

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

With the night's getting darker and the weather getting colder...Christmas is on it's way. The children have been working as hard as ever on their learning and enjoying the different topics within their curriculum. We hope you enjoy reading the many different things that we have been undertaking at Danemill and the updates that we have for you:

New KS2 entrance

There has been a delay to finishing the entrance. The weather has slowed down the work but we will be sure to continue updating you with expected completion dates.

Welcome

You may have noticed a few updates within our staff. Miss Jardine has moved into the EYFS team whilst Miss Hayward has started in the Office. You will also have seen that Mrs Johnson is working in our KS1 team. A warm welcome to all new members of staff.

Visitors

The children have a variety of visitors that come and work with them. At the end of October, we were lucky to have a visit from the Leicester Riders who worked with our children in Y5 and Y6. These are experiences that give a real sense of variety to children's learning, and provide memorable experiences so thank you to those visitors that give up their time.

Halloween DISCO

The DISCOs were a huge success. Thank you to all that attended and those that helped us to run the event. We had nothing but positive feedback on the night. If you have any suggestions for fundraising or changes that we can make to the events then please email the office. We raised a WHOPPING £686.33! As we get closer to our target, the school council will be looking at outdoor climbing equipment for us to put on our playground.

Arts at Danemill

Our Year 6s have been working with Miss G and Jez to create, 'The Danemillers' which comprises of a group of our pupils who have been working on a performance for our Christmas Fayre, so be sure to come along on 6th December. They will be performing at approx. 5:30 p.m.

Coffee Morning—ELSA

We continue to work with our families and children on a daily basis trying to support in a variety of areas. It was great to catch up with parents to discuss our ELSA team at Danemill, what we do and how we support children and families. Come along to our events and have a coffee with other parents and our team. Our next coffee morning is Wednesday 18th December and we will be discussing our Solihull approach which looks at understanding children's behaviour. Please come and bring a friend!

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 hold monthly opportunities to come and look at our school for a tour with prospective parents. Our next Open Day is on Tuesday 10th December at 2pm Please ring the Office on 0116 2862674 to book your place.

Christmas Fayre

Just a short note to say that the Christmas Fayre will be on Friday 6th December between 3:30 and 6pm. 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.

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

Anti-Bullying—'Be Kind'

You may have seen that This Morning have teamed up with Smiggle to promote their 'Be Kind' anti-bullying campaign. Smiggle are giving away 1,000,000 free keyrings to bring awareness to the campaign. Every child can receive 1 keyring each but they must be accompanied by an adult. Head over to Smiggle in Leicester Highcross and get yours.

Sports at Danemill

Unfortunately our Year 5/6 football team lost their first league fixture to Hallbrook 5-2. Mr Clewes reported that the children played really well with goals from Freya and Archie. Great effort!

Our KS2 Quick Sticks Hockey team played at a Family of Schools Tournament and won the whole tournament! Well done to Nancy, Charlie, Summer, Zoe, Ollie and Sam who played.

We only need 21 stickers left for the ALDI sticker campaign. Please hand your stickers to the Office so that we can get free sports equipment for school.

Christmas Dinner

Our Christmas Dinner is on Tuesday 17th December. To order your child's Christmas dinner, you need to email the office to let them know by 1st December. If we do not receive your email then we will not order dinner for your child even if they usually have one.

Christmas DRESS DOWN DAYS

Children are able to wear non-uniform on **Friday 29th November** in exchange for anything chocolate related for our Choco-bola at the Christmas Fayre. We are also having a Christmas Jumper Day on **Thursday 5th December** in exchange for cakes for the cake stall at the Christmas Fayre.

Children sent to Senior Leaders for fantastic efforts:

Aryan Dasour	Oliver Vernon	Madeleine Sykes	Isaac Dowd	Freddie Willett-Barnes
Marie Maughan	Finley Allen	Isabelle Hughes	Isabella Summers	Logan Wykes
Jonah Moger	Sam Harris	Hope Beal	Isla Bursill-Haywood	Cameron Wallbrook-Cleghorn
Jacob Ayre	Bonnieblu Rogers	Caiden King	Hanna Measures	Luca Broadbent
Harley Jae Wells	Niamh Wright	Grace Fraser	Kenzie Clarke	Summer O'Connell
Paris Rogers	Nancy Watson	Deacon Johnson	Thomas Maughan	Sian Fairbrother
Sienna Bourn	Max Pantelli-Cooze	Timmy O'Rourke	Garret Smith	Callum Wale

Children who won a £10 voucher for ALWAYS showing kindness:

Luna Hunt	Tamzin Morris	Noah Chambers	Evie Makosch	Deacon Johnson	Freya Prewett
Cara Allen	Aaron Kennedy	Tanai-Leah Street	Taylor-May Tanner	Lilly Nixon	Erica Brindle
Gracie-Mae Murrell		Riley Prince			

Parents Dates

29/11/19	Non-Uniform Day (in exchange for chocolate for our choco-bola)	Please note addition to calendar dates
05/12/19	Christmas Jumper Day & Decorations Morning	All will be invited to wear their Christmas Jumper in exchange for a cake donation for the fair. All families are invited to come to Decorations Morning.
06/12/19	Christmas Fayre 3:30 – 6 p.m.	All families are invited.
09/12/19	4JS Class Assembly From 2.50 p.m.	Parents from 4JS will be invited.
10/12/19	Open Day for EYFS and Pre-School parents	2 p.m. only.
12/12/19	KS1 Christmas Nativity to parents From 9.30 a.m. EYFS Christmas Nativity to parents From 2.00 p.m.	This will be ticket only. Tickets have been released on ParentPay.
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17/12/19	Christmas Dinner	This must be ordered by 1st December by emailing the office.
18/12/19	Coffee Morning— Understanding your child's behaviour	All parents are invited 9:00-10:00am
19/12/19	Pre-School Christmas show to parents. From 9.30 p.m.	Parents of Pre-School will be invited. Tickets have been released on ParentPay.
20/12/19	Whole School trip to the Pantomime at Loughborough Town Hall – Jack and the Beanstalk	Tickets must be ordered and paid for on ParentPay by 1st December.
07/01/19	Children back from Christmas Holidays.	
09/01/19	Beaumanor Hall Meeting for Parents (Y4)	5—5.45 p.m.
13/01/19	Class Assembly—4AB	Parents of children in 4AB will be invited.
15/01/19	Coffee Morning	All parents are invited 2.30—3.15 p.m.
17/01/19	Storytime Selfie	More details to follow.
29/01/19	Coffee Morning—Stretch your child's potential.	All parents are invited 9—10 a.m.
05/02/19	Enterprise Day	More details to follow.
11/02/19	Safer Internet Day E-Safety Workshop to parents	5—5.45 p.m.