

Denham Green Academy News

Dates this Term:

- **Wednesday 27th September-** Handwriting lesson for all parents/carers (8:45am in hall)
- **Wednesday 4th October-** Phonics for Reception, Year 1 and 2 parents (8:45am in hall)
- **Friday 6th October-** Harvest day- Come to school dressed as a farmer or scarecrow- bring in non-perishable goods.
- **Friday 13th October-** school photographs
- **Monday 6th November-** Open morning (9-11) for reception and year 3 places for September 2018.

Harvest

Friday 6th October

This year to celebrate harvest we are asking that children bring in non-perishable goods that we can donate to local charities. This includes tinned food, dried pasta and dried rice. If children can bring in these goods on Friday 6th October that would be greatly appreciated.

We would also like children to come in dressed as farmers, scarecrows and other costumes related to harvest and farming on Friday 6th so we can celebrate harvest in school on this day.

Creepy-Crawlies

I'm afraid nits are back already this term. For us to eradicate nits we all need to be checking our children's hair regularly and informing the office so we are aware. Also one of the ways to stop nits being spread is for hair to be tied up. Therefore please can we ask that hair is tied up where it can be to try and stop nits spreading in school.

Thank you for your help with this.

Fun Friday

A reminder for all parents/carers of children in reception we are offering sessions on Friday morning to come and join in with literacy and numeracy lessons. Please sign up for this in the school office.

Due to space issues we cannot accommodate any younger children e.g. babies or toddlers for these sessions.

House Captains

You may or may not be aware that we run a house point system in the school where all the children are divided into one of our houses which are named after the elements. We call house points in the school elemental points (or EP for short).

We are delighted to announce this years House Captains. (All in year 6)

Earth: Yaqoob

Fire: Holly

Air: David

Water: Eloise

All children in year 6 were given the opportunity to nominate themselves as house captains. They had to give a speech to all the children across the school in their house. All children then voted for their house captain.

A huge congratulations to the children above, but also to all the Year 6 children who put themselves forward for this opportunity.

We shall be nominating a head girl and head boy over the next few weeks so please do encourage all children in year 6 to apply for this position by writing a letter to Mrs Flannigan about this role and why they feel they would be suited to this position.

BREAKFAST CLUB

A reminder that Breakfast club now starts at 7.45am—8.30am.

Children must arrive by 8.20am.

The cost is £1 per child.

Parent Sessions

Do not forget about the parent sessions we are offering over the next two Wednesdays.

Next week is a handwriting lesson where we will teach you our handwriting style and will get you to have a go. Come along and have a bit of a fun.

This session is open for all parents/carers of children in the academy.

On Wednesday 4th October we are demonstrating our phonics teaching for parents/carers of pupils in reception, year 1 and year 2. We will teach you the scheme and you will see a phonics session being taught.

UNIFORM

We now have all items of uniform for sale in the office, however we are still waiting for the book bags to arrive.

Please Remember to put names on ALL items of uniform.

LOST PROPERTY

Please check the lost property box if you have missing items.

A tablet was left at school at the end of last term. If this belongs to you, please call in to the office to describe it so we can return it to the rightful owner.

After School

Clubs

All clubs are now up and running. We have tried to offer as many clubs as we can and recognise that some children were disappointed if they did not get into the club they wanted. These children will be placed on the waiting lists.

We are hoping to possibly introduce more clubs as the term goes on including Jazzercise and Tennis, depending on the response from parents interest in these.

All clubs finish at 4:20 and we would really appreciate if parents/carers can be punctual to collect their children.

If a child misses two clubs in a row then their place will be given to someone on our waiting lists.

Parent Meetings

All parent meetings have now taken place across the academy and I would like to say a big thank you to those who attended. The figures of parental attendance at these meetings is below.

If you were unable to make the meeting please try to re-arrange with the class teacher.

Reception: 92%

Year 1: 70%

Year 2: 30%

Year 3: 45%

Year 4: 19%

Year 5: 28%

Year 6: 12%

100% Reception

In Literacy we are finding out about how to keep healthy. We are writing a shopping list and ordering the magnetic letters for our names.

In Numeracy we are exploring number patterns.

In Topic we are visiting the woods next to us to explore.

Please sign up for one of our "Fun Fridays".

Thank you to all of you who came to Meet the teacher.

Whole school Attendance this week:

97.4%

Whole School Attendance from 1.9.2016:

96.8%

98.3%

Year 3

In Numeracy we have been finding 100s, 10s and 1s in numbers. We have been adding numbers to blank number lines.

In Topic we have designed safe homes using less flammable materials.

98.4% Year 4

In Literacy we have looked at the different Cinderella stories and acting out our own role play.

In Numeracy we have been looking at rounding numbers to 10, 100 & 1000.

In Topic we have been looking at teeth and we made play dough teeth.

We also had Roald Dahl day, we made a song about James Mourious Medison and we made poison and chocolate cakes.

94.7% Year 1

In Literacy we have been reading "Bears in the night" by Stan and Jan Berenstain. Year 1 acted out the story and then wrote their own version.

In Numeracy we have been showing off our counting skills by counting up to 100! We have filled in missing numbers and counted backwards from 50!

This week we learnt about our families and drew a family tree. We have also been looking at where we live.

95.5% Year 3

In Literacy we have been writing stories where the character's names use alliteration—based on some of Roald Dahl's characters e.g. Grandpa George.

In Numeracy we have been focussing on addition and subtraction that focuses on changing one column eg adding 80 or 2 or 300.

In Topic we have been creating songs for stone age babies.

We used "X-ray goggles" to create some good news stories.

97.6%

Year 6

In Literacy we have been planning and writing stories about "Street Child".

In Numeracy we have been doing work on prime numbers and factors. We had to pick a pair of prime numbers to make a factor.

In Topic we have been doing a lot of work on Industrial Britain and the objects they used.

97.7%

Year 5

In Literacy we have been comparing "War Games" and "The Christmas Truce" which are about the same event. Using symbols to write "The Christmas Truce".

In Numeracy we have been looking at the place value of digits. Ordering and adding 10s, 100s, 1000s.

In Topic we have been looking at individual people involved in WW1.

In Science we have been experimenting with mixture. How can we separate materials?