

North Denes Primary School Friday Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We really have had a very positive start to the new school year! We've had a Good with Outstanding Ofsted report, inclusion in the Parliamentary Review, brilliant KS2 attainment data with progress measures that are bound to be high (these haven't been published yet) and happy settled children. We are in a very strong position going forward and intend to build on this success so that we are Outstanding in everything next time we are inspected.

In order to work on the areas that have been highlighted for improvement, we will need the support of ALL of you. We cannot improve attendance on our own. We will be monitoring attendance very closely and contacting parents whose children have frequent or extended absences in an effort to reduce persistent absence. Persistence absence is classed as attendance below 90%. (Missing 19.5 days means a child is classed as persistent absent for the year – this is for any absence – sickness, unauthorised and holiday. It works out at an average of 1 day off in every 10)

Attendance below 90% - without hospitalisation or a genuine period of extended illness is not acceptable. It is expected that children should have attendance rates of at least 96%. Children who do not attend regularly fall behind and do not do as well as they could- it can also affect friendships. Please support the school and do the best for your children by ensuring good attendance – thank you to those who already do that, I know there are a great many of you.

Lunches

Thank you too so much for your support in ensuring that children eat well at break and lunchtime!! I know it can be a battle to get children to eat the right things and children can become fussy but foods that are high in sugar, salt and fat have little food value and eaten every day do not help children to lead healthy lives and concentrate on learning in the afternoons. We have kept Friday as a day when crisps can be brought in to school as part of a healthy packed lunch or playtime snack but only one packet please. We have introduced a healthy approach because we care and for no other reason. From the vast majority of lunches we have seen this week, it is clear – as we expected- that you do too.

MSAs

We are looking to employ another mid-day supervisor to help look after the children at lunch time. If you are interested, please contact the school office for an application form. The position is subject to a DBS check.

D Whiting



On Wednesday, Year 1 went to Pets At Home where they learned lots about pet care and had some close encounters with the rabbits and guinea pigs!

If your child has a packed lunch they do not need juice money. A drink should be brought in with their lunch. We provide milk and water free of charge for those having a school dinner.



Attendance News!
These are the attendance figures for each class this Week:

Seedlings—95%
Sapling—97.6%
Apple—95.31%
Pear—94.62%
1 Lemons—96.67%
1 Limes—93.94%
2 Oranges—98.61%
2 Peaches—95.33%
3 Hazel—98.39%
3 Pine — 95.06%
4 Beech — 98.26%
4 Rowan —99.66%
5 Birch—97.5%
5 Maple—99.17%
6 Oak—97.7%
6 Willow— 93.52%

Congratulations to 4 Rowan!

Lunch money should be paid on Mondays for the week ahead in an envelope with your child's name and class on. The cost of a lunch is £2.20 per day.



