

An update from Miss Lawrence (Acting Headteacher) and Mrs Hickinbottom (Deputy)...

Welcome back to all of our children and families. We hope that you have had an incredible summer and enjoyed the sunshine! We have welcomed 60 new children and sets of families into our amazing Foundation setting. They have settled well and it already feels as if they have been with us forever.

Of course in true Danemill style we have thrown ourselves back into the Autumn Term with lots of enrichment events, fun and laughter and there's already many updates for you all:

Building Work

You may have noticed pictures of how the school is changing on our Twitter and Facebook Page. We have been making alterations to our building to support improvements in Teaching and Learning. Year 5 & 6 have new lockers and Year 6 have had partitions to change their classrooms from open plan to closed. The children have already commented on the positive difference that this makes to their learning. Year 5 will follow suit in October half term.

National Lottery

We were pleased to be awarded a grant from the National Lottery. We are strengthening our links with the adult learning service over at the old school and offering work placements to adults with special needs. This will support their independence skills as well as providing opportunities for our children. The grant was used to revamp our library and the placements will take place there to start.

Danemill Day

You may have heard mutterings about a Danemill reunion. I can confirm that this is true. As a school we feel strongly that the children should know about the history of the school in which they are. We have linked with the Heritage Lottery Fund who have provided us with a grant to be able to run this event. You will receive a separate letter to give you further details of how we will be moving forward with it but put the date in your diaries: Friday 26th October 3:30—6 p.m.

Bikeability

Some of our children took part in Bikeability sessions. They learnt about safety when cycling on the roads and were able to be confident in keeping safe. The instructors were full of compliments for our children and their behaviour, however, I'd expect nothing less as they are amazing!

School Council

Our new school council have been elected. They were voted for by their class members after presenting a manifesto as to why they should be the class representative. We held our first meeting and have identified key areas that we would like to focus on in order to improve the school. They are improving the tidiness of our school (litter picking) and reintroduce wet play books. Watch this space!

Home-School Partnerships

We have continued with our class assemblies so we can share our work with our families. They have been well attended and mean so much to our children when we have a real audience. Our characteristics days have been implemented to share how well we work with our key learning values and sharing good practice. We also enjoyed sharing how we teach reading in our workshops as well as showing you how that transfers into daily life for the children during our open morning and coffee morning.

PGL

Many of our Year 6s enjoyed their trip to PGL. They had a blast engaging in the different activities and really enjoyed the time that they spent with each other. The children said that it was a great way to start year six and they create memories that will stay with them for a long time.



Children sent to Senior Leaders for fantastic efforts:

Jack Armson	Anais Gadsby	Riley Potter	Fabian Clarke	Zoe Fridlington
Garret Smith	Kayden Mason	Carl Ray	Alfie Hughes	William Randall
William Checklin	Zak Southall	Layton French	Riley Randall	Ethan Woolstencroft
Advik Abhyankar	Skyee-Louise Batson	Tom West	Ava Coulson	Jamie Causier
Oliver Vernon	Kenzie Clarke	Cory Henderson	Darcey Di-Mola	Cameron Randall
Bella Smith	Aaliyah Sawbridge			

We were even lucky to see some amazing writing from Pre-School. A huge well done to:

Andrew, Ruby, Avaya and Ryelle

UPCOMING DATES

3.10.18 and 4.10.18—Parents Evening

5.10.18 Grandparents are invited into school—From 9 a.m.

8.10.18—Cross Country

8.10.18 Phonics Meeting in EYFS

10.10.18—World Mental Health Day

12.10.18—NON UNIFORM DAY for FEDS

Harvest Festival Assembly either 9:30 or 2:30 p.m.

SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HALF TERM ON FRIDAY 12TH OCTOBER. FIRST DAY BACK FOR THE CHILDREN IS TUESDAY 23RD OCTOBER.