

# Newsletter

Deansbrook Infant School

NEWSLETTER NO.15

'Learn, Grow, Achieve Together'

12<sup>th</sup> January 2024



Value of the month:  
**Determination**  
Linked to the British value of mutual respect  
and tolerance of others



## Message from Mrs Catley

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term!

Please see the link to a special survey for all children across England, set up by the Children's Commissioner. Please encourage your child to complete this survey.



Big Garden  
Birdwatch

26-28 January 2024

This year's RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch runs from January 26<sup>th</sup> – January 28<sup>th</sup> 2024. You don't even need to have a garden. All you need to do is but just spend one hour in an open space near where you live and record all the birds you spot.

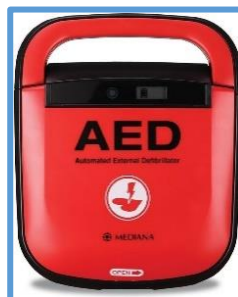
Once you have spent your hour recording the birds that land in your spot, submit your results online at:  
<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/big-garden-birdwatch>



All state-funded schools across England will receive defibrillators under new government plans to make sure there is a device in every school, boosting their numbers in communities across the country.

Defibrillators have the potential to save the lives of pupils, staff and visitors in schools.

We now have our school defibrillator and it is hanging on the wall in our reception area, above the lost property boxes. Anyone on school premises is authorised to use the defibrillator in an emergency.



Today, the children have taken part in a morning of drama workshops, run by Perform. From Thursday next week Perform will be running a weekly drama school at Deansbrook from 3.30pm – 6.00pm. Click on the link to book:  
[www.perform.org.uk/try](http://www.perform.org.uk/try)



# Dates for your diary

## Spring Term 2024

**Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January – PTA meeting at 9am in HT office**

Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January – NHS height and weight measuring for all children in Reception

**Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Reading comprehension workshop for parents/carers of Silver Class 9am**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February – Reading comprehension workshop for parents/carers of Gold Class 9am**

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Safer Internet Day

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Chinese New Year Assembly at 9am in the hall**

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February: Half Term Break**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – First day of second half of spring term**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – Word thinking Day: if your child is a Girl Guide, Brownie, Rainbow, Scout, Cub or Beaver they may wear their uniform into school to celebrate World Thinking Day.

\*all dates in bold type can be attended by parents/carers



## Birthdays

Happy Birthday to these children who celebrated their birthday during the last week:

Rebecca in Blue Class  
Alexandru in Red Class  
Tom and Emma in Purple Class  
Tejasvi in Green Class  
Dominic in Gold Class

We hope you all have a lovely day.

## Attendance

This week the attendance in each class has been...

Class	Attendance %
<b>Red Class</b>	<b>94%</b>
Blue Class	87%
Gold Class	88%
Silver Class	91%
Green Class	91%
Purple Class	92%

Well done Red Class!

## Survey for children

The children's commissioner for England is giving every child in England an opportunity to share their views. The results of the survey will be sent to parliament so that children's views are represented in Government.

All you need to do is click on the link below and fill in the survey with your child.

There are no right or wrong answers, your child can just share their opinions.

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

Closing date is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January 2024

## Multi sports club

We still have a few spaces left in our new multi sports club which will take place every Monday, starting next week.

This club gives the children the chance to try lots of different sports and games with a qualified instructor. It will be great fun and the children will learn lots of new skills. Please speak to the school office if your child would like to join this club.



## ME AND MY FAMILY

The children in Blue Class and Red Class are going to take part in a competition to be part of a lovely children's book. Every child will be asked to draw a picture of their family and then we will send them off to [www.youngwriters.co](http://www.youngwriters.co). The judges will choose their favourite pictures from all the schools taking part and make a 'Me and My Family' book.

## PTA

Don't forget our next PTA is on **Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January at 9am** in the headteachers office. We will be delighted to see you there.

## Do you need to hire a space?

Our school hall is now available to hire through the website Sharesy. The hall is suitable for a regular booking for a class or club or for one off family occasions, such as a children's party. Please click on the following link: <https://www.sharesy.com/s/deansbrook-infant-school-main-hall>