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# De Lacy Primary School

## Newsletter

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

**Friday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2021**

It has been a wonderful week! The children continue to work hard and make good progress! In my assembly at the start of this week, I spoke about the power of words. What we say is important and positive words can make us feel good, however negative words can pull us down and feel less about ourselves. At De Lacy, we are all focussing on what we say and only give each other a 'push up'. You could support us by speaking to your child and see what push ups they've given their friends.

### Behaviour outside of school

As some of you will already know, outside of school, we have been made aware of poor behaviour from some of our pupils. Sadly, this poor behaviour has spilled into school and continued to be an issue. Though we are not giving children consequences for actions outside of school, we are still spending a large amount of time dealing with issues. Please can you support us by resolving any issues that your child may say has happened or communicate with school if something has happened. This way we can support our children appropriately and ensure behaviour remains at the expectation we believe it should be.

### Pontefract Foodbank

Thank you so much to all who donated to Pontefract Foodbank. We have received so many donations to help families within our community. I truly appreciate your support!



### Bank Holiday

Just a reminder that Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> May is a bank holiday and school will be closed. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> May.

### Polling Day – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May

As you will be aware, on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> May, De Lacy Primary school will be used as a polling station for the planned local elections. Because of this, school will be closed and all lessons will take place online using our teams platform that was well used throughout the school closure. More information will be communicated shortly. Thank you for your understanding and support.



### Prince of Wales Superhero Sprint

The Prince of Wales Hospice needs your child's help to celebrate the real Superheroes of our community!

The Hospice have set up a Hospice Hero Challenge where your child will have the opportunity take part in several creative and motivating challenges so they can become a Hospice Hero. Your child will have now received a 'Hero Challenge' pack which includes various fun activities for them to complete in school and at home. As a Hospice Hero they will have the opportunity to create their own mask whilst they take on their 'super' adventure. Once your child has completed their Hospice Hero Challenge they will be rewarded with a certificate and a very special badge.

As well as the Hospice Hero pack, every primary school within our Trust will be taking part in a thrill-seeking Superhero Sprint. This will take place at De Lacy on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> May. Your child will be provided with a special Superhero cape, which they will get to keep. This will help to power them through the challenge! Please see the additional communication to explain the event in more detail.

### Start of school

Please can I ask that all children arrive at school to start lessons before 9am. This week, we've had a growing number of pupils arriving later and later which means they are missing out on vital reading lessons that start our day. The gates are locked at 9am so please ensure you arrive before then.

### Weekly Attendance

I love to share with parents our weekly attendance of each class. It helps to share with everyone the impact of everyone being in school or having children absent. We aim to have our attendance as high as possible. Well done to all the classes with fantastic Attendance!



Reception	
Year 1	
Year 1/2	
Year 2	
Year 3	
Year 3/4	
Year 5	
Year 5/6	
Year 6	
Total Whole School	

Star of the week! Well done to our Star of the Week! The pupils will be selected for either excellent attendance, great contribution to class discussion, fantastic work or being a role model who has gone that 'extra mile'. I'm proud to say that this week our star of the week pupils are:

**Star of the Week**

Class	Pupil
EYFS	Tyler R & Isaac D
Year 1	Charlie W
Year 1/2	Grace W
Year 2	Esmail W
Year 3	Daisy J
Year 3/4	Lacie W
Year 4	Cody M
Year 5	Indianna D
Year 5/6	Archie K & Noah S
Year 6	Brooke W

Thank you for your continued support, I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Mr J Parkinson - Headteacher