

Newsletter
Monday 6th
March 2017

Welcome Back Everyone...

Hi everyone, what a brilliant start to our new and shortest half term of the school year. It is always fantastic to welcome everyone back and especially this week when all the children just immersed themselves in World Book Day. They are such great sports, along with you supporting them all the way!! Thanks to all our staff too for participating...I love this place, it's amazing and you're all crazy!! Just a few messages for you all this week.

Parking Issues

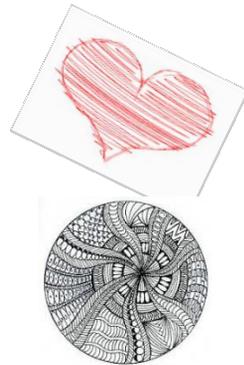
This week has been a little frustrating in relation to parking in school. Can I please remind all parents and carers that unless you have arranged with myself or you have a disabled badge (there are only 3 confirmed in the whole school) then you are not to park in the front entrance of the school please. We must, please, be more respectful for children and families who cannot get into the disabled bays and also, like I have to at my children's school, please park away from the school and walk down. At Easter the KCC car park will be closing and you will not be able to park there. I would hugely appreciate you helping us to keep the school and the grounds safe at all times please.



New Displays in School

Over half term I spent a bit of time with the kind support of Mrs Livingstone trying to fill our walls with some of the children's learning. Our kindness wall has returned with a difference. We still have some high quality uniform on there for you to come and have but also this week we will have some trainers, shoes and other footwear. Also we have now got books and games too. Everything on there is donated and of good quality so please come along and feel free to take whatever you would like.

We also have a Kindness Tree by the community room, please come along and fill in one of the kindness hearts and add it onto our wall to celebrate any act of kindness you have seen in and around school.



Farewell 'Dee Dee,' Hello New Buses

In the next few weeks we will be bidding a fond farewell to 'Dee Dee' our school minibus. The time has come for her to depart and she will be heading to Neston Primary School who have bought her and will be the new owners. That's because we will shortly be receiving 2 brand new minibuses in school. We wanted to update our minibus as it is getting a little old now but also we wanted 2 buses so it makes life much easier in terms of taking children out more regularly for visits in the local area. By having 2 it means we can fit a whole class on a trip! We will keep you posted on when they are due to arrive.



New School Uniform Proposals

The week after next our ideas for a new uniform for September will be in school and we will be asking you to vote for your favourite. We will only change the uniform if parents and carers vote to do so. We have looked at our new school and also reflected on the history of the school so the alternative uniform we are looking at is grey (like the old uniform) and also possibly a tie. The school had a black and gold tie but we are looking at a blue and grey one to fit the colours of the new school. Anyway all will be revealed in a week or two so please let us know your thoughts!! Exciting times ahead.



My Happy Mind

This week all the teachers at Dee Point took part in some training to launch a new scheme of work that we will be delivering to the children to tackle some of the issues with emotional well being and mental health. Please look out for some information coming your way next week and listen to your children talk to you about how the brain works and happy breathing!! We can't wait to get started with this programme. Find out more at <http://myhappymind.org/> and see what the children will be learning.



● ● ● Building & Demolition Update

It has been an incredibly busy and exciting time on the building site as we start to see kerb lines going in. Lots is set to happen over the next few weeks. This weekend we have had a concrete base fitted at the rear of the school where the old bike shelters will be put back on Monday, along with a scooter rack and pod for all the children's scooters. We will also have new bike racks at the front of the school once the work is completed. The project is now delayed for a further 2 weeks meaning it will be completed in the Easter holidays but this has been due to there being soft ground in the areas where the new playgrounds will be, so they have had to stone these areas which has taken longer than expected. On the 20th March you will see lots of exciting things happen, the tarmacking will start, fencing starts to be fitted and the street furniture including lighting and seating will be installed. The landscaping team start next week sorting out our grassed areas...it is all coming together everyone. Our new trim trail will also be installed soon too!

Sports Update ● ● ●

This week we will see our Year 1 superstars take part in the Mini Kickers event. This will be on Thursday after school at Catholic High School. Also on Friday, the school's football team take part in the quarter finals of the Chester School's Cup, away at Farndon Primary School. We also look forward to the Y5/6 Handball team playing the week after this, along with a girls football tournament and Year 2 Mini Kickers. More information heading to you all soon but plenty to get our teeth into over the next few weeks.



**SPORTS
UPDATE
TODAY**

● ● ● Informal Parents Evening – Change of Date

Next week on Wednesday we were due to have our informal parents evening, however we have to rearrange this as we have a training event on the assessment of Reading and Writing and this was the only date the consultant could manage. So we have changed the date for the drop in and it will be in the last week of this half term on Wednesday 29th March 3.30 – 6pm. Thanks for your understanding with this, if you have anything urgent to discuss with classteachers, please come and talk to them this week.



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On-Line Payment System ● ● ●

Before half term we asked for your feedback on whether you felt the school should adopt an on-line payment system to help you pay for school dinners, trips etc. The survey was very helpful and with over 150 responses and the majority of you asking for the option to have both, we are now looking into the most efficient and cost effective system but we plan to have this in place by Easter. Keep an eye out for more information.



● ● ● ...And Finally

Thank you everyone for your continued support, I promise you all the beginning of our new school is just around the corner and after Easter, perfectly timed for the Summer, it will all be ready! I can't wait and hope you are as excited as me! Please have an enjoyable week everyone, we look forward to a really positive and exciting half term together.

Kind regards



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