

FRIDAY 5TH JULY 2019

DE LACY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



DE LACY
PONTEFRACT



HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the children, families and staff for making me feel so welcome in my first week. The children have fully engaged with their learning and have enjoyed the amazing learning experiences such as; soap sculpture, visiting the post office and taking part in the professional squash workshop. I am pleased to say that overall attendance has improved again this week and on Thursday the overall school attendance was 97%. Attending school everyday is so important to your child's academic and social development.

Over the next few weeks your child will be meeting their new teacher and take part in a range of transition activities. We would like to invite parents/carers to come into school and take part in an afternoon workshop on the 16th July 2019 from 2.30-3pm. During this session, you will be able to meet your child's new class teacher and take part in your child's learning. I am keen to meet as many parents as possible so please feel free to come and introduce yourselves to me on the playground either before or after school.

Mrs G Smith

Dates for the Diary

Monday 8th July - Year 6 Trip to Scarborough
Thursday 11th July - KS1 Trip to Royal Armouries
Friday 12th July - Year 6 Performance 9.30AM and 1.30PM
Friday 12th July - Reports out to parents
Wednesday 17th July - KS1 Sports Afternoon - 1.15pm
Thursday 18th July - KS2 Sports Afternoon - 1.15pm

DE LACY NEWS GATES WILL BE CLOSED



Reminder - the gates to the school car park will be closed every day at 3.05pm and cannot be opened again until 3.30pm. This is to keep all the children safe whilst they leave school. If you need to be away earlier please use the road to park

WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NATIONAL TARGET = 96%

Butterflies: 93.18%
Caterpillars: 93.04%
Year 1: 93.10%
Year 1/2: 93.23%
Year 2: 98.52%
Year 3: 98.75%
Year 3/4: 95.00%
Year 4: 99.18%
Year 5: 94.31%
Year 5/6: 96.21%
Year 6: 99.23%

DE LACY PRIMARY'S STARS OF THE WEEK

UF: Leo & Lola
Year 1: Mia
Year 1/2: Joshua
Year 2: Lucy
Year 3: Freya
Year 3/4: Callum
Year 4: Evie
Year 5: Ellie
Year 5/6: Ashley
Year 6: Joey

EYFS

The children in Upper Foundation Stage this week have been exploring animals that live under the sea. We looked at the text 'Commotion in the Ocean' and began to describe and write about different sea creatures using our phonic knowledge. In maths we have been practicing our adding skills, using jottings, number-lines and numicon. We also made different sea creatures using the construction pieces outside for our green cookie challenge this week!

Key Stage 1

Year 1 have been keeping a cress diary this week, watching and recording how the cress has emerged and grown from their seeds. Well done and your diary keeping! We have also started our new book 'The Traction Man' and we are looking forward to his new adventures! Thank you for a great week year 1. Have a great weekend!

Year 2 have been busy reading different texts this week. They have improved their reading comprehension and are working hard on answering different questions.

Key Stage 2 Years 3 and 4

Our fantastic Year 3 children competed at a mini-Olympics at King's High School on Thursday. All children gave their absolute best and we had some 1st place finishes. But most importantly they showed wonderful sportsmanship, cheering their team and everybody else's! A huge thank you to the parents and family members who also came along to support.

Wednesday saw the third and final music assembly of this academic year. Musicians from across a range of year groups performed a wide variety of instruments in different music styles. It was a very proud moment for the school to enjoy, made all the more emotional as Mrs Whitlam from Wakefield Music Services announced that after three years of working with the children of De Lacy Primary, she will be moving on to work in other areas. Best of luck to Mrs Whitlam and a huge thank you for all of her hard work.

Y4 have been exploring the world of symmetry in maths. In English they have been continuing to develop their reading comprehension skills by really getting stuck in to our class book - How to Train Your Dragon. This has also supported our Vikings investigation where we have been looking at how they lived and how their lives were different to ours.

Years 5 and 6

Year 5 have worked incredibly hard this week to complete a final draft of a biographical recount about Neil Armstrong. We have focused on taking simple facts and creating complex sentences and the work we have produced is fantastic! Y6 have been getting into the Wimbledon spirit by reading about the tournament and having a go at tennis during their PE session. They've also been continuing their environmental art project by creating Barbara Hepworth inspired soap sculptures. Rehearsals for the Y6 play have also been going well.

Sporting success!

Nine children from Year 6 were chosen to represent De Lacy Primary School in the Wakefield Mini Olympic Games. Their nominated country was Greece which involved the children wearing traditional Greek togas and laurel leaves on their head during a parade of nations. The children competed against 16 other primary schools from the district, finishing in a very respectable 8th place.

Special delivery!

Nurture children have been busy this week writing letters to their parents at home. They have been practising writing their address as well. Today they have visited the Post Office to see what happens when we post a letter. Look out for your letters in the post Mums and Dads.

