



## DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2023

### Mrs Rigby

It is with much sadness I have to inform you of another change in staffing here at Dearham!

Mrs Rigby is leaving us to take up the post of class teacher at Dean School. Mrs Rigby felt it was time for a change and so it is with heavy heart she will finish with us here at the end of the Spring term. I know Mrs Rigby has been an amazing help and support, especially for the parents of our SEND children and she will be particularly missed by them. Mr Blease will take over as SENDCO for the school and he and Mrs Rigby will have time together before she leaves to ensure a smooth handover.

We are currently looking at staffing arrangements to fill Mrs Rigby's role until September when Miss Grima will be back with us permanently at Dearham.

I know you will be as saddened as I am to know Mrs Rigby is leaving but I also know you will join me in wishing her all the best for her future at Dean.

### Year 5 and 6 Football Tournament



On Wednesday this week 20 of our Year 5 and 6 children went to Netherhall to take part in a local schools football tournament.



The children had

a great afternoon showing lots of excellent teamwork, resilience and skills. We are grateful to Sarah at Netherhall for arranging the tournament and to the Netherhall students who refereed the matches.

### International Women's Day

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March was International Women's Day. As part of the recognition of the day the FA encouraged girls all over England to take part in #LetGirlsPlay. The aim was to get as many girls as possible to join in the biggest ever football session.

We are always up for a challenge here at Dearham and 40 of our girls from Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in this challenge.

It was such a success it was decided we would make it a weekly event so every Wednesday from now on is girls' football at first break.

Well done to everyone.



## **Our Values**

You may recall a couple of weeks ago I attached a vision and values statement to the newsletter as a piece of work to change the current statement. During a conversation with Mrs Smith on Tuesday I learned that four of the Year 6 girls had been talking about our values whilst taking it upon themselves to do some litter picking! Thank you to Indie said it was just like our motto but added to it and so now instead of Be Kind, Be Kind, Be Kind' Dearham School will have a new motto and values:

Be Kind to ourselves

Be Kind to others

Be Kind to our planet

We were so impressed by this and are so proud of these girls for linking that to our motto. Well done and thank you to Indie, Ella, Jessica and Phoebe for their volunteering and thoughts.

The plan now is we are running a competition in school to design a picture to go with this motto. The winners will be put together and used to create an image to go up around school and on our letters etc.

## **Parent Sessions**

The shared reading activity with parents on World Book Day has received such positive comments from parents, children and staff, we would like to repeat that kind of session on a regular basis in school.



With that in mind we are planning a craft session at the end of the spring term for parents to come and do some craft activities with their children. The plan is to hold the session on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March from 2:15. Further details will be sent out closer to the time but hopefully this little note will give you time to organise to be able to join us.

## World Book Day

I know World Book Day was last week but I felt it was only fair to share some more of the photos taken on the day with you here.





## Snow Day

Our job here at Dearham, like in all schools, is to provide our children with a first class education, but just sometimes nature gives an opportunity to do something more. This morning I bent the rules a little and what a joy it was to see the children being children in the snow.



## Parents Evening

Parents evening will be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March. Year 4 and 5 will also have appointments on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. Appointment times will be issued next week.

# Attendance

Attendance figures for this week:

Nursery	86.76%
Reception	96%
Year 1	97.06%
Year 2	98.52%
Year 3	86.79%
Year 4	95.96%
Year 5	98.57%
Year 6 Mrs Smith	100%
Year 6 Mrs Ivison	95.32%

Well done Mrs Smith and her Year 6 class!!

Whole school attendance this week is 95.05%.

## Headteacher Awards for this week

<p>Nursery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Violet Dixon</li><li>✓ Violet Morgan</li></ul> <p>Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Sienna Jervis</li><li>✓ Cohen Parker</li><li>✓ Evie Christopherson-Tew</li><li>✓ Miss Ivison</li></ul> <p>Year One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Paizlie Lawson</li><li>✓ Zachary Fidler</li><li>✓ Florence Smith</li></ul> <p>Year Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Ted Sanderson</li><li>✓ Poppy Hindmoor</li><li>✓ Noah Easterbrook</li></ul>	<p>Year Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ James Todd</li><li>✓ Grace Parker</li><li>✓ Finley Gillmore</li></ul> <p>Year Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Poppy Melton</li><li>✓ Ruari O'Donnell</li><li>✓ Evan Stephenson</li><li>✓ Joshua Copeland</li><li>✓ Alfie Anderson</li></ul> <p>Year Five</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Molly Cosgrove</li><li>✓ Alysha Rickerby</li><li>✓ Belle Fidler</li><li>✓ Harry Fulton</li><li>✓ Cooper Hetherington</li></ul> <p>Year Six</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Callum Kirkbride</li><li>✓ Livvy-Jo Kirkbride</li><li>✓ Charlee Murray</li><li>✓ Emilia Adams</li><li>✓ Aidan Oultram</li><li>✓ Phoebe Nixon</li><li>✓ Jessica Dark</li><li>✓ Indie Blaylock</li><li>✓ Ella Maguire</li></ul>
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## Courtesy Cups

This week courtesy cups went to:

Norah Pala

Leon Spriggs

Grace Parker

Jay Corlett

## Dates for your diary

Dates for this term so far. New dates highlighted

- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day – wear something red
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 visit to St Mungo's Church
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Y5 & 6 football at Netherhall
- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March – Parents Evening
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Commando Joe day.
- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Wear something blue for the start of Autism Awareness Week
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March – Lockdown Practice. More details closer to the time
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Y5 & 6 tag rugby at Netherhall
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Nursery new starters open afternoon
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Y3 trip to Honistor Slate Mine
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Spring / Easter craft session with parents
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – End of the spring term
- Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April – back to school
- Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> April – Y5 Rivers trip
- Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May – school closed Bank Holiday Monday
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Coronation assembly with Revd Mary Day
- Friday 5<sup>th</sup> May – coronation celebration day
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May – School Closed Coronation Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May – KS2 SATS

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

## Recommended Reads

- ❖ Handa's Surprise by Eileen Brown
- ❖ Tuesday by David Wiesner
- ❖ Nothing to See Here Hotel by Steven Butler
- ❖ A Boy Called Hope by Lara Williamson

