

FRIDAY 26TH APRIL 2019  
FROM NEXT WEEK THE NEWSLETTER WILL BE COMING THROUGH PARENTMAIL

# DE LACY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



DE LACY  
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## HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Hello and welcome back after the Easter holidays. We hope you had a lovely relaxing break! We are very excited to be starting the summer term and we have got some great new topics and books to start.

The first week back has been a wonderful way to begin the summer term. Our new behaviour strategy is encouraging all pupils to work together and collect points for their class. Points are achieved for wearing the correct uniform, attending school as well as further points allocated for 'Caught being Great' which are awarded to pupils who go that extra mile. At the end of the school week, the class with the most points accumulated earn their class £10 to put towards a class reward. Those in second and third also receive £5. The reward will be decided by the class in a fair and democratic way. We look forward to carrying this fantastic start to the term into next week!

Finally, a huge thank you to the parents who attended our information evening. We hope you found the information useful - please do not hesitate to call in to school to share your thoughts and concerns.

### New Playground Equipment

Also this week, we have introduced some wonderful playground equipment for children to play with at break and dinner times. These include skipping ropes, hula-hoops, boules as well as having mini-football pitches set up with goals. There is also a quiet area for children to sit at benches to read or chat to friends. We have some wonderful sharing and co-operative play. The next step is for our Year 5 pupils to be trained by our PAT PE Coordinator so they become wonderful Playground Leaders.

### After-School Clubs

There are a few limited places left for our after-school clubs. We would also like to share that our after-school football clubs for boys and girls is free and will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.

Tuesday-Gymnastics

Wednesday-Boy's Football

Thursday-Girl's Football

Friday-Street Dance

### Dates for the Diary

Thursday 2nd May - Nursery Closed for Polling/Sundown Adventureland Trip - UF

Friday 3rd May - School closes at 2pm for the Tour De Yorkshire

Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday - School Closed

Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May - Half Term - School Closed

Monday 3rd June - Inset Day

Tuesday 4th June - First day back to school after Half Term

**WHOLE SCHOOL  
ATTENDANCE**  
**NATIONAL TARGET = 96%**  
**Butterflies: 95%**  
**Caterpillars: 100%**  
**Year 1: 98%**  
**Year 1/2: 94%**  
**Year 2: 91%**  
**Year 3: 96%**  
**Year 3/4: 94%**  
**Year 4: 95%**  
**Year 5: 98%**  
**Year 5/6: 96%**  
**Year 6: 93%**

## DE LACY NEWS

### ACTIVE SCHOOLS DAILY MILE LAUNCH

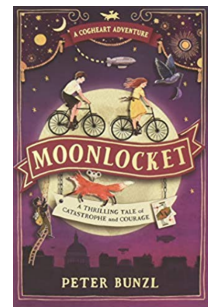
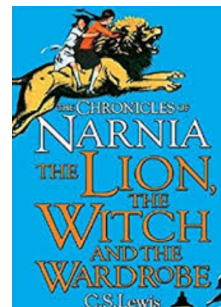
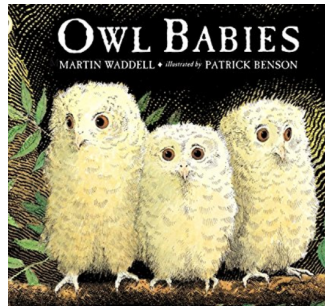


On Friday 26th April, we were joined by Kate Wood who is the PAT PE Coordinator, to launch the Daily Mile initiative. This is all about becoming more active and increasing the amount we move our bodies!

### Summer Term Books

Here are some of the fantastic books that our children will be using for the summer term!

**Owl Babies** by Martin Waddell  
**The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe** by C.S Lewis and  
**Moonlocket** by Peter Bunzl



### Key Stage 1

Year 1 - I have to say I have really enjoyed my first week at De Lacy and meeting my new class. We have started our new book 'Owl Babies' and have started to find words to describe the characters we have read about so far. Keep up the great start! Mrs Beedle

In Year 1/2 and Year 2, we have been doing some fantastic writing about the Easter holidays. The children have been using some wonderful expanded noun phrases to add extra detail to their work. We look forward to sharing this work on next week's newsletter!



Pupils in LKS2 have been investigating how a liquid changes to gas.

### Lower Key Stage 2

Year 3 have made a positive start to reading The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe completing the first three chapters. Through reading the book, the children have been studying techniques for writing an effective setting description and will continue to build upon this next week. In Maths, the fractions unit has come to an end and the class will be moving on to Time next week.

Year 3/4 have been learning about the water cycle and doing an experiment with a water cycle in a bag! In English we have been enjoying The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe. In Maths, we have been learning about money, including rounding and ordering amounts with decimals.

Year 4 have started their new class book - The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe - and have been using it as a stimulus for descriptive writing. In Maths, we have been consolidating the decimals work that we were doing before Easter and Science has seen us start to explore the worlds of solids, liquids and gases.

### Upper Key Stage 2

#### Year 5:

In Year 5 this week in Art we have painted some water colour planets to create a vibrant display for our Space topic. We used water colour paint and thought carefully about mixing and blending colours. We added detail using fine brush strokes.

#### Year 6:

With only a few weeks left before their SATs, Year 6 have been showing a fantastic attitude and dedication to revision. We have been continuing with our book, Wonder, and used this to practice our reading comprehension. In Maths, we have looked at formulas, including algebra, as well as sequences.

**Reminder: Make sure you arrive on time for morning boosters and that you are aware of when your after-school booster is too!**

#### DE LACY PRIMARY'S

### STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1: Louis

Year 1/2: Jack S

Year 2: Charlotte B

Year 3: Jamie J

Year 3/4: Summer

Year 4: Aleksandra

Year 5: Summer

Year 5/6: Logan

Year 6: Tilly