



Newsletter for May and June 2019

I hope that you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break - the good weather was definitely a bonus. It seems hard to believe that the summer term is here already. This term is always extremely busy with many exciting things to look forward to.

Easter Assembly

The Easter assembly went very well and it was lovely to see so many of you there. The children performed very well, whether it was speaking, singing or playing an instrument, and should feel proud of themselves. The collection raised £71.12 for St Mary's Church - thank you.

SATS Tests

Key Stage 2 SATs tests for children in Year 6 take place in the week beginning 13th May. The children have worked hard and are well prepared for them. We know they will do their best which is all we ask of them. Please help your child by ensuring that they have a good night's sleep each night and a good breakfast each morning. This will ensure they are at their best. Results are not due in school until July and we do our best to get them to parents with end of year reports at the end of term.

There will be other routine testing going on in school during May which teachers use to support their assessments. In June there is also the statutory Phonics Screening Check for children in Year 1 and for those in Year 2 who did not meet the standard last year. The children in Year 4 will also take part in the pilot for the new Multiplication Check which becomes statutory in the next academic year. If you have questions about these, please speak to your child's class teacher.

KS2 Production

The annual Key Stage 2 drama production, which takes place in July, will return again this year after a break last summer due to the Noted Liar project. The children always get a great deal of enjoyment from being involved in the production and often gives individuals a chance to shine or discover new talents. There are usually opportunities for singing, dancing and making props as well as working back stage. There will be two performances on two consecutive evenings (Monday 22nd and Tuesday 23rd July) and we need all children to be available for these. On the Tuesday night children in Years 3, 4, and 5 need to be collected after the performance and before the buffet as this is a special event for children in Year 6 who are leaving. Guests are invited and Y6 parents receive an invitation. If you are a Y6 parent and also have children in another KS 2 year group, you will need to make arrangements for them to be collected after the play. Also, if there is any reason that your child will be unavailable on either of these evenings, please inform their class teacher in writing by Friday 17th May. Thank you for your support with this.

Tree Dedication

At the end of term, the tree dedication service took place in memory of Jamie Pammenter. The service was led by Judith and attended by Jamie's family and a number of his former Denver school friends. The service was very moving and a fitting tribute. Thank you to Miss Palmer, Mrs Fenn and the Friends for organising the afternoon tea after the ceremony. Here is a picture of the tree looking lovely in full blossom.



Book Bags

Following advice from our Fire Officer, the Governing Body has decided to make it mandatory that **all** pupils should have a book bag from September 2019. This is due to the increased fire safety risk caused by rucksacks blocking fire exits in school, a problem highlighted in the last Governing Body newsletter. Book bags can also easily be stored in the classroom. The Friends of Denver School have kindly offered to buy a book bag for all children currently in Years 3,4 and 5, as well as the new Reception intake. The children presently in Years 1 and 2 already use book bags. The new book bags will be given to the children by the end of the school year. PE bags will also be issued to the aforementioned year groups.

Eaton Vale

The children in Class 4 will be going on their residential Visit to Eaton Vale from 3rd-5th June where they will be taking part in a number of exciting activities, including abseiling, archery and trapeze. Let's hope that they have good weather!

Tri Golf

Last term we took part in the cluster Tri Golf tournament. Two teams, one from Class 2 and the other from Class 3, were involved and both performed extremely well. The team from Class 2 came third and the team from Class 3 won, earning themselves a place at the SSP finals.

Intra-Sport Competition

On the last day of term, Mrs Henden and the children in Class 4 organised an intra-sport multi skills festival for the children in Key Stage 1. The children took part in small teams with Team 2 emerging as winners. We were really proud of how Class 4 organised and led the event, and also the enthusiasm of the children in KS1.

First Steps Netball

In the last week of term, we hosted the First Steps Cluster Netball tournament here at Denver. The event involves Y3/4 children and was very well attended with involvement from most cluster schools. In spite of the weather, the majority of the matches were completed and the children had an enjoyable morning of netball.

Golden Mile

The children continue to be working hard to add to their Golden Mile totals. Most children have now achieved their bronze (10 miles) and silver (25 miles) certificates, with many setting their sights firmly on the gold certificate (50 miles).

Sponsored Walk

Just a reminder that our annual Sponsored Walk will take place on Friday 24th May at 2pm; letters and sponsor forms were sent out last week. This is normally a very enjoyable event and a good fundraiser for the school. We look forward to seeing you there. Let's hope that the weather is kind to us.

Friends News

The Easter Disco last term was enjoyed by many children and raised a good profit. The Yard Sale was again very successful, despite the weather this year, raising approximately £800. Thank you to all members of the Friends for their time and efforts. Money raised from such events funds visits and transport, enabling all children to benefit.

Non-Uniform Day

The School Council have organised a non-uniform day on Thursday 23rd May to raise money for their funds. The money raised will help to purchase new play equipment to be used at break and lunch times. Children are asked to bring a suggested donation of £1.

After school clubs

After school clubs for KS2 start again in the week beginning Monday 13th May and finish during week beginning Monday 8th July. A letter and option form has been sent home - if your child would like to join a club, please return the completed form by Tuesday 5th May at the latest. Please also read the information carefully for details of start and end dates and direct contact details for each club.

Safety in the Sun

During the summer term we want to work together with you to do everything we can to keep the children safe from the sun. Please ensure that sun cream is applied in the morning before your child comes to school. We understand that there are many brands available that are long-lasting. Members of staff are very aware when the sun is particularly strong and adapt activities accordingly. We do encourage the children to use areas of shade and thanks to the Friends we have a new area on the field where children can shelter from the sun.

Dates for your diary- please keep for future reference:

Summer Term

- Tuesday 23rd April: Children return to school.
- Sunday 28th April: Village Yard Sale.
- Thursday 2nd May: Y6 Crucial Crew visit.
- Monday 6th May: School closed for Bank Holiday.
- Wednesday 8th May: Eaton Vale meeting for parents at 3.30pm in Class 4.
- Week beginning 13th May: Key Stage 2 SATs.
- Week beginning Monday 13th May - week beginning Monday 8th July: After-school clubs start and finish.
- Thursday 23rd May: Non-uniform day.
- Friday 24th May: Sponsored Walk at 2pm.
- Monday 27th- Friday 31st May: Half Term break.
- Monday 3rd June: Children return to school.
- Monday 3rd - Wednesday 5th June: Class 4 Residential to Eaton Vale.
- Week beginning Monday 10th June: Statutory Phonics Screening check for all children in Year 1 and those who did not meet standard in Year 2.
- Wednesday 12th June: Infant Music Festival.
- Wednesday 19th June: Sports Day (pm)
- Friday 21st June: Y5 taster Day at Downham Market Academy.
- Monday 24th June: Reserve Sports Day (pm)
- Wednesday 17th - Friday 19th July: New Reception intake afternoons.
- Friday 19th July: Meeting for new Reception parents.
- Monday 22nd July: KS2 Production at 6pm - tickets available later.
- Tuesday 23rd July: KS2 Production at 5.30pm and Leavers' Buffet. Invited guests only -invitations to follow.
- Wednesday 24th July: Last day of summer term. End of year assembly in the school hall at 2.15pm. Parents welcome.

Children return to school on Wednesday 4th September 2019

Half term: Monday 21st October to Friday 25th October 2019

Last day of Autumn term: Wednesday 18th December 2019

Children return to school on Monday January 6th 2020