



The Deans Primary School

NEWSLETTER 3

12TH NOVEMBER 2014

“Quality Education through High Expectations”

Parents Evening and New Curriculum

First of all can I say a big thank you to all the parents who came along to parent's evening last night! 99% of parents attended which is brilliant! We know that you are all keen to support your children in school and that parents evening is one of the most important times to share information about progress.

Could those parents who were unable to attend please ensure that they have had a conversation about their child with the class teacher. We will be trying to contact parents to arrange this in the next few days.

As those parents in **Y1,3,4 & 5** will now be aware, as a school and as a country have moved away from 'leveling' children and are now required to assess children against age appropriate standards.

What does this really mean?

We will be reporting on how your child is coping with the demands of the new National Curriculum which became a requirement this September. We will be telling you if your child is working '**at age appropriate expectations.**' So for a child in **Year 4, 4b, 4w and 4s** are all age appropriate, but show how secure your child is within that year.

Y3 Age Appropriate	Year 4 Age Appropriate Measured against the Y4 Curriculum			Y5 Age Appropriate
3s	4b Beginning Y4	4w Within Y4	4s Secure Y4	5w

At our next reporting opportunity hopefully we will all be able to talk about progress and attainment using these new terms comfortably.

Attendance

As parents will be aware recent changes to legislation mean that as a Head Teacher I am unable to grant discretionary agreed holidays for children. The legislation is very clear that I may only grant agreed absence from school in **exceptional circumstances**. Family holidays in term time are not exceptional circumstances.

I have included the term dates for parents for the next two years for parents information.

School Year 2014/2015		
	Close 3.30 p.m. on:	Open 8.55 .am. on:
Autumn Term		Tuesday, 2nd September
Half-term	Friday, 24 th October	Monday, 3 rd November
End of term	Friday, 19 th December	
Spring Term		Monday, 5 th January, 2015
Half-term	Friday, 13 th February	Monday, 23 th February
End of term	Thursday, 2 nd April	
Summer Term		Monday, 20 th April
May Day	Friday, 1 st May	Tuesday, 5 th May
Half-term	Friday, 22 nd May	Wednesday, 3 rd June
End of term	Friday, 17 th July 2015	

School Year 2015/2016		
	Close 3.30 p.m. on:	Open 8.55 .am. on:
Autumn Term		Wednesday, 2nd September
Half-term	Friday, 23 rd October	Monday, 2 nd November
End of term	Friday, 18 th December	
Spring Term		Monday, 4 th January, 2016
Half-term	Friday, 12 th February	Monday, 22 nd February
Easter	Thursday 24 th March	Tuesday 29 th March
End of term	Friday, 1 st April	
Summer Term		Monday, 18 th April
May Day	Friday, 29 th April	Tuesday, 3 rd May
Half-term	Friday, 27 th May	Wednesday, 8 th June
End of term	Friday, 19 th July 2016	

Superhero Day

A massive well done to the school council for organising the Super Hero day on Wednesday, they did everything from coming up with the idea, finding a date, writing the letters and collecting and counting the money! It's fair to say that we all had a great time and raise money to save lives. It's fair to say that we've all been heroes.

I think a very special mention should go to Mrs Clarke for her amazing outfit that transformed her into 'Leafo' Saviour of the Environment made entirely from cardboard boxes and leaves found around school!

Have a look on the blog for loads more pictures of the amazing costumes!



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Parental Survey

Thank you to the 130 parents who took the time to fill in the parental survey for us at parents evening. It's given us lots of information about what we do well and also given us some thoughts about what we can do better.

Parents will be able to see the full results of the survey on the school blog very shortly, but in the meantime this word cloud should give you some idea of the results. The more a word came up in a response the bigger it appears in the cloud on the back page.

