



Denton West End School

Newsletter

November 2020



Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. We would like to welcome some new pupils to our school; Cameron and Tyler Artingstall, Olatokunba Akin-Omotunde and Thomas Darby. We hope they will soon feel settled and make new friends.

We also welcome two teaching students and a new member of staff, Miss Kyne.

Telephone Calls

As you know we couldn't have our usual Meet the Teacher event because of COVID 19. The staff worked hard to contact all parents and discuss any concerns or queries you may have had. We hope this was really useful. We would like to say thank you to all the messages of support we received through these calls.

School Charity

Every year the children in key stage two have the opportunity to choose a charity and then present to their class. The winner from each class then presents to the whole school in an assembly. Children from Y1 to Y6 then vote on their preferred charity. This is part of our British Values curriculum which teaches the children about democracy. It also gives our children a pupil voice as the decision is completely up to them.

We are unable to do this in the same way this year as we cannot have whole school assemblies. Teachers have discussed this with their classes and they have decided to continue supporting Manchester Children's Hospital. This is because our fundraising for the charity was cut short last year due to school closures. I'm sure you will agree this is a very worthwhile cause.

Remembrance Day

On Wednesday 11th November children may come to school wearing a poppy or red top/jumper. Please wear usual school trousers or skirts. We will be holding 2 minutes silence at 11 o'clock. Children from the uniformed organisations may come to school in their Beaver, Cub, Scout, Rainbow, Brownie or Guide uniforms.

Children in Need

On Friday 13th November, children may come to school with the t-shirts, head bands etc. to support the event. Please wear usual school trousers or skirts. No donations will be required. We will be having a fun day in school.

Anti-bullying Week

This will be held throughout the week starting on the 16th November. Children may come to school in odd socks on Monday 16th November to mark the start of the week. We will be sending home an Anti Bullying Leaflet that the school council have produced as a handy guide for parents and children. We will also be spending time during the week during our Relationships Education about what is meant by bullying, what to do and how to stay safe online.



Events so far

Even though many of our usual trips and activities have been postponed we have managed to stay very busy at school with lots of exciting events.

Y6 have had the Shakespeare workshop.

Y1 dressed up as tigers for the Tiger Who Came to Tea.

Y2 had a visit from Florence Nightingale.

Y6 completed their Bikeability course.

Y4 had a chocolate workshop.

We also held our skipping workshops this week throughout school.

We are able to do this in a COVID secure way by ensuring any visitors provide their risk assessments and follow our hygiene and social distancing rules.

Christmas Nativities

We are continuing to practise nativity plays in school in our year group bubbles. Parents in EYFS and KS1 will have received a letter about this. We will not be able to invite parents into school but we will produce a DVD at a small cost. A portion of this money will go to Manchester Children's Hospital. We are hopeful that these bubbles in school will not have to close so that they can go ahead.

We would normally have had several class assemblies by this time of the year. Again, this is not possible so instead each class will take it in turn to produce a short video of the activities they have covered in class so that we can share this with you through the website.



