

Dream, Believe, Achieve Together



Newsletter
Friday 15th
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2019

Welcome back everyone

Welcome back everyone to the 2nd half of the Autumn Term. The dark nights and miserable weather haven't dampened the spirits of the children as they burst back through the doors last week; it was an absolute delight to see them all back, fully refreshed and revitalised for a busy 7 weeks of learning. We have a number of events and activities going on in the coming weeks and I just wanted to keep you up to speed with what was happening. Thank you for a lovely warm welcome back to this half term and I look forward to an enjoyable run up to the festive period.

Anti-Bullying Week 11th – 15th November

Thank you so much everyone who took part in our Odd Socks day today to recognise and mark the national anti-bullying week. **The theme: Change Starts With Us**

We have worked with over 1,000 children and young people to decide the theme for this year. The theme aims are as follows:

Small change. Big difference.

Whether it is verbal, physical, online or in-person, bullying has a significant impact on a child's life well in to adulthood. By making small, simple changes, we can break this cycle and create a safe environment for everyone. Because together, we can challenge bullying. Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

Change starts here.

Change starts now.

Change starts with us.



I'm always so proud of how the children reflect on anti-bullying week and their ability to express their open and honest thoughts and feelings. They have done a range of activities this week to demonstrate their understanding and how we can support each other. A special thank you to our Democracy Group and Mrs Payne for sharing our Anti-Bullying Policy with the whole school.

Halloween Disco & Raffle

A huge thank you to everyone who supported both of these events and a special thank you to the Fundraising Team for working tirelessly to promote them. We raised a total of £396 which is just incredible and thank you all so much for this. We are looking at how we can spend some of the funding you've supported so I will let you all know as soon as possible.

Children in Need 2019 – Friday 15th November

What a fun filled, action packed day today and really magical seeing the children all dressed in their sporty gear, ready for action!! I love how you always embrace any fundraising or national awareness event. Thank you all so much for your support and a memorable way to end the week!



Key Stage 2 SSA Grades

We have been running the SSA Grade system in school now since 2016. This is the system that we use to record behaviour for learning and pupil attitudes. So in simple terms how many 1's, 2's 3's etc we give out in each class every single day. Mr Ortega collates these and analyses them each term. I'm delighted that so far this year we are sitting pretty in key stage 2 and the % of positive learning grades is so high I wanted to let the children know how proud I was and how I want them to keep it going!!! We have only been using it in key stage 1 and Reception class for the last year which is why we don't have any statistics for these children.

	Year	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
	% positive learning grades (1's & 2's)	94.3	97.8	99	99.5
	% negative learning grades (3's, 4's & 5's)	5.7	2.2	1.0	0.5

A Kick Start to the Season!!!

Congratulations to the school football team who kick started their season with a hard fought 2-0 victory against Saughall All Saints in the 1st round of the cup. It really was a close game but the tenacious attitude and determination of the children ensured we were victorious. Fabulous attitude, brilliant sportsmanship and wonderful determination, well done everyone!! Next week we have 2 football tournaments which look exciting!! Good luck to them again next week.



My Happy Mind

I hope you received my letter last week that gave you some key information about the My Happy Mind programme that the school has now started to implement. This information can also be found on the parent app that is available for free: https://myhappymind.org/parents_2; Please download this and take a look at some of the exciting activities the children will be doing to support their emotional well being.



Farewell Mr Higgins

Last Friday was Mr Higgins last day at Dee Point as he has been successful in gaining a new job working in Liverpool. I'd like to thank him for his support in promoting sport and PE across the school. Currently and until Christmas I have a company coming in to teach PE and run the clubs. Kirsty, Dom and Charlie have settled in brilliantly and have spoken to me about how amazing our children are which is lovely to hear. I have a replacement for Mr Higgins who will be starting in January but I will reveal that nearer the time! Exciting stuff!



'Excite to Write' Project

This year we have been working with a company called Hi-Impact who have been helping us to plot our curriculum and through the use of computing try to make it exciting and engaging for the children. Over the next couple of weeks they are taking part in an Excite to Write project which is an initial 'WOW' lesson linked to each child's topic. This session is to inspire the children to be enthused to write and provide them with an exciting hook at the very start. Chat to your children about this!!



Good Luck Mrs Lewis!

Today is the last day for the lovely Mrs Lewis from Ariel class as she starts her maternity leave and prepares for the safe arrival of her first child. Mrs Lewis has been such a superstar this half term, supporting and encouraging Miss Lampard in her first year of teaching and I know this has helped Miss Lampard hugely to settle into school life. We are all going to miss you Mrs Lewis; you're such a positive, caring influence on children and staff alike but we are also equally excited for you and your husband. Fingers crossed for the safe arrival and please keep us posted!!



And Finally...

Just a little reminder everyone of the changes to the Christmas Performances this year for Key Stage 1 due to the General Election. They are as follows:

Key Stage 1: Tuesday 10th December at 5.30pm; Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am & 5.30pm.

Reception Class: Tuesday 3rd December at 9.30am and 2pm.

Nursery Class: Monday 2nd December at 1.30pm and Friday 6th December at 9.30am.

All tickets will be on sale in the coming weeks.

Thank you so much everyone for another wonderful start to a half term, we are busily heading into assessment weeks and looking at pupil progress so the next few weeks are really important as we look at how well your children have been doing this term. They are wonderful, hard working and determined which is an infectious place to be!

Have a lovely weekend everyone.

Kind regards