

Newsletter

Deansbrook Infant School

NEWSLETTER NO.16

'Learn, Grow, Achieve Together'

19th January 2024



Value of the month:

Determination

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



Message from Mrs Catley

Please remember to send your children in warm clothes during this cold period. The children will still go outside at playtime and will need a warm coat, scarf, hat and gloves.

Please make sure all items of clothing are clearly named. Thank you

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The PTA are organising a second hand, nearly new uniform sale on Friday 2nd February.

The sale will start at 3pm in the school playground. Please bring cash as we will not be able to take card payments.

If you have any nearly new uniform that you could donate, please bring it to the school office.

We have polo shirts, jumpers, cardigans, trousers, skirts, dresses – all sizes.



If you can help the PTA to set up, sell uniform or clear away please send an email on deansbrookinfantpta@gmail.com



Books2Africa

Over the years we have accumulated books at school that we no longer use for our children due to them being outdated or not phonetically decodable.

I have been searching for a charity that could put these old books to good use and have decided on Books2Africa.

Books2Africa is a UK-registered charity (1152599) founded in 2012 whose mission is to promote a culture of 'readcycling' and improve the quality of education in Africa. 202 million students who attend school in Sub-Saharan Africa will not be able to read or write properly after finishing school due to lack of quality educational resources.

To ship the books to Africa it costs about £8 per box.

We have therefore decided to have a non-uniform day on Friday 26th January. Children can wear their own clothes to school and bring a £1 donation towards the cost of shipping the books.

Please help us to help others.



Big Garden Birdwatch

26-28 January 2024



This year's RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch runs from January 26th – January 28th 2024. You don't even need to have a garden. All you need to do is 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>

Dates for your diary

Spring Term 2024

Tuesday 23rd January – Gold Class educational visit to John Keble Church

Friday 26th January – Non-uniform day (please bring £1 towards Books2Africa)

Monday 29th January – Zoolab visit to Year 1

Tuesday 30th January – NHS height and weight measuring for all children in Reception

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

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

Friday 2nd February – Nearly new uniform sale in the playground from 3pm

Tuesday 6th February – Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7th February – Meet the Teacher meeting for parents of new children in the Nursery

Friday 9th February – Chinese New Year Assembly at 9am in the hall

Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February: Half Term Break

Monday 19th February – First day of second half of spring term

Thursday 22nd 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.

Friday 1st March – PTA meeting at 9am in the HT's office

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day

Monday 11th March – Dance festival at the Finchley Arts Depot

Wednesday 27th March – Cake decorating competition

Cake Sale at 3pm

Thursday 28th March - Easter Bonnet Parade

Thursday 28th March – End of spring term

Reception finish at 1.15pm

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

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



Birthdays

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

Miruna and Dua in Green Class

Iris in Gold Class

We hope you all have a lovely day.

Attendance

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

Class	Attendance %
Red Class	89%
Blue Class	96%
Gold Class	94%
Silver Class	86%
Green Class	96%
Purple Class	93%

Well done Green Class!

Parent and Toddler Group

Our new parent and toddler group takes place every Wednesday in Rainbow Club from 9am – 11am.

We are looking for parents that could give up one Wednesday a term to help our PTA.

All you have to do is come along and chat to the parents and play with the children!

If you can help, please click on the link below:

<https://signup.com/go/UYWbMGH>



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. The judges will choose their favourite pictures from all the schools taking part and make a 'Me and My Family' book.

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>