



Newsletter Summer Term 2

8th June 2018

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!

Dragonflies and Out of School Club Catering



We are extremely proud to announce that following a recent visit from Kirklees Environmental Health we have been awarded **LEVEL 5** Food Standards Agency rating! Thank you to parents and the children for your support and feedback and well done to the staff who have made this achievement possible.

Thank you to all the children who show fantastic sportsmanship when representing our school. A special mention to those who have taken part in the cricket, rugby and Cyclo-cross recently.

I'm looking forward to taking our teams to the Swimming Gala and rounders as well as the dance teams at the music festival and Shelley summer fare.

Thank you to all children who attend the clubs, it is great to see so much sporting enthusiasm and watch you all build on your sporting skills.



DENBY DALE DRAGONS P.T.A.

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 14th 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 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.

Please email to let us know of your interest on

parents@denbydale.education or leave a message with the school office

Absences

Please remember to report all absences to the school office by 9.15am on the morning of your child's absence. For safeguarding reasons if we do not hear from you we will phone contact numbers to make sure your child is safe. Please ensure that infectious illnesses are reported to school so that we can monitor any outbreaks.

EYFS

Thank you to all the parents that signed up to school sun cream. It still helps us greatly if you can send your children in, in the morning with sun cream already applied. This will be re-applied after lunch if they stay all day. Just a gentle reminder that when the weather is hot children need a named sun hat and sensible shoes.

Kirklees Libraries are excited to announce that this year's Summer Reading Challenge will start on Saturday 14th July. Aimed at children aged 4 - 11 years it is free to join and children can sign up at any Kirklees Library from 14th July onwards.

This year's theme is 'Mischief Makers' and is based on the much loved children's comic, The Beano.

Children have to visit the library at least 3 times over the course of the school summer holidays and must read at least 6 books to complete the challenge. They can collect a fun Beantown Map, stickers and prizes along the way and are awarded a certificate and medal if they complete the challenge.

The Summer Reading Challenge takes place annually in public libraries and has been shown to effectively combat the 'dip' which can occur in children's reading levels during their long absence from school over the summer. Kirklees Libraries will also be offering a range of children's events and activities during the summer holidays to complement the reading challenge.

Summer Term Topics and Activities



Dragonflies as we move into the final part of the Summer term, our initial focus will be transport with a particular interest in trains. This will begin with a trip to Kirklees Light Railway, where the children can enjoy a ride on the miniature train. We will be using this experience to develop language and problem solving skills throughout the setting. The children have the opportunity to explore our small world train track, engage in 'train ride' role play and experiment with creating tracks using paints. Photographs of our trip will be available for the children to share in our story area throughout the session, so that they can remember and talk about their experiences. As the half terms 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.'



During our last half term before the holidays we are focusing on Expressive Arts and Design in the **FSU**. We will be exploring 'Big Art' outside, thinking about colours, textures and sculpture work (natural and clay). We are also looking forward to Sports Day and will be practising for that.

This is also the last term for some children in Nursery and we will be helping the children get ready for transition to school alongside school visits. We will be holding parent meetings week beginning 18th June. Please look out for the reply slips and return to school as soon as possible.

In maths **Reception** are working on simple mental calculations and counting beyond 20. You can support your child by encouraging them to count forwards and backwards and count on from a given number. We are skip counting in tens, twos and fives.

In literacy we are trying hard to write our high frequency words in our writing and use the digraphs and trigraphs we have learnt.



Our topic in **Year 1** is The Great Outdoors. We are looking forward to our trip to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Wednesday 13th June. We will be spending the day working with an artist exploring sculptures in the park and making our own exciting sculptures.

In Literacy we will be reading traditional tales such as Jack and the Beanstalk, Cinderella and the Three Little Pigs. If your child has a story book that we could borrow to share at story time and use in our reading corner for the next few weeks they are welcome to bring it. However, please ensure that it is clearly labelled with your child's name.

In Mathematics we are investigating arrays through counting, repeated addition and multiplication. In PE we are developing a range of skipping skills through individual skipping and group games. You can help your child by researching some skipping rhymes for young children. You might like to help your child to practice skipping forwards, backwards or jumping over a long, swaying rope. There will be an optional running skipping race on Sports Day.



During this half term **Year 2's** topic will be 'Animals'. The topic will support our class trip to the Yorkshire Wildlife Park. In our literacy lessons we will be looking at animal fact files. The children will be researching a variety of animals and answering questions surrounding their chosen animal. In science, we will be looking at 'Healthy eating and living'. With these lessons we will be looking at different food groups and what we need to do to keep a healthy lifestyle. This will link directly to our D.T lessons where we will hopefully be making our own healthy snacks and meals. In addition, the children will be making their own animal masks. In maths, we will be looking over the common misconceptions from over the year and finalising our understanding and knowledge of the year 2 curriculum.

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 maps during orienteering in PE. 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.

Mr Plows (student teacher) is teaching alongside me this half term and as part of his teaching the children will be finding out about some of the different countries that are playing in the football World Cup.

This half term in **Year 4** the children's learning will be inspired by the topic 'Master Chef'. We will be learning about healthy eating, where our food comes from? and how to prepare a healthy balanced meal. The children will enjoy preparing and cooking fresh meals every Friday afternoon including themed cooking such as a French, Irish and Scottish meals. 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 descriptions this half term. Maths will be focused on decimals, shape, space and measure using the mastery approach.



This half term **Year 5** will continue exploring their topic of 'Children in Victorian Britain' during their final half term. We will be exploring the work of Doctor Thomas Barnardo who was instrumental during the Victorian period. The children's literacy work will focus around performance poetry where we will explore this genre before learning and performing poems both individually and in groups. During our numeracy work, we will be finishing our work on measurement before starting on geometry. We will also be preparing a range of exciting activities for our Leavers Assembly!

In **Out of School Club** for the final half term the activities will include Father's Day, teddy bears' picnic, water fun day and a treasure hunt using maps created by themselves.

Extra Curricular Activities

Monday	3pm-4pm	Dance Club	Years 2, 3 and 4
Monday	3pm-4pm	Orienteering Club	Years 3, 4 and 5
Tuesday	3pm-4pm	Outdoor Adventurous Club	Years 2, 3 and 4
Wednesday	3pm-4pm	Bricks4Kidz Club	Year 1, 2
Thursday	3pm-3.45pm	Gardening Club	All years



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. Places will be limited, so please ensure your form is returned no later than Friday 29th June. Posters will be displayed around school.

Parking

Once again we are experiencing numerous problems with parking, particularly around school drop-off and pick up times. Please can we ask you to park considerately, leaving the yellow zig-zag lines, neighbours' driveways and the bus routes at the junction to Pingle Rise clear.

There are two designated drop-off spaces in the school car park for parents to use when dropping off or collecting children from our Dragonflies extended provision. If the designated spaces are full please use the spaces at the top of the car park. However, the car park is **NOT ACCESSIBLE** between 8.30 am – 9.00 am and 2.45 pm – 3.30 pm. The only other people using the car park between 8.30 am and 3.30pm should be staff, parents with specific permission from the school and deliveries. No children should be in the car park unsupervised.

Yours sincerely

J Wood
Head Teacher

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 12 June	Year 2 Yorkshire Wildlife Park Trip
Tuesday 12 June	KS2 Rounders Tournament
Tuesday 12 June	Swimming Gala
Wednesday 13 June	Year 1 Sculpture Park Trip
Wednesday 13 June	Dragonflies Kirklees Light Railway Trip
Tuesday 19 June	Year 3 Get Active Shelley College
Monday 25 June	Year 5 Music Festival
Tuesday 26 June	Year 5 Operation Laser Tag Trip
Tuesday 26 June	Year 4 Get Active Shelley College
Wednesday 11 July	Sports Day (weather permitting)
Friday 13 July	Year 5 Leavers Assembly
Saturday 14 July	Summer Fayre 12pm - 3pm
Monday 16 July	Year 5 Transition week at Scissett Middle School

School closes

School and Dragonflies closed*

Dragonflies Holiday Club

Dragonflies closed Bank Holiday

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School re-opens

School closes for ½ term

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Friday 20th July 2018, 3pm

Monday 23rd & Tuesday 24th July

Wednesday 25th July to Friday 31st August

Monday 27th August 2018

Monday 3rd September 2018

Tuesday 4th September 2018

Friday 26th October 2018

Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November 2018

Monday 5th November 2018

Tuesday 6th November 2018

Friday 30th November 2018

Friday 21st December 2018

Wednesday 2nd January to Friday 4th January

Monday 7th January 2019