

Danescourt Primary School Newsletter

27th January 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As this is the first newsletter of 2020, may I wish you all a very happy 2020!

Staffing News

At the beginning of term, we welcomed Miss Blackie to Danescourt Primary School who is covering Mrs Ellis' maternity leave. I am delighted to tell you that Mrs Ellis gave birth to a baby boy earlier this month.

Miss Haynes, our Deputy Headteacher, begins her maternity leave at the end of this week and we wish her well at this exciting time! To cover her many responsibilities whilst she is away, a number of temporary staff appointments have been made. Miss Lawton, Mrs Deek, Mrs Ford and Mrs King have been appointed as Acting Assistant Headteachers to cover Miss Haynes' Deputy Headteacher duties. In addition, Mrs Skuse, Mr Howard and Mrs Capel have been awarded temporary Teaching and Learning Responsibility posts to oversee various projects in Miss Haynes' absence.

Staff Training Days

Just a reminder that **school will be closed to pupils this Friday 31st January** as the whole staff undergo training for the next step of our journey as a Thinking School. The remaining INSET days for this school year are Monday 20th April and Monday 20th July.

The first three INSET days for the next academic year are in place. The first two days of the Autumn Term will be INSET days with the school being closed to pupils on Tuesday 1st Sept and Wed 2nd Sept 2020. School will also be closed to pupils for staff training on Friday 25th September 2020.

Cocoa and Story Evening- Nursery Pupils- Thursday 30th January

There is still time for Nursery parents to sign their son/daughter up to join us for this very special event on Thursday evening. Bookings can be made via ParentPay.

Congenital Heart Disease Awareness Day- Friday 14th February

We will be wearing a wear Red Day for Congenital Heart Disease on Friday 14th February. We are inviting pupils to come wearing something red for the day in return for a £1 donation towards Research. This donation can be made on ParentPay.

Travelling Book Fayre Monday 10th February - Thursday 13th February

The travelling book fayre is in school next month! The book fayre are responding to a cashless school culture and ParentPay. If you would like your child to buy a book from the Fayre you can either browse with your child make a selection and then credit your ParentPay account with the appropriate amount of money. Or if you prefer you can preload ParentPay with the amount that you are happy for your son/daughter to spend so that they can access it independently at the end of the day (this method would be particularly relevant for older pupils who walk home alone!)

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Year 6 Dance Team perform at St. David's Hall

We are very excited as our Year 6 dance team are performing at St. David's Hall this Wednesday as part of the Rubicon Dance Festival. We look forward to their exciting performance.

Family Assemblies- Spring Term 2020

We have a busy season of Family Assemblies ahead this term, all of which are held at 9.10am in the main school hall.

Thursday 30th January – Hawthorn Class

Thursday 13th February - Sycamore Class

Thursday 2nd April- Cherry/Cedar Class

Danescourt on Twitter

The school Twitter account has been up and running for several months. All our classes are tweeting regularly celebrating the incredible range of learning that our pupils undertake. If you haven't done already I would encourage you to sign up to @danescourtprm. It is not too late to give permission for your son/daughter to appear on the school's twitter posts. No names are used in our feeds and our pupils really take pride in seeing their activities published in this way. If you haven't already given permission and would now like to, please speak to your child's class teacher or the School Office who will be pleased to help you.

With Kind Regards,



Judith M. Davies- Headteacher

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