



Headteacher's newsletter #8

Summer 1

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Time for reflection

As we draw close to the end of another half term, the Senior Leadership Team have been reflecting on the last year and what we can take from it moving forward. The children have coped tremendously well this year and we are really proud of them. However, we have noticed that lockdown and 'bubbles' have impacted on the social skills and mental health of our children, which is something we intend to focus on more next year. It is because of this we have made the decision to mix the classes moving into next year. We feel this will support the children with building resilience and encourage them to use the social skills we know they have to develop new friendships. We also acknowledge this may cause anxiety to some children and so we will work closely with those children to support them through this. All children will be coached through this process by their class teachers in the first week back after half term. They will be allowed to suggest the names of three children they would like to be in a class with. It will be made clear to the children that they will only be guaranteed one of these children and it will not be done in order of preference either.

I am happy for you to start discussing this with your child over half term so they are prepared coming back into school. The children will then be informed of their new classes the weekend before transition day which is Monday 28 June.

We are also working on the School Development Plan for the next three years so we can share this with you, as stakeholders in September. We already know a key focus will be reading and promoting a love of this with the children.

Attendance

Week beginning 12 April – attendance over 98%

HB1, HB7, HB10, HB11, HB12, HB14, HB15 and HB16

Week beginning 19 April – attendance over 98%

HB2, HB9, HB11, HB12, HB13, HB14 and HB15

HB7 got 100% attendance!

Week beginning 26 April – attendance over 98%

HB1, HB2, HB7, HB12, HB13 and HB16

Week beginning 3 May – attendance over 98%

HB1

Week beginning 10 May – attendance over 98%

There were no classes

Week beginning 17 May – attendance over 98%

HB2, HB7, HB9, HB10 and HB15

HB8 got 100% attendance!

A little treat will be given to HB7 and HB8 for gaining 100% attendance.

Since returning from lockdown until Friday 21 May, **238 children have gained 100% attendance.** This is fantastic news!

Rebekah Green



Headteacher award – house points

The following children have received the Headteacher token this half term.

Lyla HB14 – Lyla donated 12 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust and managed to raise £370. Well done!



Charlie HB15 – for being extremely brave in an emergency situation.

Tommy HB8 – for being extremely brave in an emergency situation.

Loughton Olympics

This year, sports day will take place during the last week of the summer term. It will be part of our 'Loughton Olympics' week where the whole school will be focusing on sports and being healthy. More information will come out nearer the time regarding the day each year group will take part in their sports day. This will also link into the house system.

Reports

The children's annual written reports will be out on Friday 16 July. They will be sent out electronically, so please make sure we have an up-to-date email address on our records.

Uniform changes September 2021/22

School uniform

We recognise that this year may have had an impact financially on some families. For this reason, although it is preferred, we will not be making the white t-shirt with the school logo on or the green sweatshirt/cardigan with the school logo on compulsory this year. **However, it is compulsory for the children to wear a plain white t-shirt with a collar and a plain green sweatshirt/cardigan if you are not buying the school ones.** The children must also wear black trousers or a black skirt/pinafore dress to school, no grey please. They will need sensible black school shoes as well. In an ideal world, it would be lovely if all the children in the school had the logo tops and this may be something we bring back in the future once we have recovered from the impact the virus has had on the economy.

The school website has the new uniform requirements displayed on it for anyone who is unsure.

If anyone has any school uniform that their children have grown out of and is in good condition, I would kindly ask that you donate it to the school so we can help out other families who may need our support.

New PE uniform

Mr Sullivan and I have been researching PE uniform for the last two years now as we believe it is important for the children to be wearing the correct uniform. This is so they feel comfortable when taking part in PE and games lessons.

This year has proven to be even more important with the children coming to school 'PE ready'.

We are pleased to say we have finally found a top we are happy with. It is the same style that Denbigh currently have as their uniform, but ours will be green and not blue.



This year has brought many changes, and we believe coming to school 'PE ready' has been successful. The children get to spend the whole hour taking part in the lesson which is helping raise fitness levels again and supporting the children's mental health. It is because of this that we are making it **compulsory** for all children to have the new PE top as part of the PE uniform.

This has been approved by the school's governing body. This is so all the children look smart and, more importantly, have a sense of belonging, by wearing their logo top the same as they would in regular school uniform.

The new top is £13 which we recognise is quite expensive for families if they are having to buy or replace lots of items at once. However, the children will be wearing this twice a week and I have heard from staff and governors who have children at Denbigh that it lasts them the whole year if not longer. It is made from modern comfortable wicking fabric which is breathable and therefore keeps the wearer fresher when exercising and does not need to be ironed. It shouldn't fade as quickly as the old PE t-shirt did. Due to the cost of the new top, we are happy for the children to wear a plain black sweatshirt and plain black bottoms (leggings, shorts or jogging bottoms), so you can source these from supermarkets at a lower cost. **The only compulsory part of this is that it must be black.** You can still purchase the hoodie/zoodie with the school logo on through our uniform provider Maisies if you wish to do so. We are also bringing in a sweatshirt that will be cheaper than the current hoodie/zoodie, so it is more accessible.

Please contact Emma Churchman, Kelly Gordge or Sarah Fennessy if you need support with school uniform for September 2021/22 and they will try to help you. The only item we will not be able to support with is the new PE top.

