



DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 31st MARCH 2023

This term in pictures





What a special 58 days we have had! We have said goodbyes to some of our amazing staff this term including the wonderful Mrs Rigby who is leaving us today for a new post at Dean School. We will miss her just as much as we miss Mr MacCreedy and Mrs Glaister!

We have been so busy with all the normal day to day learning we do but we have done SO much more:

Beacon Visit

Honistor Slate Mine

Young Voices

Football Tournaments

Rugby Tournaments

Performing arts day

Visit to St Mungo's Church

Spring Walk

Maryport Library visits

World Book Day

Craft afternoon

Team Evie Reading Challenge

STEM day

Cricket

Children's mental health week

Dress to express day

PJ Day

Autism awareness week

Red Nose Day

Mrs Rigby

Today is Mrs Rigby's last day at Dearham and it is a sad one for us all, not least the children in Year 2 whom she has worked with this year. Mrs Rigby has been SENDCo here at Dearham since 2017 and a class teacher since 2014. She has worked with so many children and been an integral part of the school as a class teacher and I know she has been incredibly valued by the parents of children she has supported as SENDCo. Mr Blease will be taking on the role of whole school SENDCo from 17th April and Mrs Karen Whild will be covering Y2 until the end of the summer term.

Cars

Please can I just remind parents about cars and parking in the morning and at the end of the day. We have had a number of complaints from neighbours about cars literally being abandoned on The Went while people collect children from school. We also have had a number of times when visitors have been blocked in the visitor car park because of children being collected. Our visitor car park is extremely small and vehicles must have the ability to leave the carpark at all times during the day. We also have to be aware of emergency vehicle access. If we need an ambulance for a child and they cannot get through The Went on into the car park then the consequences do not bare thinking about.

Absence Calls

As part of our safeguarding procedures we have to follow up on absences which have not been reported to us by a parent or carer. Our safeguarding procedures mean that if we have not had contact and are unable to get hold of anyone to confirm the child is absent, then we have to go and knock on the door for that child. If we don't get an answer from the door then the next step is to contact the police because the child is classed as missing.

If your child is off school for any reason and we have not been notified previously please can you make sure you call before 9am on the first day of absence

Lockdown

You might recall me telling you about a lockdown drill which we were going to hold in school. Well, the drill was carried out on 28th March and it was relatively successful. All children were back into the building in a safe place within 2 minutes 30 seconds which, for 242 children, is quite an achievement. We did pick up a couple of areas we will amend for future, but as far as the children were concerned they did brilliantly and did not fuss. Thank you as always for your support with this drill.

Attendance Letters

The RAG rated attendance letters have been sent out today as part of our attendance procedures and as I mentioned in the last newsletter. The letters are based on attendance for this term only.

Just a reminder that the RAG rating works alongside our class traffic light system, which we share in assembly. The rating is:

A green light means attendance is 97%+

An amber light means attendance between 94 and 96.99%

A red light means attendance of 93% and lower

Attendance

Attendance figures for this term:

Nursery	93.5%
Reception	95.13%
Year 1	95.3%
Year 2	93.21%
Year 3	93.2%
Year 4	95.51%
Year 5	97.4%
Year 6 Mrs Smith	97.8%
Year 6 Mrs Ivison	95.24%

Whole school attendance this term is 95.1%.

Thank you for your continued support on attendance.

Headteacher Awards for this week

<p>Nursery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Zania Adams✓ Freddie Varty <p>Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Sienna Jervis✓ Maggie Lawson✓ Roni Peat✓ Lyra Simpson✓ Nancy Bethwaite✓ Sophie Copeland✓ Wilson Short✓ Ben Russell✓ Evie Christopherson-Tew✓ Oakley Robertson✓ Bailey White <p>Year One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Jonny Frankham✓ Wesley Todd✓ Olivia Akitt✓ The whole class from Ms Wilson for fantastic writing <p>Year Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The whole class from all the staff	<p>Year Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Soffia Carter✓ Jake Askew✓ Isaac Scholey <p>Year Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Jasmine Courty✓ Nate Young✓ Amber Todd✓ Emily Bishop <p>Year Five</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Keighana Relph✓ Kaleb McKenzie✓ Noah Parker✓ Freya Johnston✓ Lacey Morris✓ Indie Fulton <p>Year Six</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ The whole of Y6 from all Y6 staff
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Courtesy Cups

This week courtesy cups went to:

Nancy Bethwaite

Jonty Falcon

Eli Douglas

Esther Blackburn

Esme Blackburn

Mrs Blackburn

Dates for your diary

Dates for this term so far. New dates highlighted

- Monday 17th April – back to school
- Wednesday 26th April – Y5 Rivers trip
- Monday 1st May – school closed Bank Holiday Monday
- Wednesday 3rd May – Coronation assembly with Revd Mary Day
- Friday 5th May – Coronation Celebration Day
- Monday 8th May – School Closed Coronation Bank Holiday
- Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May – KS2 SATS
- Tuesday 9th May – Wednesday 10th May – Y4 residential to Hawes End
- Tuesday 16th May – Class photos
- Friday 26th May – school closes for half term
- Monday 5th June – school reopens
- Wednesday 7th to Friday 9th – Y5&6 Liverpool residential
- Tuesday 20th June – KS2 Big Sing at the Carnegie

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

End of term

I wanted to end the newsletter for this term with a thank you to everyone involved with the school. Staff, parents, governors and of course the children make every day a new adventure.

I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable break and come back refreshed for the summer term.

“When the sun is shining I can do anything; no mountain is too high, no trouble is too difficult to overcome.”

Wilma Rudolph

A host of golden daffodils by Nursery

