



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

**The sunshine has really helped us to make the most of our new climbing walls and tyre park. The children have been on a rota to make sure that everyone can have a turn:**

### School Council

At Danemill we pride ourselves on taking feedback from the children and involving them in decision making. Our School Council have been involved in countless fundraising opportunities for the school as well as for local and national charities. They have also worked with Blaby District Council and Parliament.

Although we will need to look at meeting virtually within school under current guidance, we are determined to continue with our School Council at Danemill.

We have talked to the children about the opportunity. To be involved in the election's children must complete a manifesto. If your child is interested, then email the office and we can send home an application form. The deadline for handing it into their class teacher is Friday 25th September. Children will then be given the opportunity to share their speech with their class and then voting will take place to see who will be elected to the School Council.

### Forest School

We are pleased to share that all of our children from Pre-School to Y6 can now access our forest school.

Each class has a weekly Forest School session with their class teacher.

In addition to this, classes have been timetabled Thursday afternoon sessions with Miss Hainsworth where they will look at specific skills. When it is your child's turn, you will receive a letter to give you more information.



## DSAT - Webcasts

Paul Stone (our CEO) and David Briggs (Director of Primary) conducted their first webcast to parents last week. A recording of the webcast and all future ones will be able to be found here:

<https://discoverytrust.org/discovery-live-sessions-for-parents-and-stakeholders/>

## Holiday Club—October

Our Holiday Club in October is being run. You do not need to be a child at Danemill to attend so feel free to share with your friends. Some of our Danemill staff will be supporting so the children will have at least one familiar face. Bookings for the club are now LIVE so please book via [www.discoveryholidaycamps.co.uk](http://www.discoveryholidaycamps.co.uk) or contact Lee Gill on 07961600811.

The deadline for booking is Monday 12th October.



## School/Parent Links

We will share some of our learning through future newsletters as well as our social media. Above are some fantastic dream jars that the Y2 children have completed this week.

Amongst the dreams were to make friends with every animal and to live in Candyland. Yum!

## Contacting Teachers and/or queries

Lost water bottle?  
Lost lunchbox?

Please telephone the school office on 0116 2862674. If you cannot get through, please email [office@dsatdanemill.org](mailto:office@dsatdanemill.org) and we will respond asap.

Teachers can also be contacted through the school office if you would like to discuss your child.

## Events

Both the Accelerated Reader workshop and the Phonics workshop that we had planned will be

available online. Please keep an eye on your emails for when they are available.

## Deadlines

Just a reminder that If your child is in Year 6 this year then you need to apply for their secondary school by **Saturday 31st October 2020**.

If your child is due to start EYFS In August 2021 then you need to apply for their school place by **Friday 15th January 2021**.

**Both applications can be made via the Leicestershire County Council Admissions Website.**



## Face Coverings

Thank you for your support this week regarding wearing face coverings on drop off and pick up. This is a new precaution for all schools in Leicester and Leicestershire as a way of protecting us further. We appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

## Guidance for reporting a COVID positive case

Please note that if your child tests positive for COVID, you must contact us whether this is in school hours or out of hours so that we can seek support and guidance from Department for Education.

If it is within school hours, then please contact us via usual procedures - [office@dsatdanemill.org](mailto:office@dsatdanemill.org) or call 0116 2862674.

If this is out of hours, then please email [covid@dsatdanemill.org](mailto:covid@dsatdanemill.org)



## Support during COVID

We understand that during cold and flu season, making the decision to send your child into school is a difficult decision.

Should you need support with this then please call the office so we can support you further.

## Update from the Pastoral Team

The team have been working with children looking at social skills. The children have loved these sessions and have demonstrated fantastic listening skills.

Mrs Watson, Mrs Lee and Miss O'Holloran have been spending time with our new EYFS children and getting to know them. The children have been very keen to show off their work as well as trying to entice the team to their mud kitchen for 'chocolate cake'.

The team are also currently busy planning some ideas and activities for World Mental Health Day in October! Watch this space...

If you need any support from our Pastoral Team, please contact them on:

[elsa@dsatdanemill.org](mailto:elsa@dsatdanemill.org)

## Letters sent from the Office this week:

16/09/20 - NHS Flu Immunisations - **Whole School**

16/09/20 - Face Coverings - **Whole School**

17/09/20 - How we use your children's data - **Whole School**

17/09/20 - Autumn Challenge - Family Learning - **Whole School**

18/09/20 - Lunch Menu w/c 21/09/20 - **Whole School**

If you have missed any of these letters, then they can be found on our website or you can email the office for a copy.

## CONTACT US

Please call: **0116 2862674** or email: **[office@dsatdanemill.org](mailto:office@dsatdanemill.org)**

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