



## Newsletter Summer Term 2

9<sup>th</sup> June 2017

Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the Summer Term. We hope you all had an enjoyable break. This half term will be very busy with trips, sports day and transition to new classes!

### **Staffing**

The new arrangements for Y4 and Y5 are in place and working well. I would like to thank children and their parents for their continued support and understanding.

Mr Rawlinson's temporary contract has ended and we wish him well for the future.

We have appointed a new teacher for September. Miss Ahmed will be joining the school and we will have a chance to get to know her over the next half term as she will be covering some of the PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time for Y1, Y2 and Y3.

This means I can now confirm that the class teachers for September are as follows

YN	Mrs Thomson
YR	Mrs Deacon
Y1	Mrs Taplin
Y2	Miss Ahmed
Y3	Mrs Howgill
Y4	Miss Henderson
Y5	Mr Severn

Over this half term the children will have opportunities to meet their teachers and there will be a transition morning on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Behaviour**

We have recently reviewed and updated our school behaviour policy. A copy is attached and is also available for you to see on the school website. If you would like a paper copy please contact the school office. We hope that this policy will improve communication between school and home and help us continue to work together to reach the high standards of behaviour that we aim for in Denby Dale First and Nursery School.

### **Absences**

Please remember to report all absences to the school office by 9.15am on the morning of your child's absence. It is important that infectious illnesses are reported to school so that we can monitor any outbreaks.

Following the success of the Summer Fayre last year we have decided to do it all again and in order to promote the community spirit, this year we are planning on holding it on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July, 12pm-3pm so that we can also get involved in the fabulous Denby Dale Lions Scarecrow Festival.



We therefore need your help.

We are short of PTA volunteers so if you are able to get involved on the day or you are happy to help out with the planning and organising of the event then please, please get in touch.

We will be holding a PTA Summer Fayre meeting next Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June at 9am in the community room and we would love to see you there (refreshments will be available). It would be great if you could let us know if you are coming although you certainly will also be welcome to just turn up.

Please email to let us know of your interest on [parents@denbydale.education](mailto:parents@denbydale.education) or leave a message with the school office



Please hand any remaining vouchers in to the school office by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June.



Mrs Mansfield, Kirklees Music School, has spaces for recorder and woodwind lessons (flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone and bassoon). Lesson booking forms are available in the school office.

## Summer Term Topics and Activities



**Dragonflies** as we move into the final part of the Summer term, our initial focus will be farm life. The children will have the opportunity to explore our milking parlour in the water tray, began to categorise animals in the small world farm and develop role play situations with others using our small world figures. Outdoors, the children can engage in music and dance with “The Farmers in his Den” and “Old MacDonald Had a Farm”. We will finish this focus and consolidate the children’s understanding with a trip to Cannon Hall Farm, where the children will receive a guided tour of the farm and an opportunity to feed the animals. As the half term draws to a close, we will be preparing for the holidays with a large scale indoor beach for the children to enjoy and begin to introduce our “walking through the jungle” theme.



This half term the EYFS are going to do some work around animals and their upcoming trip to Cannon Hall. We are also learning about weight and money.

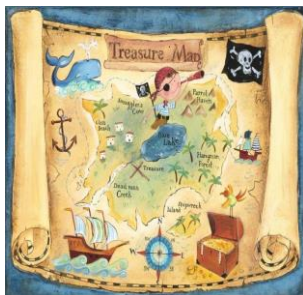
Reception will be considering recycling and how we can renew, reduce and recycle.

We love junk modelling and craft activities in FSU. If anybody has any craft sets/items that their children no longer want, please would you be willing to donate them to us? Also, we love used wrapping paper, birthday cards and ribbon/bows.

This half term the children in **Year 1** will continue to explore the outdoor environment in the school grounds and local area. We will be focusing on identifying, sorting and classifying different creatures (reptiles, amphibians, birds, fish, insects and mammals). We are also planning a trip to the Sculpture Park to work with an Artist exploring the work of different sculptures and making our own. Details will follow nearer the time.

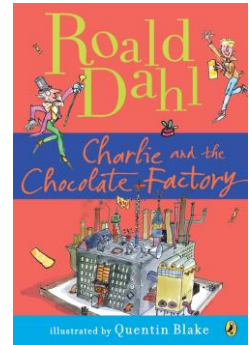


During this half term term **Year 2's** learning will be inspired by the topic "Healthy lifestyles". We will be learning about healthy eating in particular: "where does our food come from?" as well as how to prepare a healthy balanced meal. This is a great link to our trip on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July to Stirley Farm where the children will get a first-hand experience of selecting crops and creating a fresh healthy dish to take home. In P.E. we will be focusing on outdoor and adventurous activities, looking at the different skills needed and working as a team. Literacy and guided reading will focus on poetry and letter writing this half term. We will be looking at the different forms of writing and how to write for the correct purpose. Maths will be focused on number; looking at shape space and measure as well as extending our multiplication and division knowledge.



This term, weather permitting, Year 3 will continue using The Outdoor Classroom to support our learning. This will include maps and plans of the school grounds and following a map during a treasure hunt. We will continue to investigate parts of a plant and what plants need to grow, looking at habitats in the school grounds that do, and do not, provide these requirements. We do need to complete our science topic on Light and Shadow and when we have a beautifully sunny day we will once again be outside to do just that! In numeracy, in preparation for Year 4, we will be focussing on the 6 and 8 times tables, as well as investigating Shape and Space – hopefully we will be outside measuring in millimetres, centimetres and metres, and also borrowing the water trays to investigate capacity.

This half term's **Year 4** topic will be "chocolate". To introduce the topic, children will take part in a chocolate tasting session which will then lead into the children carrying out research and designing and creating their very own chocolate bar. In literacy we will be reading Roald Dahl's popular children's book "Charlie and the Chocolate Factory" as well as watching clips from the movie. The children will be writing descriptions of characters and settings from the story and will be using research techniques to research and produce a piece of non-fiction writing about the "bean to bar" process. In numeracy, we will be focusing on place value and the four operations. Some of the other fun and exciting things will include researching the history of chocolate dating back to the ancient society of the Mayans and exploring programming and coding using a variety of software.



This half term is a very busy and important one for **Year 5** and our theme is "Moving On". We will be looking at some of our personal memories of time spent at this school and we very much hope you will be able to join us in our final assembly when we can share some of our experiences with you. In literacy we are working on biographies and persuasive writing while in maths there is a focus on geometry and problem solving. We are learning the skills of orienteering in PE and are competing in a "Dragons Den" challenge as part of our Victorian topic. We are looking forward to our visit to Harry Potter Studios and making the most of our final weeks at Denby Dale First & Nursery School.

In **Out of School Club** for the final half term we have already taken a short trip over the Thorpes looking at plants and wildlife, which the children really enjoyed. Other activities will include Father's Day, teddy bears picnic, water fun day and a treasure hunt using maps created by themselves.



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# Extra Curricular Activities

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Monday	3pm-4pm	Dance Club	Years 2, 3 and 4
Tuesday	3-3.45pm	Gardening Club	All years
Thursday	lunchtime	Advanced Recorders	Years 3, 4 and 5
Thursday	3pm-4pm	Cricket	Years 4 and 5



## **Holiday Club**

Holiday club will be open to all age groups (2-5 years and 6-10 years) during the 6 week Summer holidays and booking forms can be obtained from the main entrance or by email to [parents@denbydale.education](mailto:parents@denbydale.education). Places will be limited, so please ensure your form is returned no later than Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June. Posters will be displayed around school.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jackie Wood'.

J Wood  
Head Teacher

## Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 13 June	Swimming Gala
Tuesday 13 June	KS2 Rounders Tournament
Tuesday 20 June	Year 3 Happy & Healthy Shelley College
Thursday 22 June	FSU Cannon Hall Trip
Monday 26 June	Year 5 Music Festival
Tuesday 27 June	Year 4 Get Active Shelley College
Tuesday 4 July	Cricket Tournament
Wednesday 5 July	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Saturday 8 July	Summer Fayre 12pm - 3pm
Tuesday 11 July	Year 5 Harry Potter Studios
Friday 14 July	Year 5 Leavers Assembly
Monday 17 July	Year 5 Transition week at Scissett Middle School
Wednesday 19 July	Year 2 Stirley Farm

## School closes

School and Dragonflies closed*	<b>Friday 21st July 2017, 3pm</b>
Dragonflies Holiday Club	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> July
Dragonflies closed Bank Holiday	Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> July to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
School and Dragonflies closed*	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> August 2017
School re-opens	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
School closes for ½ term	<u>Tuesday</u> 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2017
School and Dragonflies closed*	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
School re-opens	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2017
School and Dragonflies closes	<u>Tuesday</u> 31 <sup>st</sup> October 2017
Christmas Holiday Club	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2017
School and Dragonflies re-opens	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January