

# Newsletter

Deansbrook Infant School

NEWSLETTER NO.19

'Learn, Grow, Achieve Together'

9th February 2024



Value of the month:

**Courage**

Linked to the British value of mutual respect and tolerance of others



## Message from Mrs Catley

I hope you all have a really lovely half term holiday with your families and I look forward to seeing you on Monday 19th February.

## Chinese New Year 2024

This morning we had our special assembly to celebrate the Chinese New Year. The children learnt the story about the animals who race across the river and also discovered how families celebrate new year. We even worked out which animal matched some of our children's date of birth. Kong Hei Fat choy!



This year it is the year of the dragon

## Barnet Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities

This is a 12-week programme for parents/carers of children and young people aged 5-19

The programme helps parents/carers to support their children to develop strong ethnic, cultural and family roots, a positive parent-child relationship and the life skills necessary for functioning in today's society.

Topics include anger management, positive discipline, and strategies to develop high self-esteem, self-discipline and social competence.

**Dates: February 22nd 2024 – May 23rd 2024**

**9.30am – 1.30pm**

**Barnet and Southgate College**

If you think you would be interested in this programme please speak to Mrs Catley or a member of staff and we will make sure that you are enrolled.



Look at the amazing puppets made by Year 2. They have learnt the skill of sewing two pieces of cloth together and following a design to produce a finished product. Well done Y2!



# Dates for your diary

## Spring Term 2024

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

### **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Reception visit to the chip shop**

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February – World 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.

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Children's Mental Health Week

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March – PTA meeting at 9am in the HT's office**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day – bring your favourite book and wear your pyjamas!**  
Reading Breakfast in the hall at 8.00am

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Dance festival at the Finchley Arts Depot**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations 3.45pm – 6.15pm**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultations 4.30pm – 7.00pm**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March – Science Week:

Sublime Science workshops (organised by the PTA)

### **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March – Rock Steady Concert 9am (parents/carers of Rock Steady pupils can attend)**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Cake decorating competition  
Cake Sale at 3pm

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March - Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March – End of spring term

Reception finish at 1.15pm

Full time Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 finish at 1.30pm

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March – Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April - Easter Holidays

## Summer Term 2024

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April – First day of summer term

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Reception educational visit to London Zoo**

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May – Year 1 educational visit to Windsor Castle**

### **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May / Thursday May 9<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 educational visit to St. Paul's Cathedral**

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May – Class Photographs

### **Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June – Y2 residential visit to Moat Mount Centre**

### **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July – Reception educational visit to Mill Hill park**

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



## Birthdays

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

Nayra in the Nursery

Clara, Lexi in Silver Class

Riley in Gold Class

**We hope you all have a lovely day.**

**Happy Birthday also to these children who will celebrate their birthdays during half term:**

Lilly and Gracie-Mae in the Nursery

Maria in Red Class

Amos in Purple Class

Arya in Gold Class

Tanvi in Silver Class

**We hope you have a lovely day too!**

## Attendance

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

Class	Attendance %
Red Class	88.5%
Blue Class	87%
Gold Class	92%
<b>Silver Class</b>	<b>94%</b>
Green Class	93%
Purple Class	91%

Well done Silver Class!

Well done to Green Class who had the best attendance this half term and won an extra playtime!!

## 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>