

FRIDAY 6TH SEPTEMBER 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

Welcome back to a new school year; I hope you all had a good summer break. The children have all returned looking amazing in their school uniforms and are really excited to learn. We welcome three new members to the De Lacy Family this year. Miss Grady has joined the Year 5 team, Miss Middleditch has joined the Year 5/6 team and Mr McMahon has joined the Year 6 team. We also welcome back Mrs Westerman into Year 5.

This year we will continue to develop our curriculum around the Reading strategy introduced last academic year. During the summer holidays, we have improved the library area and have developed a new sensory room for children across school to use as part of our Nurture provision. We look forward to continuing to work closely with you as parents to ensure that all children achieve their full potential.

### Pupil voice

During my time in school before the summer holidays, a number of children in KS2 asked if they could be responsible for looking after the school library. At De Lacy we feel it is important to give all children the opportunity to develop their leadership skills and as a result we are inviting children to apply for 'jobs'. In assembly today, we launched the job descriptions for; school librarian, eco-warrior and school councillor. Please support your child if they wish to apply for the positions by discussing with them why they would be a suitable candidate. All applications will need to be in by Friday 13th September 2019.

### Damage to school property

Unfortunately, there have been two incidences of vandalism over the summer break. I can assure you that we are working with the police to ensure that the people responsible are found. The damage to the window on Sunday evening has meant that a new window now needs to be fitted. The graffiti on the outside of the school building, although it has now been painted over, has upset not only staff and adults within the community, but a number of our children as well. It is unfair that our children have to see such behaviour as they enter school on the first day and I am appalled that this has happened to a school which is in the heart of the community. If you do have any information regarding either incident, please contact the police directly.

### 50 things for De Lacy

This week, we have also launched our '50 things for De Lacy' as part of our curriculum design. During the two INSET days, the staff team discussed 'cultural capital' and planned events and experiences for your children to take part in. A leaflet will be sent to all parents / carers with more information this half term. A taster of these include; visit a farm, 'grow it, eat it, cook it' and take part in stargazing. **Mrs G Smith**

## WHOLE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

**NATIONAL TARGET = 96%**

Year 1:	100%	Year 1/2:	100%
Year 2:	97%	Year 3:	93%
Year 3/4:	100%	Year 4:	100%
Year 5:	99%	Year 5/6:	100%
Year 6:	98.85%		



## Young Voices

Mrs Hopwood will be sending a letter out next week for children to sign up for Young Voices 2020. I am sure you are aware that this is a unique opportunity for children who love to sing. Your child will perform alongside 5000-8000 other children as a single choir in front of a live audience of family and friends at Sheffield Arena in January. To achieve this with all their school friends around them for support, it helps their self-belief, self-motivation, confidence, and ability to communicate as part of a team - which is invaluable! However, the concert is the culmination of a lot of hard work and dedication from teachers and children. So, if your child wishes to join choir and take part, they must attend all rehearsals.

## Attendance

We closely monitor the attendance of all children and over the past few years, attendance has continued to improve. Regular and punctual attendance of pupils at school is both a legal requirement and a priority in order to maximise educational opportunities available so that all children get 'the best start in life.' Our children enjoy coming to school and it is a pleasure to see their smiling faces as they come through the gates onto the playground every morning. The value you place on your child's education is important and I would like to thank all of our parents/carers for working closely with us to ensure that the children are in school on time every day. As a reminder all doors are closed at 8.50am and any child arriving after this time needs to come to the main entrance where they will be marked as late.

## De Lacy lions

We have three new members of our school community - the De Lacy lions. These will be used to reward the class with the highest attendance in their key stage. (EYFS, KS1 and KS2) The lions are being knitted school jumpers with the De Lacy logo on and will be given out next week in assembly. They made their first special appearance today and all of the children loved them! As well as this, any child with 100% attendance for the week, will be entered into an attendance raffle. During the final half term assembly we will then give out certificates to celebrate 100% and draw the raffle.



## To the moon and back!

Year 5 and 6 children have been on a visit to the Museum of the Moon in Wakefield this morning. Taking part in craft and science activities, the children were able to experience new technologies whilst learning about space and the Moon. Inside the pop up planetarium the children were shown video footage of the moon landing in 1969. They were also taught about constellations and how to navigate the night sky.

## De Lacy Stars

Y1- Jayden  
Y1/2 - Kayden  
Y2 - Lottie  
Y3 - Riley  
Y3/4 - Erika  
Y4 - Reuben & Freya  
Y5 - Kacie  
Y5/6 - Kenzie  
Y6 - Amelia S