

Newsletter
Friday 13th
January 2017

Happy New Year Everyone

On behalf of all the staff at Dee Point, can I wish you all a very happy new year and I hope you all had a lovely break and some quality family time. It is always special on the first day back at school, the place comes to life again as your children enthusiastically return to school and this term has been no different with a lovely warm welcome back. I look forward to an exciting term for us all and have just a few notices for you all on our return.

Congratulations Mrs Seddon

I am delighted to announce the safe arrival on Christmas Eve of Holly Zara Seddon, born at 4.19pm weighing 6lb 10oz...a wonderful Christmas present for Mrs Seddon and her husband. I am sure you will all join me in congratulating them both with the exciting news and we all look forward in eager anticipation to see them soon.



Welcome Mrs Sarah Rose

I am also delighted to inform you all that our new Learning Mentor, Mrs Sarah Rose will be starting at Dee Point next Monday, 16th January. Mrs Rose will be replacing Miss Weaver and has a wealth of experience in pastoral support in her previous role at Christleton High School. I am sure you will all join me in welcoming her to the school. She visited the school during the Christmas break and is very excited and really looking forward to getting to meet many of the children and families in the coming weeks.



After School Clubs Spring 2017

Thank you all for your enthusiastic replies to attending our varied and many after school clubs. I would like to make a polite request please, that if your child signs up for a club it is really crucial that they attend regularly. Firstly because many of the clubs are over subscribed and some children are put on a waiting list, also unlike most other schools all our clubs are free, however they cost the school a lot of money to provide them. I have no issue with this provided they are well attended and children turn up for them each week. I really appreciate your support in dealing with this.



Matchbox Cars for Art Project

I am really excited this term about a number of Art Projects that will be happening that I mentioned in the previous newsletter with one of them being a whole school project involving Ian Cook from www.popbangcolour.com; if you have seen any of his work, you will see that all of it is done using remote control cars, wheels and tyres. We are planning a huge display near to the front entrance of the school with a map of the world. We want each child in the school to have played a part in this and therefore have one request. We would like each child to bring in a small car or vehicle from home that they don't mind the school keeping as we want to put them all on display. It may be an old matchbox car belonging to a parent or grandparent or a special car you have played with for many years, whatever it is, it would be brilliant to have in school. The project starts on Monday 6th February but we will start collecting your little cars from next Monday. Just bring them into class and the teachers will label them and keep them safe until we start the project. It will look amazing once it is completed.



Parents Meetings 2017

In the coming week or two, you will receive information regarding our first formal parents meetings of this year. We have had 2 informal drop-in sessions so far to see how well the children have settled but this next meeting is looking in more detail at progress, attendance and attitudes to learning. The dates are as follows and more information will be coming out to you soon, so please try and make an appointment:

Thursday 26th Jan 3.30 – 7.30pm & Friday 27th Jan 1.30 – 3pm

Parent
Meeting!

● ● ● Building & Demolition Update

Life is a little quiet at present on the building site but work will resume shortly as the ground workers will be here to level and prepare the front of the school for our new play areas. Also the plans for the front entrance have finally been submitted so hopefully we will see this work being started as soon as possible. Alongside this I have been unhappy with the quality of the carpets in the school as they have become dirty and marked very quickly. I am currently looking into replacements for these and I am negotiating this with the contractor and hope to have it resolved by half term but I will keep you all updated as things change.

Annual Parent / Carer Questionnaire ● ● ●



On **Friday 3rd February** our Annual Parent / Carer Questionnaire will be coming home with your child. It is always something that I like to do somewhere close to halfway through the school year. I really value your feedback and comments from this as it helps us to make any changes we feel are necessary as well as a chance to reflect on anything you feel we do particularly well. Please, once this form arrives home, I would be very grateful if you could return it before half term. I like to spend the half term analysing the feedback to then share with you afterwards.

● ● ● Trainers & School Shoes

Since we have arrived back in school, this week, I have noticed a large number of children arriving to school in trainers. Can I please remind everyone that children must be wearing school shoes. A lot of children bring trainers into school to change into at break time so they don't damage their shoes, this works really well and thanks to those families who support this. In high schools, children are often sent home if they do not have the appropriate uniform and also it is unfair for those families that follow our school uniform policy. I will be contacting families next week of those children who are consistently wearing trainers to school.



Attendance & Punctuality ● ● ●

During the end of last term when we looked at pupil progress, it was very clear that for some children learning and attendance go hand in hand, good attendance often leads to good learning and progress. I will be writing to you all next week to share some interesting statistics and information regarding attendance as well as some clear do's and don'ts. It is going to be a clear priority for us to improve this term and we will need and value your support to allow us to do that.



● ● ● Golden Monkey Returns

Every week I am really proud to choose 2 children in the school who receive my Top Banana and a golden monkey for the week. Can I just ask if your child has won one of these, the monkey needs to be returned by Friday of the following week. I am quickly running out of them as they haven't been returned. If you have one lurking behind the sofa at home or hidden under a pile of books somewhere, please bring them back to school. Thanks everyone!!



...And Finally ● ● ●

Thank you everyone for your continued support into 2017. I want to give a special mention to all our wonderful Nursery children who have started this week. Well done to you all for being so brave leaving your Mums or Dads at the start of the day, you are amazing and we can't wait to see more of you. It is wonderful to be back in school with your motivated and inspiring children. Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards

Dave Williams
(Headteacher)