

Newsletter for July and August 2018



As we come to the end of another academic year, it is time once again to say goodbye to the children in Year 6 who are leaving us. We shall be sorry to see them go but wish them all the very best for their future success. We look forward to hearing about their progress and they will be very welcome to visit us in the future.

We look forward to welcoming the new reception children soon and hope they will enjoy their afternoons with us.

KS 2 End of Year Concert

As you know, due to other events and time constraints, there is only one end of year concert this year. Shortly, if you have a child in Key Stage 2, you will receive 2 tickets for this performance which we do hope that you will be able to use. If for any reason you do not want them or want only one, please return them to the school office as soon as possible for redistribution. Anyone wanting an extra ticket will need to register interest with the school office from 3rd July. Any spares will be distributed in the order of names on the waiting list. Due to limited space, it will not be possible to attend the event without a ticket so please ensure that you bring yours along. It will not be possible to bring extras to sit on laps as numbers in the hall will be too high. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Competition Successes

Congratulations to Paige and Molly who have been successful in competitions recently. Molly designed a medal for the Downham Market Games which was chosen as the winning design and used on medals given to entrants. Paige won the Environment Agency's competition to name three new flood gates at the Denver Sluice complex. The new gates are called 'Pirate's Gate, Mucky Porter Gate and Farmer's Boy Gate. Very well done to both girls- we are proud of them!

School Council Non -Uniform Day

School Council organised a successful non-uniform day on 24th May and raised £107.55, so on their behalf-thank you. Children usually decide to use their funds to ensure there are enough toys outside to play with and also to purchase flowers to make posies for Mother's day.

Sponsored Walk

The Sponsored Walk went very well with the weather being kind once again. Children walked with enthusiasm, some proud to have improved their own performance and others enjoying competing with their friends. Please, if you have not done so, return all sponsor money to the school office as soon as possible. (In an envelope marked 'Friends of Denver School.')

Many thanks for your support.

Afternoon Tea and Art Exhibition

Annabel has written about the Afternoon Tea (see below) organised by the Friends which was timed to coincide with the Art exhibition arranged by Mr Bonham.

The Art Day

On the 14th of June there was an art exhibition to show parents the artwork that the children had made on the 30th of May. All of the art work was inspired by different artists. Class 2 and Class 4's artwork was inspired by Wassily Kandinsky, Class 2's was inspired by Roy Lichtenstien and class 3's was inspired by Andy Warhol. As well as that, the art club made some additionally brilliant art. But that wasn't all! A group of children (called the Neon Group) made some MORE artwork, using Andy Warhol's real techniques and using colours that made your eyes pop!

On the afternoon of the exhibition, there was a raffle and hundreds of tickets were sold; the lucky winner was Jean King, and she won a summer hamper. Furthermore, there was a cream tea, with fancy cakes, scrumptious scones and mouth-watering sandwiches. And if that wasn't enough, there were 10p books for sale (fiction, non-fiction, encyclopaedias etc.) Plus, you had Y6s waiting on you with teas, coffees, squash and water. However, the best thing was that all the donations went to Denver V.C Primary.

We are very grateful to everyone who has supported the event. Especially Mr Bonham and Mrs Free who organised the Art Day.

Thank you Annabel!

School Holidays

Please make sure that your children read over the summer holidays. Six weeks is a long time for young children who are just beginning to read or gaining in confidence and we do not want them to forget what they have learned. Sharing stories together also motivates children to want to read and gives them the opportunity to develop preferences. Older children should read whatever it is they enjoy - fiction or non-fiction and books or comics. All of these will serve to improve their reading and hopefully their comprehension too if you have time for discussions. There will be a Library Challenge again this year with appropriate rewards for perseverance and the children will be introduced to it by a visiting Librarian later in the term .

Younger children would also benefit from having a small amount of money to spend so that they get used to adding up and working out how much change they will receive - as well as becoming familiar with coins and their value. We often forget the importance of this these days when we increasingly use cards to do our shopping. Making shopping lists will also help children to practise writing skills such as letter formation and recording sounds they hear in words. This is important to develop early Literacy.

School Lunches

The Spring/Summer Menu which is currently running will now be continued until October half term with the Autumn/Winter Menu running until Easter 2019. Lunches for KS2 children remain at £2.20 - please send payment in a named, sealed envelope in advance and by cheque, made payable to Denver Primary School.

Thank You

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has helped us this year. We appreciate all the support given to us by the *Friends*, parent helpers and other volunteers. Thank you to Mr Doy who continues to give freely of his time each week to teach brass and a special thanks to those who have run clubs after school. Thank you too, to the members of the Governing Body who devote a great deal of time to school matters. All of these things contribute to the success of Denver school.

Farewell

Goodbye to Jane Thorpe who has worked on a part-time basis in the school office and as MSA for eight years. She has secured a new position at Downham Market Academy and we wish her all the very best for the future.

Dates for your Diary

- Tuesday 3rd July: Noted Liar performance at Kings Lynn Corn Exchange.
- Wednesday 11th July - Friday 13th July: New Reception children in school pm.
- Wednesday 11th July at 2pm: Meeting for parents/carers of children in Reception in September.
- Friday 20th July: Year 6 to Pizza Express in Ely for lunch.
- Monday 23rd July: Key Stage 2 Concert at 6pm.
- Tuesday 24th July at 2pm: Awards Assembly in school hall. Parents welcome.
- Tuesday 24th July: Last day of summer term.

Academic Year 2018-2019

- Children return to school for the next academic year on Thursday 6th September 2018.
- School closes for half term break on Wednesday 17th October and children return to school on Monday 29th October.
- School closes for Christmas on Tuesday 18th December and children return on Thursday 3rd January.
- February half term is 18th-22nd February inclusive.
- School closes for Easter break on Friday 5th April and children return on Tuesday 23rd April.
- Summer half term is from 27th May to 31st May inclusive.
- End of summer term 2019 is Wednesday 24th July.

