

Newsletter

Autumn Term 2 Week 6

Friday 13th December 2024

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It has been a week of Christmas fun and performances at Denton. Our children in year 1 & 2 provided us with a recipe for festive joy in their wonderful Christmas story on Wednesday. On Friday, key stage 2 treated us to a 'Christmas Cracker' of a performance. The children were amazing and so confident with their singing. Thank you to everyone who attended the performances.

Next week the Christmas excitement continues with lots of events going on in school. On Wednesday we invite children to wear (if they would like to) their Christmas jumper / themed top along with their school uniform for the Christmas lunch. On Thursday we are having a whole school carol assembly with a special performance from our wonderful Denton choir. Finally, on Friday it is PANTO time – 'Santa to the rescue'.

Have a lovely weekend!

Matt Doody, Headteacher

A special visitor

A huge thank you to the FADS who arranged for a very special visitor to come to Denton on Wednesday. Father Christmas popped into each class and shared a special gift with the children.

If you would like to get involved with the FADS then please do [visit their page](#) and [contact them](#).



Support at Christmas.

The festive period is an incredibly exciting time for our young children but for some families this time of year can also have its challenges. East Sussex have some support groups who are here to listen and guide families if they are finding things tricky.

East Sussex 1 Space -

<https://1space.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

Family hubs -

<https://familyhubs.eastsussex.gov.uk/>

Exciting news about Denton Park.

See information attached at the end of the newsletter regarding the grand opening of Denton Park. The children will have just broken up for the Christmas holidays so it will be a great way to celebrate the start of the festive season as a community.



This week we were contacted by the local authority who informed us that our overall attendance for this term (95.6%) is **above** the East Sussex average (94.6%) and **above** the national average (95.3%). Thank you to everyone for supporting good attendance in school resulting in our children having every opportunity to succeed.

Our attendance this week:

Whole school: 95.8%	Reception: 92.7%
Year 1: 97.0%	Year 2: 98.4%
Year 3: 99.6%	Year 4: 98.5%
Year 5: 96.9%	Year 6: 92.1%

Attendance Matters



Last day of term – Friday 20th December

We recently wrote to all families giving them information about the last day of term. On Friday 20th December, the school will close at the slightly earlier time of 1:15pm. The children will have lunch in school and be registered as normal at 1.00pm. You will then be able to collect your children in the usual way at 1.15pm. The gates will be open from 1:05pm. There is no change to Nursery arrangements. If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and usually walks home independently from school, we will assume that this will remain the case unless we hear otherwise from you.

The children return after the Christmas break on Monday 6th January.

Key Dates

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch Day

Wednesday 18th December - Christmas Jumper Day (+ school uniform)

Friday 20th December – Christmas Panto – funded by the FADS

Friday 20th December – last day of term 2 (closing at 1:15pm)

Term Dates

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

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

February half term: Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February

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

Friday 7th March – INSET day

Easter Holiday: Monday 7th April to Friday 18th April

Term 5: Tuesday 22nd April to Friday 23rd May

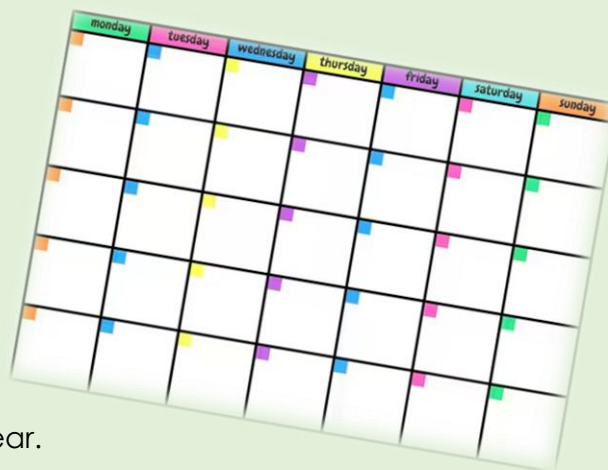
May half term: Monday 26th May to Friday 30th May

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.



OPAL – making exceptional playtimes

If you are having a clear out of items before the Christmas season please could you consider if they would be suitable to donate to school as part of our OPAL playtimes.

We are interested in any of the following:

- Small world items – lego / duplo / plastic figurines / building blocks / teddies / small toys
- Suitcases of any size and type
- Tools like spades, trowels, brooms and buckets for our sandpit
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials
- Nets and ropes
- Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators that are no longer working
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric/saris/curtains)
- Foam sheets / body boards
- Guttering / Pipes
- Scaffold boards
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)



Please bring any items to the front gate in the morning where a member of staff will gladly take them off your hands. **Thank you for your support!**



You're Invited!

Denton Play Park - Grand Opening

Friday 20th December, 1.30pm

Come along and join us at the Park for its grand opening and enjoy:

- a ribbon-cutting ceremony at 1.30pm
- a visit by Santa and his Friends
- the new play equipment and the re-vamped football and basketball areas

