

FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2018

# DE LACY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



DE LACY  
PONTEFRACT



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

My first week at De Lacy has certainly been a busy one! I would like to say a very special THANK YOU to the children for making me feel so welcome. The children are truly wonderful, they are well-mannered and an absolute credit to you all. Over the next few weeks I will be giving the children a questionnaire to find out what they enjoy about their learning and how we can make improvements to make things even better.

It is almost time for our Christmas Concerts, I look forward to meeting you all then. If you wish to discuss anything with me at all then do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment, I will try my best to see you when you come in. If I am not available I will contact you by phone.

I hope you enjoy reading our first Newsletter and sharing the good news about your lovely children!

Morning routine: From Monday 10th December children will no longer be required line-up on the playground each morning. They should arrive at school and come straight into class via their normal doors, which will be opened a few minutes earlier at 8.45am. Teaching Assistants will be at the door to take any messages or notes you wish to give to the teacher. Teachers will be ready in classrooms with Basic Skills tasks such as: times tables, spellings, mental maths and reading for children to do. Please ensure your child arrives to school on time so they don't miss out on their valuable learning time.

Sharon Daly  
Head of School

## WHOLE SCHOOL

### ATTENDANCE

Caterpillars: 90.4%

Butterflies: 92.5%

Year 1: 89.8%

Year 1/2: 89.7%

Year 2: 91.3%

Year 3: 94.5%

Year 3/4: 96.6%

Year 4: 95.6%

Year 5: 95%

Year 5/6: 97.6%

Year 6: 96.9%

## Message for children

Dear Children, thank you so very much for making me smile each and every day at De Lacy Primary School. I have been made to feel so welcome by you all, especially when you say 'good morning' and 'hello'. I have loved coming into your classes each day and seeing you working so very hard. I am looking forward to your teachers sending you to see me with your fantastic work.....you might even get a special sticker from me! If you have any ideas and what could make our school even better please write it down and post it in the Ideas Box near the office.

## Nursery



Nursery have had a mischievous visitor this week. An elf named Jerry has been sent from the North Pole, to make sure we are doing some fabulous learning. One day he took all the baubles off the Christmas tree, so we had to put them all back on, which encouraged us to count. We can't wait to see what he gets up to next!

## Butterflies and Caterpillars

It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas in Upper Foundation. Parents and their children have had a fabulous time making Christmas crafts. The mince pies went down a treat!

## Key Stage 1

The children in year Key Stage 1 have enjoyed listening to the story 'The Stickman'. Over the last 2 weeks they have acted it out and discussed all of the places Stickman went on his adventures. They have re-written the story and have worked hard to use fully punctuated sentences in every sentence they do.



## Lower Key Stage 2

This week Year 4 have been finding out about the work archaeologists do. We had a go at using these skills to 'excavate' chocolate chips from cookies! We could only use toothpicks to remove the chocolate chips and we had to keep the cookie intact as much as possible. Next week we will be using our skills to explore much larger objects!

## DE LACY PRIMARY'S STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1: Lilly  
Year 1/2: Summer  
Year 2: William  
Year 3: Ollie  
Year 3/4: Kieran  
Year 4: Tanya  
Year 5: Tyler  
Year 5/6: Logan  
Year 6: Mihi

## Year 5

Year 5 have shown fantastic team work this week when conducting their science experiment. They have also been working hard on writing instructions on how we recycle.

## Year 6

A huge well done to all the Year 6 pupils who have just completed their mock SATs week. Their attitude and commitment to achieve their very best is truly paying off. Keep up the fantastic work!  
Mrs Wilson, Mrs Hughes and Mr Duncan