

FRIDAY 11TH 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

Happy New Year everyone and welcome back to school for the start of 2019. I hope that everyone had a wonderful Christmas. Our children are working very hard already and are very happy to be back at De Lacy. Each class is now studying a high-quality, new text. These provide the opportunity to develop a real and genuine love of reading, and also introduce a range of authors to the children. I am sure the children will be happy to share what they are learning with you. Teachers have included the titles of the books and have written a few words about the text. The children's learning this half-term is based around this book. So History, Geography, Art and other cross curricular work will be carried out. This gives the children an ideal opportunity to make clear links with both reading and writing whilst having a clear purpose.

A date for your diary:

On Wednesday 30th January here at De Lacy we are having an open evening at school. You will have the opportunity to look at your child's work and discuss their progress with the class teacher. You will also be given a report informing you on your child's progress in school plus which targets they are currently working on. Tea/Coffee and biscuits will be available in the hall at no cost. Also, we will have information available about KS1 and KS2 SATs, including examples of past papers.

I look forward to seeing you there!

SICKNESS BUG

There is currently a sickness bug in school. Could you please ensure your child is fit and well enough to be in school. If they have the bug they need to be kept at home until they have fully recovered. Please remind your child to wash their hands on a regular basis and to dry them properly. We have hand sanitiser in school and are encouraging the pupils to use it after hand washing and before they eat lunch. Bottles of this are available to purchase at stores such as Home Bargains for around £1.

Chickenpox Guidance

If your child has chickenpox, it is recommended that you inform their school or nursery, and keep them at home for 5 days. If you have chickenpox, stay off work and at home until you're no longer infectious, which is until the last blister has burst and crusted over.

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NATIONAL TARGET = 96%

Caterpillars: 92%
Butterflies: 92.4%
Year 1: 83.3%
Year 1/2: 85%
Year 2: 85.5%
Year 3: 75.8%
Year 3/4: 94.6%
Year 4: 95.2%
Year 5: 96.6%
Year 5/6: 96.4%
Year 6: 90.2%



Young Voices!

Well done to all the children, adults and staff on representing De Lacy Primary on our visit to Young Voices at Sheffield Arena! The evening was amazing as I am sure the adults who attended will agree. Keep an eye out for future choir events as it is a real treat!

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!

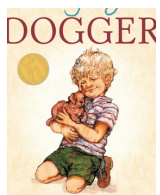
Nursery have been making their own characters!



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!



DE LACY PRIMARY'S STARS OF THE WEEK

- 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.

