

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

Welcome back! We hope that you have had a fantastic summer. The children have come back with amazing attitudes to learning and we are already well underway in our new term. All of the staff at Danemill want to say a huge welcome to our new children and families. We have started to collect the ALDI vouchers to get sports equipment into school. Please hand your vouchers to the Office or to Mr Ball. Thank you!

New KS2 entrance

We have had difficulties with KS2 entering through the gate for many years. Over the past year we have been looking at solutions to combat this difficulty to make it safer for the children to enter the school. During these discussions we unearthed an old pathway that was used when the school first opened. We have been working with the local council and are now building a separate pathway onto the playground for KS2 children to walk through independently.

Work is due to start week beginning 7th October. As with any large building works there will be some disruption, but I have had meetings with the builders and project manager who have assured me that these will be kept to a minimum. It is written into our contract that there will be no deliveries of materials at the start or end of a school day. I will update you if there are any changes to scheduled dates.

Lost Property

We are already getting reports of lost property within school and many of the items that are unnamed. To help us to return any items of lost property, please could you ensure that all items of clothing are named. I think you may be surprised with the amount of children with identical shoes 😊

Hellos

I'm sure that you will have already met our new staff who have settled in incredibly well, but just as a reminder we have welcomed:

*Mrs Parker who is our new Pre-School Manager.

*Miss Campbell who is our new Pre-School Apprentice.

*Mr Clewes who is our new Sports Coach alongside Mr Williams and Mr Stannard who are our new Sports Coach Apprentices.

*Miss Jardaine who is our new Office Apprentice.

*Mrs Howarth who is our new Year 5 teacher.

*Miss Clarke who is our new Year 3 teacher.

We are also pleased to announce that Miss Batson has had a new baby girl so a huge Danemill congratulations to here as well.

Green Initiative

Danemill are joining with Discovery Schools Academy Trust on the Green Initiative. We are working with Liz Braithwaite who will be completing an action plan with us to improve our current systems to be more 'green'. Our new Eco-Schools council are looking forward to working on our priorities this year.

Holiday Club

Our Summer Club was a roaring success. There were days when we had over 70 children attend and the children had great fun. It was such a success that it was recognised by Leicestershire Sports Partnership which resulted in us receiving a visit from the Department of Education, the Leicestershire County Council and even the Queen's Representative Lord Lieutenant Michael Kapoor. **Please book now on Parent Pay for October Half Term.**

School Council

Since being back at School, we have elected our new School Council: Deacon (Y2), Rico-Jayce (Y2), Harry (Y4), William (Y4), Evelyn (Y3), Eva (Y3), Summer (Y5), Izzy (Y5), Victor (Y6) and Mason (Y6). They are currently working on their priorities for the year, but are very enthusiastic about making further improvements to Danemill for future children.

Curriculum

The children have been enthused with their learning. This month there have been a variety of different learning opportunities including children in Year 6 learning how to be safe when riding their bikes on the road, and we even had a visitor from the Stone Age into Year 3. Keep your eye out on our Social Media Channels to keep up to date with our curriculum developments.

Facebook: Follow Danemill Primary School

Twitter: @danemillprimary

EYFS and Pre-School Open Days

The deadline to apply for a place in EYFS at Danemill is 15th January 2020. We were oversubscribed this year and had to turn children down, so cannot emphasise the importance of an early application as some missed out due to missing this deadline.

We are holding an open day in November and December so that prospective parents can see our setting. We held a very successful event this week where we were able to show off our lovely school. Thank you for all of your recommendations as the majority of those attending said that they'd heard great things about our school. The next open day is Tuesday 12th November (9:30 and 2:00 p.m.) and if you want a space then call the office on 0116 2862674.

Christmas Fair

Oh yes, it is that time already! Just a short note to say that the Christmas Fair will be on Friday 6th December between 3:30 and 6 p.m. We are already taking bookings for external stalls. **The price for a stall is £15.** Please call the school office to reserve your space on 0116 2862674. Please note that we will not be able to take more than one stall of the same offering, e.g. if somebody is already running a card stall then we will take no more card stalls to avoid an overfilling of the same gifts.

We are also selling advertising space in the Christmas Brochure. We have all spaces available currently. It is:

£100 for a front page advert

£90 for a back page advert

£40 for a half page advert

£20 for a quarter page advert

All monies raised will go directly to the resources that children choose.

Children sent to Senior Leaders for fantastic efforts:

Nyah Burchell	Marie Maughan	Sam Hollingworth-Handy	Nicola Gurska	Dante Bowes
Jake Martin	Tanai-Leah Street	Nancy Watson	Gabrielle Garratt	Zack Southall
Noah Cooling	Charlie Monk	Oliver Baughurst	Jacob Clarke	Margarita Maughan
Harley-Jae Wells	Kayden Dixon	Skyee-Louise Batson	Lara-Hope Knight	Daniel Harrison
Zoya Hussain	Cameron Walbrook-Cleghorn	Elland Burchell	Iziah Smith	Mason Bourne
Thomas Maughan	Oscar Strong	Luca Broadbent		

Upcoming Events

23/09/19	Whole Y6 class assembly	Y6 parents will be invited.
27/09/19	McMillan Coffee Morning – 9 – 10 a.m.	All parents invited.
02/10/19	Parents Evening 3.45 – 6.15 p.m.	By appointment only.
03/10/19	Parents Evening 3.45 – 6.15 p.m.	By appointment only.
04/10/19	Celebrate Grandparents Day – Songs from 60s, 70s and 80s.	All Grandparents are invited.
11/10/19	Harvest Festival Assembly to parents	All parents invited to attend either 9.30 a.m. or 2.30 p.m. assembly. Please donate a tin of food.
24/10/19	DANEMILL DAY	We will have been learning all about our heritage all week and would like you to join us for some celebrations on this day. More details to follow.
25/10/19	Individual and Family Photos today	
28/10/19	5LB Class Assembly This starts at 2.50 p.m.	Parents of 5LB will be invited.
30/10/19	Hallowe'en DISCO EYFS – 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. Y1/2: 3:30 – 4:30 Y3/4/5/6: 5 – 6 p.m.	Tickets will be available via Parent Pay and you will receive communication when this is opened.
04/11/19	Maths parent workshop From 5 – 5.45 p.m.	All parents are invited.
06/11/19	World War 1 memorial assembly to parents	All parents invited to attend either 9.30 a.m. or 2.30 p.m. assembly.
11/11/19	Anti-Bullying Week	
12/11/19	Open Day for prospective Pre-School and EYFS parents	There are 2 slots: 9.30 and 2p.m. Ring/ email the Office to reserve your place.
18/11/19	5TH Class Assembly This starts at 2.50 p.m.	Parents of 5TH will be invited
21/11/19	Art Exhibition	More details to follow.

