



DE LACY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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

We have been delighted to welcome back another year group to De Lacy this week. It has been wonderful to see more year 6 pupils return, and to listen to their stories and experiences of the lockdown period. We are now focusing on getting them ready for high school and making sure they spend some quality time with their teachers and friends before they leave us. We have been working closely with the feeder high schools to ensure the transition process is seamless. Further details will be provided to you regarding the next steps in the transition process soon.

Class Dojo

The majority of our parents and children are in contact with their class teachers using Class Dojo. Please continue to use this resource as and when you need to. It is an essential tool to communicate your wider needs and to let us know how the children are doing at home.

In addition, the telephone conversations teachers are having with children is really making a difference to both parties! The pastoral element of our job roles is important now more than ever. Sometimes a 5-minute phone conversation can have more impact than a lengthy email to improve individual wellbeing and happiness. When teachers call home please continue to encourage your children to speak to them on the phone. Like I said, it genuinely makes a difference.

Weather

After weeks of glorious sunshine, it seems that we are in for a milder and potentially wetter spell of weather. All outdoor coats worn into school by the children are being stored in a plastic bag in their zoned area. *If possible*, if the weather is wet, can you provide the children with a plastic bag to use in school. We have a limited supply of bags in school but are quickly running out. Each bag is disposed of once they finish their weekly timetable and a replacement is provided when they return the week after.

June Learning Packs

As promised earlier this week, we have provided the children with further maths and English work to complete at home. If you would like a paper copy of these resources, please phone or email school to arrange collection. For the rest of this term, we will be providing weekly structured timetables for every pupil, and an opportunity to receive live feedback from their teachers. Please keep checking our website for further details and updates.

Year 6 Transition

As you know, transition to high school this year is being undertaken in a different manner. We will keep you updated regularly on any transition events or information as it arises. Both Kings and Carleton high schools have uploaded some useful transition videos on their individual websites for children and parents to watch. They are also working strategically with us to ensure everything is in place for our year 6 pupils before they finish school. If you have any questions or queries regarding your child moving onto secondary education, please feel free to contact the Year 6 class teachers via Class Dojo or admin@delacy.patrust.org.uk. We will be happy to answer any questions or concerns you may have and if necessary obtain direct support from the teams in the high schools.

Thank you

I really appreciate the support from all the parents this week as they entered and left the school grounds at the beginning and end of each day. It has been lovely to speak to you all and tell you about the measures we have put in place at De Lacy to keep your children safe and happy. The feedback we have received has been very positive, and I recognise the need for you, the children and our staff to 'normalise' the current situation as best we can. Many of you have commented on how getting children back into school has provided new structure and routine for them. The wellbeing aspect of this should not go unmentioned!

Contacting School

As mentioned in previous communications we are still minimising the face to face contact with staff and parents in school. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch. You can contact us via admin@delacy.patrust.org.uk or by phoning 01977 722620

Have a great weekend, take care and stay safe.

Mr Fay

Executive Director of Primary Education and Interim Headteacher of De Lacy