – Monday 5th May
May half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

Term 6: Monday 2nd June to Tuesday 22nd July
Monday 21st July – INSET day
Tuesday 22nd July – INSET day

All INSET days have now been set for this academic year.

[East Sussex have published term dates for next year \(2025-2026\)](#)

Key Dates

Wednesday 2nd April – Let's Dance (7:00pm)

Thursday 3rd April – Dolphins Assembly (9:00am)

Friday 4th April – Year 4 Plumpton College Trip

Friday 4th April – Year 6 London Trip

Friday 25th April – FADS Golden Ticket Chocolate Fundraiser (after school)

Thursday 1st May – Class Photographs

Thursday 8th May – Outdoor Classroom Day – more info to follow

NEW! Saturday 7th June - Denton Community Challenge Summer Fair (1:00 – 5:00pm)



Before you throw out any old items please consider donating them to our OPAL playtimes.
We're looking for...

Cardboard boxes

Cuddly Toys

Fabrics - all shapes and sizes

Metal pots, pans, trays etc - specially catering sizes

Old clothes, jackets, overalls, hats, bags

Old household appliances, hoovers, fax machines, microwaves etc

Bikes, Scooters, Wheels, Tyres

Sofa and chair cushions Suitcases - all sizes

Tubes of all kinds

Carpet samples

Carpet squares

Guttering

Hoses

Brief cases

Buggies, push chairs

Bikes & Scooters



Lego & Building Blocks



Dressing up clothes



Small World





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VENUE

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BN25 4QW**

**Ages
6-12
years old**



**Participant will
be grouped
separately
(boys & girls)**



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Quintessential VE Day Themed
VILLAGE FETE

Saturday 10th MAY

1~4pm South Heighton Village Hall



Afternoon tea  *Homemade cakes*

POPCORN RAFFLE PLANTS KIDS GAMES CAKES FROM HONEY BAKES

COMPETITIONS TOMBOLA LUCKY DIP PIMMS BEER WINE

££££ Bring cash please ££££

Just for fun



Create Competition

A fun adult and children's competition, let your creative juices flow, only £1 per item entry. Prizes and certificates will be awarded.

For entry forms and guide, either email

shstrollingplayers@gmail.com

or pick one up from the Hampden Arms, South Heighton or phone 07963209610

Adult categories

- A potato rockstar (your pop idol made in veg)
- Any home-made handicraft item
- Posy of seasonal flowers in a jam jar.
- Artwork, drawing or painting
- Fruitcake, baked to 1940's recipe (recipe provided)

Children's categories

- Vegetable animal
- Picture of your pet, drawn, painted or collage.
- Small world in a shoebox, a model of your favourite scene or garden
- Three decorated cupcakes.
- Illustrated handwriting, copy the poem in your best handwriting then illustrate it. (poem provided)