



# Monday 21st 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

I am so proud of all of the children and staff for the progress we have made this half term on building relationships, implementing the new curriculum and introducing the 50 things for De Lacy. The children have already accessed a range of visitors, trips and experiences to enhance the learning in each year group as part of our commitment to widening horizons. The staff are busily arranging different visitors, trips and experiences for the next half term including a visit from some real owls!

EYFS had a visit from the Police this week as part of their 'People who help us' topic. As part of the visit, the children were able to try on a Policeman's uniform and have their photo taken, as well as asking lots of interesting questions. A dentist also visited the children to discuss healthy lifestyles and the importance of brushing their teeth regularly. Both visitors were very impressed with how polite and sensible our EYFS children are. KS1 children have continued to learn more about the world around them. After their visit to Pontefract Castle last week, they have drawn maps and labelled important landmarks. Help your child know the following facts;

- \* Town—Pontefract
- \* City—Wakefield
- \* County—West Yorkshire
- \* Country—England
- \* England is in the United Kingdom

In LKS2, children have been visited by Wakefield College's Healthy Lifestyles team. In the workshops, the children learned more about healthy lifestyles and the impact of sugar on their teeth. The children found it very informative and built upon the findings in the class's scientific investigation into the impact of sugar on teeth. Year 5 have been listening to Holst's Planets Suite in Music. Gustav Holst was a British composer living and working in London 100 years ago. He was a very interesting man fascinated by space, astrology, alternative faiths, meditation and vegetarianism – in many ways he was completely ahead of his time. The Planets suite from 1918 describes seven planets in music but looks at their moods or characters rather than their scientific properties. Each one has a subtitle that further explains the character of the music. The children have been fascinated by the way music can be composed to paint a picture in the listener's mind. Y6 children have had mock SATs quizzes as part of our preparation for the end of year assessments. The results will be used to identify gaps in knowledge and learning that needs to be revisited. The children have shown great resilience, determination and passion to succeed. Their behaviour both before, during and after the quizzes has been impeccable.

As we enter the final week of this half term, there are a few staffing changes that I need to make you aware of. We will sadly say goodbye to Ms Snodgrass on Friday 25th October. I am sure you will join with me in wishing Ms Snodgrass all the best for the future and thank her for her contribution to moving the school forward. Miss Middleditch will be teaching Y3/4 class from Monday 4th November 2019. Mr Green will be joining us in the Y5 class as a full time class teacher until the end of the academic year. Mr Green is a very experienced teacher with over 18 years of teaching in different schools across South Yorkshire. The children have already met Mr Green and he will be in school this week to ensure that he knows all of the children before he starts after half term.

### De Lacy Stars

**Reception— Jack & Kye**

**Y2— Savannah**

**Y4— Kaitlyn**

**Y6— The whole year for their attitude towards SATS!**

**Year 1— Franklin**

**Y3— Evie**

**Y5— Shaun**

**Year 1/2— Joseph**

**Y3/4— TBC**

**Y5/6— Everybody**



### WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE NATIONAL TARGET = 96%

**Butterflies: 81%**

**Year 1/2: 95%**

**Year 3/4: 89%**

**Year 5/6: 93%**

**Caterpillars: 95%**

**Year 2: 90%**

**Year 4: 98%**

**Year 6: 94%**

**Year 1: 91%**

**Year 3: 91%**

**Year 5: 91%**

# The De Lacy Curriculum

A good education is the springboard for lifelong learning and an understanding and appreciation of others. It also facilitates the development of skills and knowledge that allows young adults to cope with whatever life throws at them. We recognise that learning is not just confined to the classroom; learning can occur anywhere! What is important for learning to occur is the resources, experiences and people that make it happen.

We want every child in our school to have the best opportunities so that they can make informed choices for their future. This includes experiencing the world around them, the world beyond them, developing healthy lifestyles and minds, as well as learning about the ever changing world of technology, culture and modern Britain. It is through this understanding that we have developed a non-negotiable list of experiences to empower pupils' learning and deepen their knowledge of both curriculum and non-curriculum content. In short, the development of additional experiences for our pupils will strengthen the fabric of their learning and allow them to navigate through school with a deepened sense of security and happiness. We have carefully selected 50 experiences and activities to enrich learning and enhance your child's understanding whilst they are at De Lacy. Below is a *small* selection of activities that pupils will encounter to reinforce our curriculum themes during their time at De Lacy.



## Our curriculum themes:

- > The World Around Us
- > The World Beyond Us
- > Culture
- > Healthy Bodies Healthy Minds
- > Technology in Action
- > Modern Britain



## EYFS

- > Visit a farm
- > Hunt for bugs
- > Bring up a butterfly
- > Make a trail for others to follow
- > Build something as part of a team
- > Make a mud pie

## KS1

- > Cook and share a meal
- > Perform on a stage
- > Have a picnic
- > Hold a scary beast
- > Fly a kite
- > Perform on a stage

## KS2

- > Learn to swim
- > Become a chocolatier
- > Camp out
- > Visit Houses of Parliament
- > Plant it, grow it, eat it
- > Go star gazing

### Parent's evening reminder

Our first parent's evenings will take place on Tuesday 22nd October and Wednesday 23rd October from 3.30pm—5.30pm. If you have not received your appointment time, please contact your child's class teacher as soon as possible. The meeting is an opportunity for your child's class teacher to discuss how well your child has settled into their new class. All children will leave through their normal doors and once all children have left the building, we will then let parents into school for their appointments.

### #HelloYellow

Thank you to everybody who has contributed to make our non-uniform day a success. We have raised £150 for the Young Minds charity.

Next half term, we will be supporting AgeUK with a variety of exciting events planned. Please get in



### Lost property

We have gathered quite a lot of lost property at main reception. Mrs Webster and Mrs Jefferson will put all of the lost items out for parents to have look through during parent's evenings this week. Could you please write names on your child's school jumpers so that we can return them as soon as possible when found.