Deerpark Primary School Newsletter – August/September 2018



What's Happening in School?

Welcome back to all children and families from P2 to P7 and a very warm welcome to our new children and families in Primary 1. So far all of the children have settled well into their new classes and with new class teachers and the Big Buddies have been supporting Primary 1 children.

We are also welcoming Mrs Sheridan to Deerpark as our new PE specialist.

Home-School Communication

There are many ways to find out what is happening in school. We regularly update our Twitter feed and Class dojo with photos and information about learning and events happening across the sc Follow us @DeerparkPrimary

As well as this, our school website is on 9000. All classes have their own blogs, which children have the opportunity to contribute to. Please take a look!

Easy Fundraising'

Easy Fundraising is a tool to help us to raise money for our school, which was brought to our attention by our Parent Council. Connecting to this via your phone or computer enables the school to receive donations from retailers <u>at no cost to</u> <u>you</u>, when you purchase items in your daily/weekly shopping. Please take a look at <u>www.easyfundraising.org.uk</u> for more information.

Members of our Parent Council have very kindly offered to explain this process to other parents during our Sharing the Learning event this week.

Control of all it's free

<u>Achievements</u>



We would like to

share achievements of children with the rest of the school community. Please let us know if you have anything that you would like us to share from outside of school (wider achievements) and we will add to our newsletter.

Breakfast Club

Deerpark Primary Breakfast Club runs from 8:30 - 8:50am. There is no need to book. Breakfast costs £1.20 per day. Children who attend breakfast club <u>must</u> <u>remain in the school hall</u> after breakfast until 9am to ensure adult supervision from 8:30 until 9am.

Parking Outside of School

A gentle reminder to all parents/carers/family and friends that cars should not be parked on the pavement or double yellow lines outside the school gates as this creates a road safety hazard for all accessing the school grounds. Cars are not permitted in the school grounds between 8:30 and 9:10 and 2:30 and 3:10 to ensure safe access for all pedestrians and easy access for Lochies transport, staff vehicles. We would also like to remind you that in the interests of health and safety, dogs are not permitted within the school grounds. Thank you in advance for your co-operation and respect for the safety of our children.

School Security

School security is essential and we are updating our procedures to reduce risk. We welcome parents and carers to our school and hope to increase the number of opportunities for you to find out about your child's learning and take part in some learning activities.

However, in order to maintain a secure environment, all parents/carers accessing our building, even to collect children at the end of the school day, will be required to do so via the main entrance, sign in and wear a visitors pass and then sign out when they leave.

In addition, parents/carers picking children up from after school clubs must now wait outside the main entrance as there may not be school staff available to issue passes etc. Coaches from after school clubs will bring your children to you at the main entrance. We understand that this may cause some inconvenience but the safety of our children and school security is our collective responsibility. We thank you in advance for your continued support.

<u>Cup-a-chats</u>

We are always keen to encourage parent/carer involvement in our school and to consult you on your views around a variety of areas. We will hold a Cup-a-chat session each month for an informal discussion with Mrs Bernard and/or other members of our staff team. Our first session on Thursday 6 September will include a chat about how you would like us to share and include you in your child's learning. If you'd like to come along, please contact the school by Wednesday 5 September so that we can provide catering - cup of tea/coffee and biscuits. If you cannot attend but would like to share your views, look out for a parent/carer survey on class dojo and groupcall.

Primary 6/7

Within Numeracy we will be working on addition and subtraction. P6/7 will Also be concentrating on problem solving and strategies for solving worded problems.

Within Maths we will be looking at 2d and 3shape.

Our Outdoor learning will be within the context of gartmorn dam. Next week we will be working with Jenny ventham.

The Class chose a novel - kensuke's kingdom by Michael murpurgo.

We will also be reading our own books and making personal responses to them during some of our literacy time.

Here is our Class Charter



Dates for your Diary

3 September pm - Sharing Learning with P1W and P1M
6 September at 9am - Cup - a -chat
10 September pm - Sharing Learning with P2
13 September am - Tempest Photography in school for school photos (family and/or individual)
13 September pm - Sharing Learning with P5/6
18 September pm - Sharing Learning with P3
19 September pm - Sharing Learning with P6/7
25 September pm - Sharing Learning with P4
3 October 9am - Cup - a - chat
9 October - Flu immunisation team in school
15 October - 19 October - October Holiday