

Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 Week 7

Friday 18th October 2024

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It is my absolute pleasure to write to you now as the substantive headteacher at Denton. Since arriving in September I have been overwhelmed by the warmth and glowing support from you all. I feel incredibly proud to be headteacher at Denton and look forward to working in partnership with you and the dedicated staff to make Denton an exceptional place for learning.

We were delighted to welcome families in this week to meet with their child's teacher. If you have not yet been able to make an appointment to speak with your child's teacher there might still be some availability left at our next session which is on Thursday 24th October.

Use this link to make an appointment - <https://dentonprimaryschool.schoolcloud.co.uk>

Best wishes for the weekend!

Matt Doody

Headteacher

Year 6 residential

Whales had a wonderful time on their residential this week. Although I know our families enjoyed the peace at home, I am sure you were happy to have them back. The children are looking forward to telling you about it in their class assembly on **Wednesday 23rd October at 9:00am.**



Class assemblies

A huge well done to Starfish class who were our 1st class assembly of the year. We loved your retelling of Henry VIII and his six wives. We look forward to welcoming the rest of you in on the following dates:
Wednesday 23rd October – Year 6
Thursday 24th October – Year 4
Thursday 7th November – Year 3
Thursday 14th November – Year 2
Thursday 21st November – Year 1

All assemblies are at 9:00am

Cup

Assembly



Teachers have begun inviting families to attend the end of term cup assembly. If you have one of the cups at home please can you return it to school asap.

The assembly will be on Friday 25th October at 9:00am

Celebration Assembly

Here are the children who were acknowledged in whole school assembly this morning!

Year 1: Brendan Blaiklock

Year 2: Lily-Rose Weaver

Year 3: Cooper-Jaxon South

Year 4: Florence Oakines

Year 5: Gracie Doyle

Year 6: All of Whales for such a positive PGL!



Reception will be joining us from term 2 onwards.

Amazing Attendance

Whole school: 96%

Reception: 93.1%

Year 1: 96.7%

Year 2: 100% WOW!

Year 3: 97.1%

Year 4: 96.8%

Year 5: 96.4%

Year 6: 89.7%



Attendance
Matters



Key Dates

All school dates are shared on the school calendar including when school holidays are.

Term 1

- Wednesday 23rd October – Whales (year 6) Class Assembly @ 9:00am
- Thursday 24th October – Parents' Evening 3:30 – 6:00pm
- Thursday 24th October – Turtles (Year 4) Class Assembly @ 9:00am
- Friday 25th October – Cup Assembly (9:00am)
- Friday 25th October - FADS Disco

Half term Monday 28th October to Friday 1st November

Term 2 starts on Monday 4th November

- Thursday 7th November – Penguins (Year 3) Class Assembly @ 9:00am
- 11th – 15th November – Anti Bullying Week
- Tuesday 12th November – Odd Socks Day (*school uniform but children wear odd socks*)
- Friday 15th November – Children in Need (*non-school uniform and bring £1 donation*)
- Thursday 14th November – Sea Horses (Year 2) Class Assembly @ 9:00am
- Tuesday 19th November – New Reception (Sept 2025) Open Day (9:30am & 5:00pm)
- Thursday 21st November – Dolphins (Year 1) Class Assembly @ 9:00am

Christmas performances (timings to be confirmed)

- Wednesday 4th December – EYFS Nativity
- Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance
- Friday 13th December – Year 3 to 6 Christmas Performance
- Friday 20th December – Christmas Panto!

Please be aware that not all INSET days have been arranged yet.

Breakfast club update

Today I wrote to all families with an update regarding our breakfast club provision. I know many of our parents and carers are anxious following the news that the breakfast club provider are withdrawing their service at half term.

Following on from my letter this morning, I had a positive meeting this afternoon with a company called [Junior Adventures Group](#). They would like to survey our families to assess the demand in the area for both before and after school childcare. They did state that the earliest they would be able to accommodate any provision would be January 2025.

I will write to you next week with an update on the matter and also provide you with the opportunity to respond to the survey.

Year 3 Stone Age Day

The children in year 3 had the most fantastic day of learning about their current topic. I can't believe how much they managed to squeeze into one day. They've tried carving and weaving. They have even seen an original iron age fire lighter and even seen how to make a fire from flint. A huge thank you to our families for their contributions towards the cost of the experience. Also thank you for all your hard work in transforming the children into authentic stone age people.

They really did immerse themselves into a wonderful day of learning which I know they will want to speak to you about tonight.



Aggressive behaviour

Unfortunately, we have had some isolated incidents over the past few weeks where one or two parent/carers collecting their children from school have become verbally aggressive towards staff.

At Denton we have the right to come to work without the fear of being threatened or verbally abused. It also makes for an unpleasant atmosphere for the rest of our parent community who are collecting their children.

We understand that people become angry when they feel matters are not being dealt with. However our staff will always try to act in the child's best interest and do our best to resolve issues. If this anger escalates into aggression towards our staff, we consider that unacceptable.

We adopt a zero tolerance approach to any anti-social, abusive, aggressive or violent behaviour towards our staff. Any person who behaves in such a way may be reported to the police and banned from the school premises.

A copy of our parent code of conduct can be found on our website - <https://www.dentonprimaryschool.co.uk/policies>

Thank you to the overwhelming majority of our families who support our staff and work in partnership with the school to provide the best care and education for our amazing children.

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Support for families

We have been recommended the following charities who provide support for parents and carers who might be finding times difficult.

<https://spurgeons.org/>

<https://www.dad.info/>

NHS
East Sussex
School Health Service

Aged 11 to 19?
Or parent/carer of a child or young person aged 5 to 19 years old?

Speak to a school nurse in person.
Tuesdays and Thursdays
10am to 3 pm
and 6 to 9pm
Click <https://nhs.uk/east-sussex-school-health>
or text
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YOU ARE INVITED TO FADS

HALLOWEEN SILENT DISCO

OCTOBER 25



N,R,YR1&2- 4PM-5PM

YR3,4,5,6- 5:30-6:30PM

TICKETS £4 EACH

INCLUDING HEADPHONE HIRE & UNLIMITED SQUASH
TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE ON THE NIGHT.

