

● ● ● It's That Time of Year...

Well everyone, here we go heading into a week full of performances, children bellowing out festive songs, learning lines and where to stand on the stage and audiences beaming with pride and loving all that their children do. I look forward to seeing many of you during this week where I know our children will melt many a heart! It is also an important week for all our children and families who don't celebrate Christmas and we look forward to ensuring they have a brilliant week too.

Farewell Miss Weaver ● ● ●

It is with great sadness that I inform all parents and carers that Miss Weaver, one of our Learning Mentors will be leaving us at the end of term. She has been successful in gaining a position working for the ADHD foundation in Liverpool supporting families of children with conduct disorders. I'm sure you will all join me in wishing her well and like me, you'll miss her infectious enthusiasm, great sense of fun and enjoyment she's brought to Dee Point in the last few years. I am also delighted however to inform you that we have managed to find a replacement for Miss Weaver and that is Ms Sarah Rose, who we appointed yesterday. Sarah brings a wealth of experience from another school and we look forward to welcoming her to our school early in January to continue the fantastic work that Miss Weaver has implemented alongside Miss Peach.



● ● ● Ash Tree Day Nursery

Many of you will have noticed that a banner has been erected on the fence outside the old KCC building next door. I wanted to let you all know what is happening to this building. Currently the building belongs to Cheshire West and Chester but they are shortly transferring the building to Avenue Services. Once this has happened Avenue Services are in contact with the owners of Chestnut House Nursery in Saughall who are hoping to open the building for both Nursery, After School and Holiday child care. I have been in regular contact with the potential owner as it is important we work closely together in partnership and support each other. I am delighted that in early Spring, yet to be confirmed, the building will start to undergo some changes and much needed updating. I will keep you informed at all times but please come and talk to me at any point. I can reassure families we will continue to run our breakfast and after school clubs at this moment and certainly for next term. If you wish to discuss this with me, please just pop in and see me. Flyers for Ash Tree Nursery are available in the main office if you are interested or call 01244 880371 for more information.



Dee Point Choir – Magic Moments... ● ● ●

I wanted to just say a huge thank you and well done to our wonderful choir who performed last week at both the Community Carol Service at Holy Trinity Church and then the following evening at the St Mary's Centre in Chester. Truly incredible, infectious and enthusiastic performances from such a talented group of children. One of the highlights of the term for me, thank you all!!



● ● ● Bricks for Sale!!

We are determined to send our Year 6 children to London this year for a 'once in a lifetime experience' in our famous capital city. To help reduce the cost of this, they are embarking on a number of fundraising events. The first starts next Monday when they will be selling off individual bricks from our old building. For just £1 you can have a piece of Dee Point history. We have managed to save about 100 bricks so please keep an eye out for our Year 6 children selling them next week to support their London trip.



Christmas Dinner – Monday 19th December ● ● ●

Just a reminder to let you all know that our children's Christmas dinner will be on Monday 19th December. This is always a lovely event as we set the tables up in a different way and many of the staff at Dee Point are on hand to ensure the children have a lovely celebration meal with their friends.



● ● ● Building & Demolition Update

Well many of you will have witnessed the final parts of the demolition process last week when we finally bid a fond farewell to our old school building. It is amazing that we can now see the new school building from afar and the ground work has started with the site being cleared ready for the next stage. The demolition team are ahead of schedule I can report and will have completed all their work by the end of term. Currently they are digging out the foundations of the old building and removing all the stone and recyclable materials. We expect the site to be clear by the end of term, ready for the ground workers to come in at the start of January to start planning and creating the new outdoor play spaces. New plans for the front of school have been drawn up and they are due to be sent into the local authority planning department by the end of this week. Fingers crossed we can then start to move forward and get the front of the school looking as smart as the rest of the building.

Sports News ● ● ●



It has been a busy few weeks for all our sports stars at Dee Point. Our basketball team narrowly missed out on 2nd place by 1 point in the BEV basketball tournament but played with so much energy! Our girls Year 5/6 footballers beat Mill View in the cup in a nail biting game that ended 2-2 and the girls won it in a penalty shootout and they look forward to the next round! Our Year 3/4 girls played in a tournament last week and managed to get to the semi-finals with an incredible display of skill and determination! Our Year 5/6 team are also through to the quarter finals of the Chester Cup with a tough victory away at St Claire's Primary School and have ended the Autumn Term second in their league after a great victory away at Boughton Heath school. Finally our amazing Pandora children took part in a Goal Ball tournament at Dee Banks last week. They were incredible, many of them representing the school for the first time! Well done all these talented superstars!!

● ● ● School Uniform – Final Week

Next week we have just 3 days in school and during those days, we have a number of exciting activities including the whole school Monkey Madness treat as well as individual class parties. I have decided therefore that all children can come to school in their own clothes for the final 3 days of term. School finishes on Wednesday 21st December at the normal school time.



FIFA 17 – Saturday 17th Dec ● ● ●



Next Saturday at the Delta Centre in Cairns Crescent there is a local community event that is absolutely free. If you are a keen Fifa 17 player then head down to the Delta Centre between 5 – 8pm and enjoy the opportunity of playing against others. I am sure it will be a very popular event for many of you!

● ● ● ...And Finally

Well that is everything for this week everybody, in what is the busiest time in the school year. We are expecting between 800 – 1000 people during this week to see all the celebrations and performances from the children right across the school. It really is the most heart warming time of the year. I look forward to seeing many of you during the week and joining in the magic moments this time of year brings to so many of our children.

Kind regards

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