

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 3

Friday 22nd November 2024

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Kind
Resilient
Respectful



After the excitement of our visitor last week it has been a much more 'normal' week at Denton. The children have started rehearsing for their Christmas performances taking place in December. A letter about tickets was shared this week. If you would like to purchase a ticket to watch your child's performances please come and speak with Mrs Vidler in the school office.

On Tuesday we welcomed some new faces to Denton as we showed round prospective parents for Reception children starting in September 2025. As always, our children did a marvellous job of showing our school for the warm and welcoming place that we know it is. From listening to the families visiting it is clear the positive reputation that Denton has in the community and I felt very proud to show everyone around the school.

A final reminder to those parents requesting wraparound childcare to complete the [short online survey](#) from Pioneer Childcare. Unfortunately, it is one of those things that unless we have sufficient interest/demand then the company will not see us as a viable option so please encourage as many people to complete the survey as possible.

Best wishes, Matt Doody

Local MP Christmas Card – COMPETITION WINNER!

Denton was contacted by our local MP, James MacCleary who asked for a child in school to design his annual Christmas card. All children from reception to year 6 entered and our school council shortlisted 2 designs from each year group.

Congratulations to our overall winner – Matilda in year 3.

Her design was chosen by James and will now be printed and sent all over his constituency and beyond.

The children shortlisted were:

Reception: Robyn & Esme

Year 1: Amber & Harriet

Year 2: Teddy & Louise

Year 3: Ollie & Matilda

Year 4: Amy & Florence

Year 5: Jack & Jess

Year 6: Ruby & Carys

Medical Tracker

We recently wrote to families with an update on the way in which we communicate first aid incidents with you. We are aware there has been an issue in a small number of cases with notifications not being received or old email addresses being used. We are aware of this and have raised it with the company. Thank you for your patience whilst we iron out these slight hurdles. Please make sure the office has your up-to-date email address.

No celebration assembly this week. Instead, the whole school were treated to five incredibly talented musicians from **Create Music**.

The children were absorbed in the performance of a range of instruments and it was wonderful to see their faces when they recognised pieces of music from popular shows including: Star Wars, Wallace & Gromit and Home Alone.



Our attendance numbers for this week:

Whole school: 95.5%

Reception: 95.8%

Year 1: 95.4%

Year 2: 98.8%

Year 3: 99.2%

Year 4: 96.8%

Year 5: 94.4%

Year 6: 94.2%

Attendance Matters



Every Day Counts....

Key Dates

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

- Friday 29th November – FADS Beetle Drive 3:15 – 5:00pm
- Friday 20th December – Christmas Panto – funded by the FADS

Christmas performances – please come and speak with Mrs Vidler in the school office if you would like to purchase a ticket.

- Wednesday 4th December – EYFS Nativity 9:30am
- Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am & 1:45pm
- Friday 13th December – Year 3 to 6 Christmas Performance 9:30am & 1:45pm

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.

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.

Monday 25th November

10.00am - Year 3

Tuesday 26th November

10.00am - Year 1

11.15am - Year 5

Due to the heavy rain this week we will be rearranging trips for year 2, 4 & 6.

UK Parliament Week

This week the children have been discussing UK Parliament week and finding out about our British Value of democracy. On Monday the children in year 5 & 6 were visited by our local MP, James MacCleary. The children had prepared some really insightful questions to quiz the MP on his career and also the work he has planned to improve our local area. James was incredibly impressed with how mature the children presented themselves. As a result of our links with James we are hopeful that in the summer term we will be able to arrange for the children in year 6 to visit the Houses of Parliament.



OPAL – making exceptional playtimes

Our children love playtimes due to the wide range of equipment which supports them to use their imagination. As part of our school development plan we will be making our provision at playtimes even better throughout the year. Next week we will be writing to you with how you can get involved and help out.

If you're having a bit of a clear out before Christmas please don't take anything to the tip or charity shop just yet! Hold onto it and we'll be in touch next week.





**East Sussex
School Health Service**

The School Health Service takes over from the Health Visiting Service when a child is of school age.

Our nurse-led friendly team can help with:

- sleeping problems
- emotional health and wellbeing
- wetting the bed and day wetting
- healthy eating and healthy weight
- worries and troubles – including changing schools
- self care and hygiene
- referrals to other services for more complex health needs.



Please contact 0300 123 4062 or visit
www.eastsussexchildren.nhs.uk



Service provided by Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust

Lunch and Learn Online Workshops and In-person Family Hub Workshops with 'Me & My Mind'

Do you want to learn about children's mental health and how you can support your child with their wellbeing? If you do, these FREE webinars or our in-person small group workshops may be for you!

Lunch and Learn Webinars

How to support your child with worry and anxiety

Thursday 27th February 2025, 1pm, to 2pm

Wednesday 11th June 2025, 1pm to 2pm

How to support a worrying child with transition to secondary

Wednesday 21st May 2025, 1pm to 2pm

Small group in-person sessions

Supporting primary school children with anxiety and worry

Wednesday 2nd October 2024, 10am to 12pm @ Sidley Family Hub

Tuesday 8th October 2024, 10am to 12pm @ Uckfield Family Hub

Monday 27th January, 10am to 12pm @ Hailsham Family Hub

Thursday 30th January, 10am to 12pm @ Devonshire Family Hub

Wednesday 5th February, 12pm to 2pm @ Sidley Family Hub

Monday 10th February, 12:30pm to 2:30pm @ Peacehaven Family Hub

Monday 10th March, 12:30pm to 2:30pm @ Lewes Family Hub

Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available, and we will be providing activities to make some items to take home with you to do with your child/ren

For more info and to book scan the QR code or visit:



www.tickettailor.com/events/mentalhealthandwellbeingineducation

If you have any questions, please email
mhst.parentteam@eastsussex.gov.uk

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