

FRIDAY 18TH JANUARY 2019

DE LACY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

"Working together as a community to enable all our children to develop as responsible citizens"



HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had another very busy week here at De Lacy, the children have been working very hard, as usual! Some classes have had Art lessons linked to their book study. I am sure they would be only too happy to tell you all about it. We look forward to meeting you all on the 30th January at the open evening (please complete the reply slip so we know how many of you are expected).

Mornings

As I'm sure you are already aware, I am on the playground each morning to welcome the children into school. If you have any inquiries, questions or just want to give our school a compliment I am there to listen. Many thanks to the parent who spoke to me on Thursday morning about the 8.40am start, and the doors open for children to come straight into the building (rather than lining up). She said it had been much better all round, it was easier to park the car and she noticed that the playground is a lot more peaceful! It really is lovely to hear that the changes being implemented are having a real impact. If you have any further suggestions, on how you think we can make improvements, please let me know on the Parent Survey, which your child will be bringing home shortly.

Year 6 Homework Club

A very special thank you to the staff and to the pupils for attending the Homework Club. This is an invaluable resource for your children and they must make every effort to attend. They are receiving extra help and support to prepare for the SATs. There will be information on both KS1 and KS2 SATs on the open evening, examples of past papers will be displayed in the hall.

School Uniform

Being in the correct school uniform is really important for a number of reasons; it helps your child feel part of our school family, gives them a sense of pride in their appearance and it makes us stand out in the community! Please ensure your child is in the correct and full uniform, including shoes. Each and every day staff are being vigilant at all times checking pupils are coming to school prepared for the day ahead.

PE Kits

PE kits should be given to your child at the start of each half-term. They really do not need to go home to be washed at the end of each week, unless they are dirty. They only have them on twice a week for about an hour each time, older pupils in Y5 and 6 will probably want to take theirs home more often to be washed. As a parent/carer, you can of course decide to wash your child's PE kit more often. *Have a lovely weekend!*

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

NATIONAL TARGET = 96%

Caterpillars: 86.3%

Butterflies: 91.4%

Year 1: 82.9%

Year 1/2: 91.9%

Year 2: 93.9%

Year 3: 92.7%

Year 3/4: 96.8%

Year 4: 93.7%

Year 5: 94.1%

Year 5/6: 91.9%

Year 6: 92.3%

DE LACY PRIMARY'S STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1: Edith

Year 1/2: Summer

Year 2: Kayden

Year 3: Freya

Year 3/4: Ruby

Year 4: Jayden

Year 5: Adam

Year 5/6: Amy

Year 6: Grace P

EYFS - Nursery

The children in Nursery have been reading the book 'Stickman' and have been making their own character!

EYFS - Butterflies and Caterpillars

It's been a chilly start to the new year for Upper Foundation. We are walking in a "Winter Wonderland" this half term and will be learning about all things 'winter'. This week we have discussed the seasonal change of winter, explored the Julia Donaldson story '**Gruffalo Child**' and started to build models using and naming 3D shapes. We have also made some icicles for our role play area, exploring repeating patterns, practicing our cutting skills and of course our creative skills!

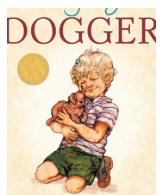
Nursery have been making their own characters!



EYFS children making icicles!

Please Note: Parents/carers no longer need to come into school and help children off with their coats! We encourage our children to be more independent and they should be able to take their own coats off and by themselves. If they are having any difficulty a member of staff will support them to fasten and open their coat. Please try and allow them to do this at home as they take their coats off and on many times during the school day!

Key Stage 1



This week the children in Key stage 1 have had a fabulous start to the new year. They have been busy learning about describing characters and objects. The children have created some brilliant sentences using adjectives that they have discovered this week. All of the children's work in Key Stage 1 will be linked to '**Dogger**'. They will be writing instructions to find him and also design wanted posters to help locate him. This will link us nicely into looking at maps and following them accurately. We will be encouraging the children to discuss and describe their favourite toys as well as learn all about old toys from the past.

Lower Key Stage 2

Lower Key Stage 2 are studying '**Horace and Harriet Take on the Town**'. We will be comparing the town in our story to Pontefract and creating maps and illustrations in the style of the author. We will be writing character descriptions, completing drama activities and expanding our vocabularies with new 'splendiferous' words! As the story is about a statue that comes to life we will be creating art that celebrates important people.



Children in Year 3 applying their money skills!

Upper Key Stage 2

Year 5: This half term, Year 5 will be finding out all about Jamaica. In Literacy, will be focusing on one novel in particular and it is called "**The Jumbies**". It is a scary but cheerful tale that draws on Caribbean folk traditions. In History, we will also be researching famous people that are Jamaican, such as Usain Bolt who holds the world record for the 100m. This will lead us into finding out more about the history of the Olympic games. We will also be trying Jamaican recipes and creating some eye catching art work!



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- Year 1:** Declin
- Year 1/2:** Summer
- Year 2:** Lucas
- Year 3:** Eva
- Year 3/4:** Ruby
- Year 4:** Bailey S
- Year 5:** Bradley J
- Year 5/6:** Amy
- Year 6:** Eden



Year 6:

This half term, Year 6 will be studying a book called '**Wonder**' by R.J. Palacio. It is a book about a ten-year-old boy living in New York City, who was born with a facial deformity that has made it difficult for him to make friends. In the book the teacher uses 'Precepts' which are mottos for the class to use, one of which being, 'When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind.' This text will support our writing of a discussion text as well as supporting our SPAG work.

OLYMPIC INSPIRATION!

Children in Upper Key Stage Two were given the fantastic opportunity to work with a medal-winning Olympian in Marilyn Okoro. Marilyn, who has also won medals at National, European and World Championships, put the children through their paces and gave valuable messages about hard work and perseverance in achieving goals. We are hoping to welcome back Marilyn as part of our Sports Week, later in the year.

