



# Friday 25th October 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

Wow! What an exciting half term we have had at De Lacy. Staff and children have worked hard to introduce the new curriculum and the 50 things for De Lacy, as well as embed our reading strategy of reading for; pleasure, purpose and productivity. The children have enjoyed reading the class texts of: Cosmic, But Why Can't I? and Roald Dahl's George's Marvellous Medicine. It is wonderful to see all children fully engage with the class text, a book of their choice and texts related to their topics. Whilst I have been in classes, I have been asking children to remember and recall facts about their topics from the knowledge organisers and lessons. I am very impressed with the amount of knowledge our children now have about the world around them.

All of the children have taken part in school council elections and have nominated their representatives for this academic year. The school council were involved in a recent interview process and all of our visitors were very impressed with their politeness, knowledge of the school and enthusiasm for their new responsibilities. The school librarians have been busily tidying and sorting the library so that children can find non-fiction texts more easily and have now moved onto organising the book band books in school. The Eco-Warriors have some great ideas about how to improve the garden boxes and how to save energy. Already I can see that lights are switched off in rooms unused!

Over the half term, children from different year groups have represented the school in tournaments against other Pontefract Academies Trust schools. In every single event, our children have made us proud with their excellent behaviour, determination but more importantly, their team spirit. At the most recent event at the A1 football factory, a member of staff from one of the other schools commented on how well they supported each other as a team. Autumn 2 will bring matches for girl's football, the active curriculum festival and Dodgeball.

### Parent's Evening Feedback

Thank you to parents and carers for attending our parent's evening sessions this week. The feedback from the survey we conducted on both nights are overwhelmingly positive. 100% of parents/carers have said they would recommend this school to another parent and 100% agreed that their child was happy at our school. On the feedback sheets, I also asked parents/carers if they would like to take part in a parent's forum to discuss their views on the school and how we can improve further. Over 50% of you have said that you would like to take part! I will be contacting parents/carers each half term from the list for a coffee and cake meeting with myself and the leadership team.

### Class News

This week in Reception, the children have been learning about fire fighters. We have had some fantastic paintings and constructions of fire engines. The children have thoroughly enjoyed this half term and we are so proud of their achievements so far. What a great start to school! KS1 children have continued their learning about the local area. We have created our own maps of the school and the local area by using our own observations and google maps.

This week in LKS2, we have been looking at the effect of sugar on our teeth. We have carried out a science investigation to see how sugar can effect an egg shell and we were very surprised by what we found! The cola had a huge effect on the shell of the egg as it disintegrated into many tiny pieces over just 7 days. This investigation has made us reflect on the amount of sugar we consume and how we can improve our oral habits! In UKS2, we have been learning more about the phases of the moon and the moon landing. We have worked hard to improve our times table knowledge and have enjoyed TTRockstars. Please help us practise at home using TTRockstars on the app or internet.

Attendance Matters	WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NATIONAL TARGET = 96%			
	Overall attendance for this half term			
	Reception:	96%	Year 3/4:	94%
	Year 1:	95%	Year 4:	99%
	Year 1/2:	96%	Year 5:	96%
	Year 2:	93%	Year 5/6:	95%
	Year 3:	94%	Year 6:	95%

Reception: Farley & Hollie W	Year 3/4: Skye B	Stars of the Week
Year 1: Steven	Year 4: Ethan	
Year 1/2: Wiktorina	Year 5: Archie K	
Year 2: Laiton & Lily C	Year 5/6: Tyler B	
Year 3: Ellie H	Year 6: Macey	