

Newsletter  
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## ● ● ● Have a Happy Holiday Everyone

Hi everyone, I wanted to wish you all a very happy holiday and a wonderful Easter. We have completed 2 terms and just have the magical Summer Term to go, sports days, end of year reports, summer fairs and finally the completion of our school. This final newsletter really only focuses on the re-opening of the school grounds after Easter and some vital information about parking arrangements and how we enter the school, which will all be different next term. Please take the time to read it and feel free to come and ask me any questions tomorrow.

## ● ● ● Changes to the School Entrances ● ● ●

Ok everyone, please read this carefully as it will provide you with some vital information for the start of next term. During the two week Easter break all of the groundwork to re-open the playgrounds will have been completed, we will get our old car park back (where the old building used to be) and we will also have our old pedestrian gates open (by the crossing). The building next door will be re-opening on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> April and will be known as Ash Tree Nursery. This building and the front car park will no longer be our property and we will not be allowed access into it and you will not be able to park in there either.

There will be some car park space in the top car park for parents, but again like every other school in Cheshire West, this will be very limited so you will have to find suitable arrangements outside the school gates.

When you enter the school through the pedestrian gates you will come in a different way to before. The narrow path outside Nursery and Reception will be blocked off and will now form their outdoor play space. You will come in where the gold tarmac is and the new bike shelter (there is 1 there at the moment but hopefully 2 by the time you come back) and through the double black gates. Nursery you will head down the blue path and through your outdoor space and Reception you will head down the gold path (near the pencil fence) into your classes. Everyone else will come in through the black gates, or you may choose to head past the front entrance and around the back of the school where the minibuses live.

All our outdoor space will be ready for the children to play in, we are just waiting for the trim trail which will be installed in May but I have included a picture of this for you all to see (this will be installed next to the caravan) and the grass areas we can't use until the grass has grown.

All bikes and scooters must not be ridden in school at all and only bikes will be going in the new shelters, not scooters please, they must go on the scooter racks that will be installed next to the old bike sheds. These bike sheds can also be used (for bikes) if they are easier for you.

The road outside Dee Point is also being changed over the Easter holidays and the traffic calming is being removed and we are having table top traffic calming installed (similar to outside Highfield School) one of which will have another pedestrian crossing on which should make crossing even safer outside school, provided nobody parks on it!

Finally, no cars (unless they are blue badge holders) will be able to access the main gates, you will have to use the end car park. Even now after many requests people are driving in through the main gates and parking outside the main entrance of the school. This will not be allowed from the start of the new term and the front gate (this will still be under construction next term) will not have any access unless agreed with myself or you have a blue badge. I will need to see **ALL** blue badges again please before you enter the premises.

Thanks everyone, it is crucial we get this right next term so that children can arrive in school safely. We will still have some work to complete at the front of the school and our car park at the back of the school, this will be done in the next half term. I appreciate your support in what has been a massively time consuming and complicate process. Your patience and support and in particular your children's has been incredible and something I have greatly valued and appreciated.

## Attendance Incentives

I have been delighted with how well our children and yourselves have responded to our new Attendance initiative. It is crucial that our school improves its overall attendance and I am delighted that we are celebrating and rewarding our children who have achieved 100% attendance for the Spring Term with a golden ticket and a non-uniform day, well done to all of those. Also tomorrow we will be rewarding our most consistent class who have had the best attendance for this term. The class in Key Stage 1 & Foundation Stage and Key Stage 2 who has the highest attendance for the whole term will receive £250 to spend on whatever they want as a class. There will be some excitement in the hall tomorrow morning when we announce this!



## Sports Update

Well done last week to our Year 3 Mini Kickers who fought valiantly in the tournament played at Chester Catholic High School. They worked hard throughout the tournament and represented the school superbly. Also well done to our girls football team who lost last night in the quarter finals of the cup against a very strong Oldfield Primary School team. Their hard work, commitment and dedication was immense and they never gave up, so proud girls well done! Finally well done to the school football team who finished league runners up this year after a brilliant 5-4 victory at Kelsall last week. They will now head to Liverpool FC's academy in the new term to play in a Champions League tournament. Good luck to our Y4 Mini Kickers tonight and also good luck to our Basketball Team who play on Sunday at Cheshire Phoenix. Special thanks to Miss Harris for taking these even when she's on holiday...there's dedication for you!!

### SPORTS REPORT

## Red Nose Day

A huge and special thank you to you all for supporting this year's Red Nose Day appeal, we raised a staggering £326.92 which will go a long way to supporting many children across the world. Your kindness and generosity is hugely appreciated and thanks for some amazing outfits and hair too!



## Just Giving Support

I have been asked by Sam Garner from Ariel class in Year 4 if we can support and promote some charity work that Sam is doing. After Easter Sam will be running a 5k race for a charity called Bullies Out. A worthwhile cause and a tremendous effort Sam. You can sponsor him by following this link: [http://www.justgiving.com/Lindsey-Garner3?utm\\_id=27](http://www.justgiving.com/Lindsey-Garner3?utm_id=27); Good luck!!



## ...And Finally

Phew, I think I've captured everything, well done tomorrow to our brilliant Top Bananas of the Term, I'm excited to see you all in the morning on our stage and thanks to you all for your continued support and commitment to our school. I hope you all have some time to relax and take it easy over the holiday period and fingers crossed for some good weather too. Please email me if you have any problems or concerns during the Easter break, I will be in and out of school throughout the 2 weeks, email address is: [head@deepointprimary.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:head@deepointprimary.cheshire.sch.uk); I wanted to leave you all with a magical email I received from Mrs Mowles after a phone call from another school visiting Chester Zoo last week at the same time as our Year 5 children. This is one of the reasons I love coming to work!!!

Happy Holidays everyone...

Kind regards

Dave Williams  
(Headteacher)

I have just had a phone call from a teacher at Ellery Park Special School in Wallasey. She is at the zoo at the moment with her children, most of whom are Downs Syndrome, or have other special needs. She wanted the school to know that our pupils stood out to her and the other teachers at her school because they were so well behaved and kind. She said they were lovely to their pupils, holding doors open and helping them out, and especially mentioned Ryan and Charlie. She said they were amazing and hoped they would get the recognition for their behaviour that they deserve. She said there are lots of other schools visiting the zoo today, but Dee Point are exceptional