

Newsletter
Monday 30th
January 2017

February Here We Come...

Hello everyone, it's incredible to believe that this week we wave goodbye to January and head into February, how quickly the time flies. It's been a wonderful couple of weeks back with some incredible children showing that their enthusiasm never stops. Special congratulations to Year 3 for their brilliant celebration assembly on Friday...individually incredible but as a team, simply amazing!! Just a few notices for you all this week.

Year 6 Buy a Brick Fundraiser

I wanted to just give a special thank you to everyone who bought a piece of Dee Point history at the end of last term with our old school bricks fundraiser to support the Year 6 children's trip to London. We raised an amazing £136 which will help us make this trip of a lifetime even more of a reality!!

Handwashing Programme Y1 – Y6

This week you will notice we have some good friends from a company called Healthbox working in school. Part of our money raised at Christmas through the production ticket sales, is being used to fund exciting workshops across the school. These workshop are interactive and will help to educate the children on the importance of handwashing. They will explore the science behind bacteria and how we can reduce the number of bugs and illness in school. I am sure this will support them in making sure hands are washed regularly.



Term Dates 2017-2018

Last week the term dates for 2017-2018 were agreed. These are now published on the school website: www.deepointprimary.cheshire.sch.uk; in the 'News' section and are also available in the front entrance of the school so please help yourself to these. They are not too dissimilar to this year's dates.

E-Safety Parents Meeting

On Tuesday 7th February it is Internet Safety Day across the country and to coincide with this we are holding a special e-safety parents meeting in the school hall for you all. As a parent myself I have learnt how crucial it is that we are aware of how our children are accessing material on-line in a safe and protected environment. We want to offer you some simple safety and advice tips so would hugely appreciate you attending. Look out for the letter coming home soon. If you have chance also we would love you to complete our Internet Safety Survey online. Just head to the website –<http://www.deepointprimary.cheshire.sch.uk/page/e-safety-parents-survey/31385> to complete it. Look out for the letter regarding this coming out later in the week.



School Uniform including Jewellery

We have had a busy couple of weeks speaking to families whose children consistently wear trainers to school. Thank you to many of those for supporting the school's policy and making it fair for everyone. I just want to also remind parents and carers that we would like children to only wear stud earrings in school and no necklaces or rings please. Watches are fine and can be worn. Thanks for supporting this



Thank you Mrs Mannion

Many of you will have noticed that Mrs Roberts who works in the main school office has been absent from school since before Christmas. Sadly Mrs Roberts has had to look after her father after he has been seriously ill in hospital. He is slowly getting his health back and Mrs Roberts will be back soon. In the meantime I wanted you to join me in thanking Mrs Mannion for supporting Mrs Mowles in the front office over the past few weeks, it has been brilliant having her in school.



● ● ● Building & Demolition Update

Well the building site has started to, slowly but surely, pick up pace. The new carpets are currently being installed throughout the school and will be completed by half term at the latest. I am delighted these have been done. The next couple of weeks will see the ground workers digging out the remaining front areas ready for drainage to be installed. Then hopefully work will begin levelling out and resurfacing. We are having a temporary path installed by the wooden trim trail as it is muddy and slippery in that area. This should happen this week and finally the planning permission for the front entrance has been submitted so fingers crossed this is approved shortly.

Sports Update ● ● ●

We have participated in a couple of events since Christmas. We came 3rd in the BEV Indoor Athletics with some brilliant performances from some talented individuals especially Trinity Uwalaka for her sensational running. Our school football team cemented their 2nd place in the league with a closely fought 3-2 victory against Upton Westlea, thanks to the goalkeeping heroics of Bai-Lee Garbett. We have several events coming up before Easter including Handball, Dodgeball, Basketball and Mini-Kickers. Keep an eye out for information relating to these soon.

**SPORTS
UPDATE
TODAY**

● ● ● Making School More Efficient

In the last couple of weeks we have been looking at how we can make the school more efficient in how it is run and organised. There are 2 things we want your thoughts on and would appreciate you returning the forms to school:

Newsletters

I would like to stop sending paper copies of newsletters home and would prefer these to be accessed via email, school website or twitter. We spend a lot of money on paper and sometimes families get these more than once from siblings. Please let us know your thoughts and the best way you would like this information.

Online Payment System

Mrs Havenga our School Bursar has been looking into an online payment system meaning we reduce the amount of money we have in school. This means you can pay for trips, visits, dinner money, breakfast and after school clubs using an online banking system therefore not having to come to the main office each time. Again please complete the form so we know what kind of interest there is in this system.



...And Finally ● ● ●

That's it for this week everyone. I have been really excited to see the inside of our school come to life recently with a number of exciting displays to make the place feel more like a school. If you get a chance have a look down the corridors of Year 3 & 4 as Russell Kirk has done some amazing work with the children. Also next week, as previously mentioned, Ian Cook is coming in to do a whole school art project using remote control cars, wheels and tyres...don't forget to bring your matchbox car in for this!!

Have a lovely week everyone, thanks again for your continuing support...Parents Evening was magical last week and so lovely to see both parents / carers and teachers talking proudly of our children.

Kind regards

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(Headteacher)