

Danemill Primary School Newsletter
WEEKLY NEWSLETTER
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30th October 2015



Week 87

Welcome back after our half term break. The week has started off on a positive note—our FEDS meeting on Monday was really productive and there is lots planned for the Christmas Fayre on 5th December from 12 until 2 p.m.—put the date in your diaries! We have had a couple of 'Stay and Play' sessions this week which have been very successful and on Wednesday, Mr Taylor spoke to the Year 5 parents and carers about the proposed residential visit to PGL next September. If you would like any information about this visit please contact the school.

The school photos were taken on Thursday and will be available to order shortly.

Finally, I would like to say a big thank you to parents and carers, pupils and staff for supporting our lunchtime restructure. The children are enjoying the routine of eating all together in the hall which encourages social interaction and we feel that the supervision of the children has also been enhanced by the new routine. The FEDS have supported the restructure by kindly donating a lot of money for resources so that the children can enjoy lots of varied play activities. We feel that this is definitely a worthwhile change that has positively impacted on the children's behaviour.

Have a great weekend and a safe Halloween Celebration.

Catherine Winterton

Many thanks to all the parents and carers for helping to improve our school attendance; we are very pleased with our attendance percentages. We would also like to say a big thank you to parents and carers for improving punctuality in the mornings.

We have had a few issues when the Key Stage 2 children have gone through the Key Stage 1 gate after the KS2 gate has been locked. Sometimes those children have been marked absent on the class register and not marked in the late book in the school office. The gates will be locked at 9.00 a.m. to ensure that we mark children correctly in the class registers.

If you wish to pass a message to your child's Class Teacher in the morning could we respectfully ask that you do so through the school office? Teachers have a class full of children to deal with in the mornings and they have to make them their first priority. Please rest assured that any messages you give to the office will be given promptly to the teachers.

If you wish to have a longer discussion with a teacher after school, again could we ask that you request an appointment through the school office? The administrative staff will complete an appointment request form and a mutually convenient time will be offered, usually within 48 hours.

Your support with these procedures will ensure that the children's learning is not disrupted and that the staff are free to ensure that the children learn in a safe and happy environment.

Several children are being collected quite late from school at the end of the day. Please could parents and carers try to be punctual when collecting their children from school.

Thank you.

Feds School Discos—Friday 30th October

Years 1 and 2 - 5.30—6.15 p.m.

Years 3 and 4 - 6.30—7.30 p.m.

Years 5 and 6 - 7.45—8.45 p.m.

FLU IMMUNISATIONS—3RD NOVEMBER

Please direct any enquiries to:

- Tel: 0300 3000 007
- Email: communityimms@leicspart.nhs.uk
- Online: www.leicspart.nhs.uk/communityimms

NOTICEBOARD:

The last date to apply for your child's transition from Year 6 to Secondary School is 31st October.

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Sarah Makosch has joined our school governing body as a Parent Governor. We hope she will enjoy helping to further improve all aspects of the children's teaching and learning and we are looking forward to working with her.

There is still one vacancy remaining for the position of Parent Governor—please contact Mrs Winterton for a chat if you would like more information.

We are still working on plans to deliver wrap around care at Danemill and we are working with our Trust to offer this provision to all academy schools within Discovery Trust. We will keep you updated on the process but anticipate that the plans will not be finalised until the end of April 2016, at the earliest. However, until then we are supporting Enderby Leisure Centre who are setting up a Breakfast Club from 7.30 a.m. until 8.45 a.m. each school day, starting on 2nd November. If you are interested please contact either Nicola Parratt or Sharon Donaldson on 0116 2750234. Please note that there are only 30 places initially available.

Please be advised that there is now a choice of lower fat milk available for all children who receive free school milk.

We raised an amazing £203.55 from our MacMillan cake sale—huge thanks to all who contributed and attended.

Diary Dates

30th Oct—School Discos

3rd Nov—Flu Immunisations—Years 1 to 6

4th Nov—Year 6 Cinema Trip

5th Nov—Year 3 to see Groovy Greeks

19th Nov—Year 5 to Space Centre

13th Nov—Children in Need Day

Letters sent this Week

School Uniform Supplier

PGL—Sep 2016

Various Football Matches

CHILDRENS' WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE FOR WEEK 12TH OCTOBER TO 16TH OCTOBER WAS: 95.56%

THE TARGET IS 96.50%

WEEKLY WINNERS—KS1 AND KS2:

Blue Class achieved 99.17%

Class 3B achieved 98.97% attendance

PLEASE REMEMBER TO CALL THE SCHOOL TO ADVISE US WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ILL OR HAS AN APPOINTMENT.