

● ● ● Settling Down...Almost

Hello everyone, as we head towards the end of our second week at school, it feels like we are steadily settling into a routine. Your children have been simply amazing, finding their way around the building superbly and showing overall some exemplary behaviour and real maturity. Special mention to our incredible Nursery and Reception children who feel like they've been here forever! We are still getting to grips with other aspects of the building, including fire alarms, door security, a few leaks here and there! Mr Rimington is super human going round sorting all these snags and teething problems. I have a few messages for you all this week.

● ● ● School Website & Twitter

Most of you will be aware that we have a school website that we have recently updated. It is a great resource for parents with school notices, calendar events and ways to support your child's learning. Please have a search through it by using the following web address: www.deepointprimary.cheshire.sch.uk; As well as our website we have a fantastic Twitter account and have amassed almost 1000 followers now. This is a brilliant snap shot of children's learning but also we use it to post useful information to you all. Some families also share their adventures on it too! If you want more information regarding Twitter and how to use it please let us know and we can support you. Follow us @DeePointPrimary.



After School Clubs ● ● ●

This week we have started all our after school clubs which is something I am incredibly proud of. All of these clubs are absolutely free to families, which is very unusual in schools and also there are an extensive number of them. With this in mind, if you have signed up for a club I would really appreciate it if you could ensure your child attends please. There may be a few teething problems in terms of remembering where children are picked up from but this will settle down quickly. Please note all clubs finish at 4.15pm. I hope your children enjoy the wide range of clubs available to them.



● ● ● Demolition – Phase 2...What Happens Next?

I thought it was important to give you a brief summary of what happens next regarding the final phase of construction. Phase 1 was always going to be getting the school built and open for September. Phase 2 is the demolition of our old school and reinstating of outdoor play space. In the next couple of weeks the old school will see some activity as the demolition team start to move in to strip the interior of the school and to secure the safe removal of any asbestos associated with a building of that age. Once this is done the demolition will start. We anticipate demolition will start some time in October and probably starting with the single story buildings around the school. Due to the closeness of the main building, the demolition of this will happen when school is closed, either over a weekend or half term. After this the ground workers will come in to reinstate our play areas and exit and entrances. You will notice the huge black gates at the front of the school with a range of building materials inside them and a temporary road leading up to the school building. We are in the process of trying to have this as our permanent access and entrance into the school, however we have to submit a planning application to allow this to happen. This can take up to 12 weeks to be approved. Currently you will see Mr Rimington or I manning the gate through to the school. Apologies we cannot allow children or parents to walk through here as it is our main service road and not a pedestrian area. I have delayed our official opening of the school until the new year once all the work is complete and we can see the school properly. I appreciate your patience with this, it is just for this term that we have to compromise and I appreciate everyone's patience, believe me I want it all finished as much as you!!

A number of parents and carers have spoken to me about how tight it is leaving the school grounds at the end of the day and one or two have been knocked by older children. I have spoken with the children about exiting quickly and sensibly and would appreciate parents and carers reinforcing this. I know it isn't ideal but it is a temporary measure for this term only. Thank you all for your support in this.

● ● ● School Photographer Thursday 22nd September



Next Thursday we have the school photographer coming into school all day. This is always a very busy day that needs to be planned very carefully to ensure all 400+ children get their photograph taken. We are having individual and family photographs done on this day so please if you have younger or older siblings or Nursery children that are not in on a Thursday then please bring them from 8am that morning. We will do those photographs first and then all other family pictures will be done during the school day. If you have any questions regarding this please speak to the main office, myself or Mrs Livingstone our Family Support Worker. Please bring some huge beaming, lovely smiles with you, I know there are plenty of them all around our school!!

School Year Planner 2016-2017 ● ● ●



Attached to this newsletter is our Year Planner for 2016-2017, this is also available on the school website. I apologise if we are sending out a lot of information early on but we hope it helps you to see when certain events are coming up so you can plan around other work or family commitments. Sometimes these dates are subject to change, this may be due to timetable clashes or other circumstances but we will always let you know with as much notice as possible. I hope you find the information useful.

● ● ● ...And Finally

Well everyone, week 2 of 39 is drawing to a close and I wanted to thank you all for such a wonderfully positive start to the term. We are so lucky to have your children in our school and your support too. As always please feel free to come and speak to Mrs Gill or I about anything in school and how we can support you to make the learning experiences for your children as memorable as possible.

Thank you all for your continuing support

Kind regards

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