

## Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 2

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November 2024

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Kind  
Resilient  
Respectful



### Ofsted, odd socks and lots of Pudsey bears...

Well that was an exciting week! On Tuesday and Wednesday we had our visitor from Ofsted. Mr Thomas spent two days visiting classrooms, talking to our school community and evaluating the quality of learning. He will now write up his findings and I look forward to sharing the full report with you all when we receive it in a few weeks time. The children were incredible and a credit to you and your families. They really did rise to the occasion to show Denton at its best.

On Tuesday the school participated in Odd Socks Day as part of Anti-Bullying week. The theme this year was 'Choose Respect' and the children came up with so many ways in which our values and ethos promote respectful attitudes and tolerance towards others.

Then on Friday the children have all donated to Children in Need, providing an opportunity to raise money for a very worthy cause. All in all a truly successful week.

The children deserve a well-earned rest this weekend...as do all the staff. Happy Friday! 😊

Matt Doody

Headteacher

### UK Parliament Week (18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov)

As part of our work with the children on British Values next week the school is getting involved in UK Parliament Week. On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November, our local MP James MacCleary is coming to visit Denton. He will be having a tour of the school and speaking with the children in year 5 & 6 about his role and career path to becoming an MP alongside the importance of democracy. The children have got lots of questions lined up for him.

You can find out more about UK Parliament week at <https://www.ukparliamentweek.org/en/>

### Celebration Assembly

Here are the fantastic children who were acknowledged in our celebration assembly this morning.

Year 1: Tilly Stevens

Year 2: All of Seahorse class!

Year 3: Lyric-Blue Jewell

Year 4: Evie Woodcock

Year 5: Ethan Rowe

Year 6: Dylan Merrick



### Attendance Matters



Good attendance at school is important so that children do not miss out on their learning. Did you know that when teachers plan their lessons, each lesson builds on the previous one? So if a child misses 1 or 2 lessons a week, they will find the work much harder as they will be developing gaps in their knowledge.

Here are our attendance numbers for this week:

Whole school: 95.8%

Reception: 98.8%

Year 1: 98.5%

Year 2: 99.6%

Year 3: 98.3%

Year 4: 88.9%

Year 5: 94.6%

Year 6: 91.6%

## Key Dates

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

- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November – New Reception (Sept 2025) Open Day (9:30am & 5:00pm)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November – Dolphins (Year 1) Class Assembly @ 9:00am
- Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – FADS Beetle Drive 3:15 – 5:00pm

Christmas performances **\*information about tickets will be coming out next week\***

- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December – EYFS Nativity 9:30am
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am & 1:45pm
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 to 6 Christmas Performance 9:30am & 1:45pm
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Panto – funded by the FADS

Christmas holidays are Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

Term 3: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

Term 4: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – INSET day

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

## Library visit – term 2

Each class will be visiting Newhaven Library during Term 2. This will give children the opportunity to get to know our local library and offer them the chance to borrow up to 2 books during the visit. You will have been sent a letter providing you with details about the trip. Please can you complete the permission slip and return it to the school office asap.

We are hoping these visits to the library become a regular occurrence in our work to make links with our wider community, whilst also supporting children having a greater variety of reading resources in their homes.

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November

10.00am - Year 2

11.15am - Year 6

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November

1.00pm - Year 4

### Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November

10.00am - Year 3

### Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November

10.00am - Year 1

11.15am - Year 5

## The Denton Choir

A huge well done to our fantastic Denton Choir who sang as part of a Remembrance Service at the local church last Sunday. The children gave a short performance in whole school assembly as they are stepping up preparations for their big show at the Brighton Centre as part of the One True Voice festival in December. They are such a talented group of children and I know Mr Kettle is looking forward to the big show.

## Update from the FADS

Snowman Drive – Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November

Tickets are now on PTA Events

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/dentonfads/>

Tickets are £2 each for adults/children and there is a free ticket option for babies and younger siblings that won't play.





# SNOWMAN DRIVE

ROLL THE DICE AND  
BUILD A SNOWMAN

FRIDAY 29TH NOVEMBER 3.15-5PM

Win  
Prizes

Family  
Fun



JOIN US FOR A FAMILY AFTERNOON IN THE  
SCHOOL HALL £2.00 PER PERSON

TUCK SHOP AVAILABLE

### What is a Snowman Drive?

Each table will have a dice and players will take it in turns to roll the dice to collect parts of their snowman! You must score a five to draw the upper body before you can draw the scarf, arms, buttons and head similarly you must score a 6 to draw the head before you can draw the hat. You need to draw snowman parts by rolling the correct number as shown, you will have to roll two separate 3's as there are two arms, two separate 5's as there are two body parts and 4 separate 4's as there are 4 buttons.

The first person to complete a full snowman shouts "SNOWMAN" and scores the maximum 11, everyone else needs to count how many parts they have drawn to calculate their score. Play then restarts.



**HAT (1)**



**SCARF (1)**



**ARMS (2)**



**BUTTONS (4)**



**BODY (2)**



**HEAD (1)**

Score 1

Score 2

Score 3

Score 4

Total Score