



DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 6th OCT 2023

Reading Boxes

Last year we introduced our reading boxes for every class in school. The children really enjoyed taking this home and there were some lovely pieces of art work produced. Now the children have moved into new year groups there are new books for them to bring home.

I would be really grateful if you could email me some pictures of your child enjoying the books, the hot chocolate, or pictures of their art work to add to our display board in school. Please email your pictures to:

cresswellc@changinglives.education

Thank you.
MrsCresswell.

Here's a lovely picture of Esther in Year 4 with her book box.



Football Star

We are always proud of the success of our children at Dearham in everything they do from singing to rugby to football and everything in between

This week I was sent this picture of Evan. On Saturday he played for Workington Reds Academy against the little club in the picture! Well done Evan, what an experience that must have been!



Celebration

If your child has taken part in anything outside school and wants to share it with the Dearham family please send me a picture and a little information and I will pop it on the newsletter.

Autumn Nights

It is hard to believe it is October already and some of the children are turning their thoughts to Halloween. We have our PCSO in for an assembly to talk to the children about trick or treating and bonfire night and how to keep themselves safe.

Facebook (again)

It has almost become the norm that I have to mention Facebook at least every term.

I am a parent and a grandparent and I get the frustrations there can be with schools. But I am also a teacher and a human being, and as a human being it knocks me back every time some negative and frankly abusive comment is put on Facebook about the school or the staff. Please put yourselves in our shoes. We don't work 9 until 3 with lovely long holidays. We work long hours, often at the detriment to our own families and we work through our holidays. If anyone has ever emailed staff during any of the time off you will always get a reply. We are not looking for sympathy, just a bit of mutual respect.

If you have a worry, concern, complaint, please allow us the opportunity to deal with it before you take to Facebook and criticise us for something we may not be aware of. It just creates ill feeling and deflates a hardworking and dedicated staff.

If you think the school has gone downhill in these past few years tell me how and I will do my best to address it and fix it. Every member of this staff would do the same, but we are tired of the negativity posted on social media without us having had the chance to defend the school and ourselves.

It is not always bad, and we are eternally grateful to those parents who celebrate the school or defend us when the comments are not so positive.

So my plea is this. If you have a worry or complaint then let us hear it, but pick up the phone, send an email, or better still come and see me. Please don't go to Facebook and criticise us and not expect us to respond.

Foodbank Donations

Thank you again for your generous donations to the foodbank. All the bags were collected on Monday with help from our Head Pupils and Freya.



Courtesy Cups

Daisy-Belle Haynes

Ember Scott

Poppy Hindmoor, Owen Wilkinson

Ruby Pattinson

Community Cup

Headteacher Awards from this week

<p>Nursery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Robyn Weightman <p>Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Isla Boyd✓ Grayson Branthwaite✓ Callan Shields✓ Zac Cashman <p>Year One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Hunter Campbell✓ Frazer McMullan✓ Maggie Lawson✓ Bailey White <p>Year Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Skyler Bailiff✓ William Shaw✓ Knox Hodgson	<p>Year Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Lucy Penn✓ Ted Sanderson✓ Reece Cook <p>Year Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Finley Gillmore✓ Aidan Smith <p>Year Five</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Maddox Blaylock✓ Penny Murphy✓ Jayden Campbell <p>Year Six</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Zac Sadler
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Attendance

Attendance for the week ending 6th October 2023

Nursery	100%
Reception	94.48%
Year 1	87.34%
Year 2	96.09%
Year 3	95.12%
Year 4	89.33%
Year 5	93.43%
Year 6	97.85%

Whole School attendance 93.89%

Dates for your diary

- Friday 13th October – Nursery reading session 8:45 – 9:15
- Friday 20th Oct – Half term
- Monday 30th Oct – Back to school
- Tuesday 7th November – reception parents meetings
- Wednesday 8th Nov – Parents meetings for years 1 to 6
- Thursday 9th Nov – Tempest photos for family and individual photos
- Wednesday 8th November – Y3 & 4 Cinema Trip (Carlisle)
- Monday 13th November – Y2 Cinema Trip (Workington)
- Wednesday 15th November – Y5 & 6 Cinema Trip (Penrith)
- Thursday 16th November – Y1 Cinema Trip (Workington)
- Monday 27th Nov– Nasal flu vaccines
- Tuesday 12th Dec – KS1 Christmas performance at the Carnegie
- Wednesday 13th Dec – KS2 Christmas performance at the Carnegie
- Thursday 14th December – Christmas lunch day
- Friday 15th December – Nursery and reception Nativity in the school hall
- Monday 18th Dec – Party day
- Tuesday 19th Dec – end of term

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