



Denton West End School

Newsletter

May 2021



We would like to welcome Aryananda who joins us in Y6, Zainab who joins us in Y4, Khadija who joins us in Y2 and Ad-waith in Nursery. I am sure they will soon make friends at Denton West End.

Mr and Mrs Cooper

Staff and children would like to say an enormous thank you to Mr Cooper our afternoon caretaker and Mrs Cooper our cleaner. They are moving out of the area and in to pastures new. Their children have both attended this school and they have been connected with the school for well over fifteen years as parents and employees. They will be missed but we wish them very well in their new ventures.



COVID 19 Safety Measures

These continue as previously. We are expecting some updated guidance from the DfE towards the end of this month.

I would like to thank parents for helping us to stay open by:

- Wearing face masks on school premises
- Keeping your distance
- Dropping off and picking up children at the correct times
- Not congregating around gates
- Keeping children off school, and taking them for a test if they are showing any symptoms.

Please ensure at drop off and pick up times children are not running around the playground, mixing, playing on equipment or going onto the grassed areas. This helps us to ensure bubbles are kept separate.

Virtual Parents' Evenings

You should have received the letter about the arrangements for parents' evenings and how to book an appointment.

Do check in advance that you have access to a microphone, speaker and web browser. Ideally, you should also make use of a camera or webcam; a smartphone with a front-facing camera would also be suitable.

Finally, do make sure you have access to a good Wi-Fi signal and do not rely on 4G. Poor Wi-Fi connections can lead to loss of sound and connection.

A useful video is also on the website if you need further assistance on booking appointments under Newsletters and Letters.

Worry Wizard

Over the past few weeks children have been completing work on wellbeing through 'Worry Wizard'. This has been recommended by Tameside and helps children to talk about their worries, find their own strategies and help with their overall wellbeing. It will complement the work we will be doing in Wellbeing Week later this half term so that children can have healthy minds and healthy bodies.



Investors in Pupils

I am pleased to say that we have achieved the Investors in Pupils Award again. This gives children ownership of some decision making, helps them to feel knowledgeable about their school, informs them of who works in the school and helps them to feel that sense of pride and belonging. This is a real achievement as it has been hard to have a normal school day with current restrictions. Well done children!



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

Food4Life

We have also achieved our Gold standard healthy schools award for a third time. This supports our approach to healthy eating and oral hygiene. Thank you to all parents who make sure they send healthy packed lunches to school.



School Car Parks

Please could I remind you that car parks should not be used by parents at the start and end of the day? This is for safety reasons. We have had reports that a parent was reversing out of the carpark at home time and narrowly missed a child. The driver was then rude to the parent. This behaviour will not be tolerated at School. We expect parents to behave respectfully in front of the children. Thank you.

Events this Term

Virtual Parents' Evening- Wednesday 12th May and Thursday 13th May.

Wellbeing Week-starting on Monday 17th May. This will include lots of outdoor and sporting activities for the children.

Thursday 20th May- Term ends.