



## DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

### Happy New Year

Welcome to the first newsletter of the spring term. I hope you all had a peaceful and enjoyable break. The children are back in school and full of beans and we are already heads down with work.

It is lovely to see Mrs Smith back with Year 6 following her maternity leave. I am sure she feels like she was never away.

This is a difficult term because we are saying goodbye to Mrs Glaister and Mr MacCreedy. They will be missed by us all very much.

This is a very short newsletter this week, but we had awards assembly this morning and are back on track with attendance which is great. I am delighted to see the bugs that were hitting before the holiday seem to have begun to disappear.

### Attendance

You know, I am sure, what I am going to put here. Attendance is such a drive from the Government and Ofsted. I don't expect anyone to send an ill child into school. We chose not to send letters at the end of term because we had so many children absent due to illness.

I do however need to remind you that holidays in term time cannot be authorised except in exceptional circumstances. We will be monitoring children who are absent due to holidays and any patterns of absence and I will continue to follow our procedures here.

I know it seems incredibly unfair to have to pay extra because you should take holidays during school holidays but this is an issue for the holiday companies.

Thank you as always for your support.

### Money Saving

I am very aware that towards the end of the autumn term lots of letters came to you requesting voluntary contributions for a number of things.

We are trying to reduce this as much as we can without it impacting on your child's education.

If, at any point, we ask for a contribution and you are struggling then please contact the office or myself and we will sort something for you confidentially.

### New name and emails

I am sure you are aware by now that we have a new name for our Trust. We are now called Changing Lives Learning Trust rather than West Lakes. We have a new trust logo and colours and we also have new emails.

If you need to contact the office via email it is now [admin.dearham@changinglives.education](mailto:admin.dearham@changinglives.education).

If you need to contact me, my email is:

wilsonj@changinglives.education

### Social Media

Just a little reminder about the use of social media by children. We have a number of children in WhatsApp groups and also a number on Snapchat who have public profiles. Whilst we cannot tell you what to let your children access we would suggest all profiles are private.

There is so much unpleasantness in the world that children can access or be victims of on the internet that we need to protect them to the very best of our ability.

Thank you

## Headteacher Awards

<p>Nursery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Evelyn Clark</li><li>✓ Jackson Foster</li></ul>	<p>Year Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Finley Gillmour</li><li>✓ Alexis Ross</li></ul>
<p>Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Freddie Hindmoor</li><li>✓ Jacob Lister</li></ul>	<p>Year Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Zoey Gaskell</li><li>✓ Ruari O'Donnell</li></ul>
<p>Year One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Knox Hodgson</li><li>✓ Alice Adams</li><li>✓ Skyler Bailiff</li><li>✓ Layla Harrison</li><li>✓ William Wilson</li><li>✓ Joey Dickinson</li></ul>	<p>Year Five</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Ebony Atkinson</li><li>✓ Lacey Morris</li><li>✓ Rory Maxwell</li></ul>
<p>Year Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ The whole class</li></ul>	<p>Year Six</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Callum Kirkbride</li><li>✓ Libby Taylor</li><li>✓ Elijah Woolley</li><li>✓ Charlee Murray</li></ul>

## Courtesy Cups

This week courtesy cups went to:

Lola Spriggs

Ella Maguire

Jonny Frankham

Wilson Short

## **Dates for your diary**

Dates for this term so far. New dates highlighted

- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January – Mrs Glaister last day
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January- Maryport library visit for Y6 and nursery (details closer to the time)
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> January – Young Voices concert in school
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Reception and Y5 Maryport library
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Young Voices
- Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February – Years 2 and 4 Maryport library visit
- Week of 6<sup>th</sup> February – mental health week
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Years 1 and 3 Maryport library visit
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – dress to express day (more details to follow)
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Half term

I will add to this list as dates come into the diary so you can free up your calendars where possible.