



Denton Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have all had a super summer holiday; it was lovely to see so many smiling faces this morning! The children have all settled in really well and look very ready to start the new term with lots of enthusiasm and energy. A very warm welcome to our new parents and children who we hope will be very happy with us here at Denton.

Over the past few months, we have been working very hard on redesigning and refining our curriculum. We have started by looking at the vision for our school, its aims and intent and the key skills and values we want the children to learn. We have then designed a topic-based curriculum that meets these needs. As I wrote before the summer holidays, we would like to share this with you at our Curriculum Evening, 7pm Wednesday 11th September at Yardley. During this evening, we will share with you the rationale behind our curriculum design, the values and skills we wish to teach and how you can support your children at home. Very specific details of curriculum content relevant to each year will be shared in the year group curriculum evenings detailed on the calendar below. We hope to see as many of you as possible on Wednesday; your children will be writing to you this week to ask you to attend!

As part of this new curriculum, we have many events, activities and initiatives planned. On Wednesday 18th September, we will celebrate the first anniversary of our Federation with a 'Federation School Games' when all the children from Denton will go over to Yardley for an afternoon or morning of competitive sport. Transport has been arranged and a more detailed letter about this will follow.

This term we will also, once again, be celebrating Modern Foreign Languages day, on Wednesday September 26th, where the children will have the opportunity to experience a variety of different languages and related activities. A separate letter will be sent with the details. We would welcome any parents who have additional language skills to join us again on that day, so if you are able to spare an hour or so please do let me know.

We will keep you as up to date as possible regarding any future activities and initiatives and have tried to 'pencil in' as many events as possible to share with you now. You will see below a list of key dates for your diaries including Sports Day and Christmas and Summer Performances. Of course, we may need to change some dates or times along the way but we will inform you if this occurs. Further information will be provided about specific events closer to the time.

Shortly, we will send you details of the lunchtime and after school clubs we have planned. We would like to cater for all children where possible and are open to suggestions for new clubs, so please do let us know if there is a particular one that your child would be interested in. Alternatively, if you as a parent, have a particular interest or skill and some time to spare, perhaps, gardening, cooking or knitting, please let us know. All music lessons will start next week. The start dates for any clubs will be detailed on the clubs letter that we will send out this week.

We have been lucky enough to have some lovely weather over the holidays but it has now turned a little cooler. Please could I remind you to ensure that children have the relevant coats etc. in school. We do tend to go outside whatever the weather!

We really appreciate you sending in water bottles for the children but please can you ensure they are reusable plastic, not glass. I fully understand the environmental implications of plastic but we have had a glass bottle smash today which obviously represents a significant safety hazard. As a quick reminder, please do not send in any nut products as we have some pupils with severe allergies.

If you have changed any of your contact details over the summer break, please advise the School Office as soon as possible so that we can get in touch with you quickly if the need arises.

As before, my door is always open, so if you ever need to come in for a chat, you will be more than welcome. I can also be contacted by the usual email address if you prefer.

Yours sincerely,

Louise Brown

Dates for your Diaries:

Dates	Details
Term 1:	
9/9/19	Anglo Saxon/Viking Day Denton
11/9/19	Curriculum launch to parents- 7pm Yardley Hastings
18/9/19	Federation Sports Day
18/9/19	Year 3 & 4 Information Evening at Yardley Hastings
23/9/19	Year 1 & 2 Information Evening at Denton
24 and 25 September	School Council Elections
26/9/19	Languages Day
30/9/19	Year 5 & 6 Information Evening at Denton
2/10/19	<i>FODS AGM</i>
9/10/19	Reception Information Evening at YH
10/10/19	Open Morning
18/10/19	Nasal Flu Clinic
21/10/19	School Photos

21/10/19	Parents' Evening- 3-6pm
23/10/19	Parents' Evening- 5-8pm
24/10/19	Harvest Assembly
25/10/19	Training Day
Term 2:	
11-15 November	Anti-Bullying Week
12/11/19	Digital Federation Day
21/11/19	SEND Information Evening at Denton
26/11/19	Federation Reading Festival
6/12/19	Christmas Art Day
7/12/19	<i>Christmas Fayre</i>
18/12/19	Pantomime trip
19/12/19	Nativity and Play
20/12/19	Dolce Christmas Lunch
Term 3:	
3/1/20	Training Day
15/1/20	Young Voices concert
20-24 January	World Religions Week
3-7 February	Storytelling Week- digital focus
4/2/20	Book Bus
10/2/20	Parents' Evening- 3pm-6pm
11/2/20	Safer Internet Day
12/2/20	Parents' Evening- 5pm-8pm

Term 4:	
5/3/20	World Book Day
12/3/20	Reception Visit to Pizza Express
16/3/20	School photos- class groups
20/3/20	International Happiness Day
Term 5:	
4-21 May	KS1 Assessments
11-14 May	KS2 SATS
18-22 May	UKS2 residential- St Ives
1/6/20	Training Day
4/6/20	Reception Information Evening
5/6/20	Environment Day
10-12 June	LKS2 residential- Caldecotte
15/6/20	Move Up Morning
23/6/20	Move Up Morning
1/7/20	Play- 2pm and 6pm
2/7/20	Play- 6pm
6/7/20	Transition meetings
7/7/20	Transition meetings
8/7/20	Transition meetings
13/7/20	Sports Day
13/7/20	Years 6 transition meetings
17/7/20	Leavers' Assembly 2.15pm