

## ● ● ● A Wonderful Welcome Back!

Firstly can I welcome everyone back to our new half term and hope you all had a safe, relaxing and enjoyable half term. It has been a brilliant start back to school for all the children and I am always so inspired by their immediate energy and enthusiasm once they return to school. We look forward to such a busy half term but one I know will be full of joy and memorable experiences for all the children and adults. I have a few pieces of information for you all this week.

## ● ● ● Midday Assistant & Parent Governor

We are desperately seeking parents and carers for 2 roles in school. One of these is a Parent Governor role; this is a voluntary role but one that is hugely important in our school. If you feel you would like to play a part in knowing how well the school is performing, how we manage school finance, keep children safe and the quality of teaching and learning then please contact me as you're the person we are looking for. Also if you have skills that you feel the school would benefit from then please let me know. Our Governing Body is going through some significant and long overdue changes so it is a perfect time to join us. Please pop in and see me or equally drop me an email – [head@deepointprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@deepointprimary.cheshire.sch.uk); Also currently we have a vacancy for a midday assistant for 1.5hrs a day. This is a paid role and the chance to work with a well established, hard working team who ensure 400 children are fed and watered each day at Dee Point. If you are keen and would like to arrange a taster session please contact Mrs Livingstone in school.



## Children In Need 2017 ● ● ●

On Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November we will be marking and celebrating the annual Children In Need event. Please keep an eye out for a letter that should have come home with your child. It is going to be a bit of a spotty day on Friday I think!!!



## ● ● ● Blacon Community Support Fund



In the next few days we will be selling raffle tickets to support this new project that local resident and fundraiser Lee Challinor is organising. Following the huge success of the Blacon Defibrillator Fund, he is now focusing on supporting local children and families through the Blacon Community Support Fund. All funds raised go directly to supporting people, groups and schools in Blacon. The group are running a Christmas raffle with £1 per ticket and three cash prizes, 1st £600, 2nd £300 & 3rd £100 to be drawn on 18th December. Please contact the main office if you are interested in purchasing tickets.

## Christmas Performance Dates & Times ● ● ●

Over the next few weeks, life will start to get a little more frantic as we start to plan and rehearse for our extensive Christmas Productions and Performances. Tickets will go on sale at the start of December but for now I wanted to confirm the times and dates for all the performances especially for those of you who may need to ask for permission from work to attend these.

Year Group	Dates	Performance Times
Nursery	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am & 1.30pm
Reception	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	9.30am & 1.30pm
KS1 (Year 1 & 2)	Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> Dec. Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec.	1.30pm & 6.30pm 6.30pm
KS2 (Year 3 & 4)	Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm
KS2 (Year 5 & 6)	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	1.30pm



## ● ● ● Building & Demolition Update

Last week was a crucial week for the school and following some quite difficult and stressful meetings, I am pleased to say the demolition is now happening and we await the planning application for our main entrance. I was very frustrated and unhappy last week when the building contractor started to demolish the old school without informing me. My only reason was that I wanted to keep you all informed. Anyway regular meetings will now be taking place so that we know exactly when different stages of the process are happening. The final phase however is confirmed as being 9 weeks behind the original finish date. I have also seen some initial plans for the redesigning of the front of school including new traffic calming and pedestrian crossing ideas. These are due to be submitted for planning by the 17<sup>th</sup> November, again once this is confirmed, I will let you all know. Finally a large number of snags were completed over half term but we still have a number outstanding that we hope will be rectified in the next couple of weeks.

## Sports News ● ● ●



We have had a number of competitive matches to report on in recent weeks. Our girls football team played last Friday and although they didn't lose a single game they just missed out on a semi-final place but worked so hard and had a superb attitude. Our Year 3/4 footballers played a brilliant game at St Oswald's but eventually lost the game but never stopped working. Our Year 5/6 footballers had a tough league game last week, losing out to Tattenhall Primary School in the league. This week sees our football teams playing on Thursday and Friday as well as the Thursday football club heading off to play Footgolf on Thursday afternoon...exciting times for them. The week after we play in the BEV basketball tournament and Miss Harris will be working hard to coach that team ready for the tournament.

## ● ● ● ...And Finally

Just a few notices for you all this week, we look forward to the exciting things that go on during the final part of the Autumn Term. Our school choir are going to be extremely busy in the next few weeks as we are being inundated with requests for different performances; I wanted to say good luck to the Year 3 children of Pluto and Neptune as they head out to the beautiful village of Tattenhall for their residential experience later in the week and also a special thanks to all their parents and carers for supporting these trips.



A quick date for everyone's diary is that whole class photographs and individual class photographs for Nursery only will take place on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017.

Have a fantastic week everyone, we look forward to another one full of excitement, ambition and incredible learning.

Kind regards

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(Headteacher)