

Newsletter

Autumn Term 1 Week 8

Friday 25th October 2024

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Just like that – it is half term. What a fantastic start we've had to the new academic year. In assembly this week I shared with the children our 'child friendly' school development plan and outlined the ways in which we are going to make Denton an even more exceptional place this year. I have included a copy of the plan at the back of my newsletter and would encourage you to have a read when you get a moment.

I wish you all a wonderful half term break. We look forward to seeing all the children back on Monday 4th November.

Matt Doody

Headteacher



A huge **thank you** to our wonderful FADS for organising the Spooky Silent Disco this evening.



After half term I wanted to make you aware of the events the school will be marking.

Armistice Day: the school will take part in a minute's silence at 11:00am on Monday 11th November. Poppies are available to purchase from the school office.



Class Assemblies

We were treated to some sensational assemblies this week. First, year 6 gave us a brilliant recount of their trip to PGL. Then, year 4 put on a magnificent performance filled with Egyptian facts and fun. Congratulations to all of the children!

Odd Socks Day: as part of Anti-Bullying week, on Tuesday 12th November we invite the children to wear **odd socks** with their **school uniform**. It is a day when schools join together to show that it's okay to be different and to stand up against bullying and discrimination.



Children in Need – on Friday 15th November the school will take part in Children in Need. The children can wear non school uniform and bring in a £1 donation. All money raised will be donated to the charity.



Cup Assembly

Here are the fantastic children who were acknowledged in our end of term CUP ASSEMBLY!

Year 1: Harriet Waudby

Year 2: Tommy Jones

Year 3: Ronnie Spicer

Year 4: Toby Foster

Year 5: Ava Needham

Year 6: Lewis Smith



Reception will be joining us for Celebration Assembly from term 2 onwards.

Your attendance matters and so do you

Our attendance for this week:

Whole school: 93.8%

Reception: 89.3% Year 1: 93.0%

Year 2: 94.3% Year 3: 93.5%

Year 4: 94.8% Year 5: 97.8%

Year 6: 95.5%

Key Dates

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

Half term is 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
- Monday 11th November – Armistice Day (poppies are available from the office)
- 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 / Last day of term 2

Christmas holidays are Monday 23rd December to Friday 3rd January

Term 3: Monday 6th January to Friday 14th February

Term 4: Monday 24th February to Friday 4th April

Friday 7th March – INSET day

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

Breakfast Club

Please refer to the letter sent out on 22nd October with an update to the school being able to provide a breakfast club after half term. **SportsCool** have written again to me to say they can now offer a full 5 days (Monday to Friday).

The booking system is live on their website: <https://sportscoolbrighton.schoolipal.co.uk/>

I would encourage families to [complete the survey](#) sent by Junior Adventures Group who are keen to explore if there is demand for both a before and after school club at Denton.

The Cove visit the Sealife Centre

As part of their topic, our children in the Cove had a trip to the Sealife Centre on Tuesday. They represented the school superbly and demonstrated our values for the whole day.

Message from the kitchen

Our kitchen staff would like to make you aware that after half term sandwiches will no longer be an option on the menu.

The new menu is at the end of the newsletter if you'd like to take a screen grab.

The School Day

A polite reminder that children should arrive in school no later than 8:50am. If you arrive after this time, please come through the school office. If you are needing to speak to the class teacher first thing in the morning, please be mindful they are starting to teach so if possible leave your query until the end of the day. Alternatively, you can email the office who will gladly pass a message on.

Gates open and children arrive from 8.30am

Registration starts: 8.50am

Registration closes: 8:55am

End of the school day: 3.10pm (3:00pm for Nursery)

Congratulations to **Teddy Finch (Year 6)** who has been selected to represent Sussex County at football. Teddy made it through a trial involving 250 other local children. A tremendous achievement and we are all so proud of him!

Our plans to make Denton exceptional this year!

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Quality of Education

There will be an extra special focus on developing your writing and encouraging you to use the new vocabulary you learn.

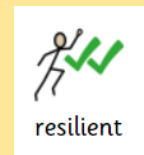
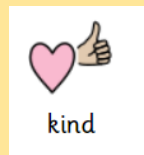
You'll notice lots of challenges that really stretch your learning and make your brains grow!



Behaviour & Attitudes

We'll be looking out for those children who **always show our values** and behave exceptionally well.

There will be opportunities for you to share what makes you **feel positive** about school and your learning.

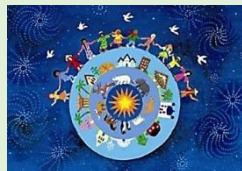


Personal Development

Just you wait...our playtimes are going to be INCREDIBLE.

It's not just in your classroom we want your learning to be exceptional. We want to give you all lots of exciting trips, visitors and experiences to widen your curriculum.

"And not forgetting to support our wider community too" Edie (Deputy School Council Leader)



Leadership

Every one of us can be a leader in something.

We're helping all the teachers develop their leadership skills and who knows we might even recruit some of you to help us!



Early Years

For our youngest children we have big plans to make the learning environment extra special and that all the adults working with you will be the best they can be!



WEEK 1

W/C: 04/11, 25/11, 16/12, 06/01, 27/01, 10/03, 31/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Macaroni Cheese ● Cheesy macaroni pasta	Classic Beef Burger A classic beef burger served with tomato ketchup and potato wedges	Roast Gammon Succulent roast gammon served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	BBQ Chicken Oven roasted chicken baked in a BBQ sauce served with rainbow rice	Fish Fingers Crispy fish fingers and scrummy chips
JACKET POTATO	Cheesy Bean Burrito ● ● ● A cheesy veggie mince and bean burrito	Quorn Burger ● A yummy vegetarian burger in a bun served with tomato ketchup and potato wedges	Roast Quorn ● A tasty vegetarian roast served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Meatless Feast Cheesy Pizza ● ● Plant based meatballs on a cheesy pizza served with nut-free pesto pasta	Veggie Fingers ● Tasty vegetables in a breadcrumb coating served with scrummy chips
JACKET POTATO	Jacket Potato ● ● with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potato ● ● with a choice of hot and cold fillings including Salmon Mayonnaise ●	Jacket Potato ● ● with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potato ● ● with a choice of hot and cold fillings	Jacket Potato ● ● with a choice of hot and cold fillings
Tomato Pasta Fresh, homemade tomato sauce with penne pasta ● ● ● ● ●					
All main meals are served with two vegetables					
DESSERT	Wibble Wobble Jelly	Honey Oat Cookie with Fruit Slices ●	Rice Pudding with Jam	Flapjack with Fruit Slices ●	Chocolate Ice Cream

WEEK 2

W/C: 11/11, 02/12, 13/01, 03/02, 24/02, 17/03



	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOT MAINS	Vegetable Fajita ♻️ A bean, tomato and vegetable fajita served with wholegrain rice	BBQ Meatball Pasta Bake Beef meatballs and pasta baked in a tomato and BBQ sauce topped with cheese	Roast Pork Succulent roast pork served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Cottage Pie ♻️ A tasty cottage pie served with tasty gravy	Fish Fingers Crispy fish fingers and scrummy chips
JACKET POTATO	Macaroni Cheese ♻️ Cheesy macaroni pasta	Quorn Sausages ♻️ Yummy Quorn sausages served with mashed potato and tasty gravy	Cheese & Onion Pastry Bake Cheese, onion and potato in a puff pastry case served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy	Cheese and Tomato Pizza ♻️ ♻️ Cheesy tomato topped pizza slice served with nut-free pesto pasta	Quorn Dippers ♻️ Crispy Quorn dippers and scrummy chips
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DESSERT	Crunchy Chocolate Mousse	Apple and Cinnamon Sponge ♻️	Wibble Wobble Jelly	Orange Drizzle Cake	Chocolate Cookie with Fruit Slices ♻️

WEEK 3

W/C: 18/11, 09/12, 20/01, 10/02, 03/03, 24/03



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

HOT MAINS

Cheese and Tomato Pizza 🌱 🌱
Cheesy tomato topped pizza served with nut-free pesto pasta

Pork Sausages
Pork sausages served with mashed potato and tasty gravy

Roast Chicken
Succulent roast chicken served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy

Chicken and Vegetable Korma 🌱 🌱
A mild and tasty chicken and vegetable curry served with wholegrain rice

Fish Fingers
Crispy fish fingers and scrummy chips

Red Lentil Dhal 🌱 🌱
A mildly spiced lentil and coconut milk curry served with wholegrain rice

Vegetarian Bolognese 🌱 🌱 🌱
A tasty vegan mince and vegetable bolognese served with wholewheat pasta

Roasted Vegetable and Cranberry Slice 🌱
Tasty vegetables and cranberry sauce in a puff pastry casing served with fluffy roasties and tasty gravy

Tomato and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake 🌱 🌱 🌱
With a cheesy topping

Cheese and Sweetcorn Omelette 🌱
A yummy vegetarian omelette served with chips

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DESSERT

Chocolate Beet Brownie with Fruit Slices 🌱

Bread and Butter Pudding with Custard

Sicilian Lemon Cookie with Fruit Slices 🌱

Vanilla Ice Cream

Lemon Shortbread