

North Denes Primary School Friday Newsletter



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Dear Parents/Carers,

We have come to end of an extremely busy year and I would like to thank you all for your continued support. Exciting things have happened in that we saw the opening of our new nursery and we are about to embark on the new phase of having a brand new building and expanding the provision on our site. There is much to look forward to!

We had amazing results this year and the children are to be congratulated for all their hard work. North Denes is going from strength to strength.

CHANGES GOING FORWARD!

We have decided to make a few changes- for the benefit of ALL the children - and very much hope that you will support what we ask. Following the NHS visits, to carry out height and weight checks in reception and year 6, (in which 31% of reception children and 44% of year 6 were deemed to be overweight) we have decided to follow 'Healthy Schools' guidance and look carefully at what we allow children to bring to school for snacks, buy from the tuck trolley and have in packed lunches that come from home. (School packed lunches already meet healthy guidelines.)

What can children bring?

From September, we will only allow fruit, yogurt, cheese/crackers or a healthy cereal bar for break times from Monday to Thursday – please NO crisps, sweets, chocolate or fizzy drinks. As we all need a treat now and then, the options on Fridays will be different. Children may choose to bring crisps, a biscuit or a piece of cake on Fridays only! This will also cut down on the amount of plastic and rubbish that is dropped frequently and fills the bins- thus helping our environment. The tuck trolley will also be selling healthy items only from Monday to Thursday but will have bacon rolls, in addition to fruit and cartons of drink, on a Friday.

We would also ask that packed lunches do NOT contain crisps, chocolate, sweets or fizzy drinks. A packet of crisps will be allowed on a Friday. School packed lunches contain such as a sandwich or wrap with meat, fish, egg or cheese; a piece of fruit, a drink and sometimes a piece of cake. We would ask that a home packed lunch contains similar items please.

We really do hope that you will support us in trying to encourage healthy lifestyles and improve long-term health outcomes for our children. I realise, as a parent, that it isn't always easy to encourage healthy choices when children can bring whatever they choose to eat for break time snacks and have in their lunch boxes. In setting out what is acceptable at school, this should also help you with the battles over what children want to bring to school. We do offer toast and a drink when children arrive at school so even if your child doesn't like fruit, they shouldn't be hungry.

We have given a great amount of thought to this and we are introducing it for all the right reasons – I am sure that **all of you** want your child to be healthy both now and in the future. I have asked other schools and most of them follow these guidelines.

Future plans

We are looking to hold parent and child workshops on cooking and eating healthily where families can cook together. Children will often try foods if they have been involved in preparing them themselves. Details will follow next term.

Attendance

Many children achieved a good level of attendance this year – which is good news because children with frequent absences or extended holiday absence fall behind - gaps in learning are created and these can be almost impossible to close. A good level of attendance is considered to be above 96%. Have a look on your child's report and if it falls below this then their attendance is too low. Attendance below 90% is classed as 'persistent absence' and (unless a child has been seriously ill for a length of time) this is not acceptable. We will be monitoring attendance even more closely next year – again to ensure good outcomes for our children. Please let us know if there are any problems with which we can help.

The holidays are here!

All that remains is for me to wish you all a very happy summer break. I hope you enjoy the lovely weather that looks set to stay with us and spending time with your children. We look forward to welcoming them back on

Thursday 6th September.

Many, many thanks for supporting us throughout the year – when we work together, we achieve the greatest success.

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Head Teacher

Free Fun Fete Afternoon

A big thank you to Haven Seashore Holiday Park for providing four pedal scooters as part of our 'Good to be Green' reward day. The children enjoyed a fun filled afternoon of activities including face painting, Mrs Ward in the stocks, football, hook a duck, pin the flag on the sandcastle, target throwing, obstacle course and much more. Year 6 enjoyed their reward at Pleasurewood Hills. All the children were very well behaved and a great time was had by all - including the staff who went on the scooters!



Thank you to all the parents/carers who came to the Leavers' Assembly; there wasn't a dry eye in the house. This year, the Year 6's performed a special edition of Britain's Got Talent; there were a range of great acts from comedy to Fortnite dancers. All the children had a special role to play and even got to take part in an afternoon tea once the show was over. Good luck at High School Year 6, you will be missed greatly by everyone at North Denes.



Last Friday, year 5 held a pop up funfair in the hall to celebrate the end of our 'Scream Machine' topic. Thank you to all the family members who came along to see our work!



Yesterday Year 6 went to Pleasurewood Hills for a terrific end of year visit to celebrate all their hard work and their 'good to be green' behaviour reward. All the children were beautifully behaved and had the chance to go on all the rides- most of them went on the scariest ride - Wipeout! At 12:00 the whole year group met for lunch and watched the sea lion show. A great day was had by all!



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Summer School

Try your hand at juggling, take to the air on the trapeze, teeter on the tightwire.

AT THE DRILL HOUSE
MON 30 JUL - FRI 3 AUG
8-17yrs

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School's Out
For Summer!!!

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

- Saplings—94.37%
- Apple—92.61%
- 1 Lemons—96.13%
- 2 Limes—97.14%
- 2 Oranges—93.68%
- 3 Pine — 98.39%
- 4 Beech — 92.61%
- 4 Rowan —90.87%
- 5 Birch—96.3%
- 5 Cherry—93.85%
- 6 Hazel—96.0%
- 6 Maple—92.11%
- 6 Oak — 98.0%
- 6 Willow— 95.5%
- Well Done—3 Pine!

Children who have medicines in school, will be bringing them home today. Could you please make sure that they are returned to school in September if still required and that they are in date. Thank you.

Thank you to those who filled in the parent survey regarding Wellbeing. Prize draw of £50 Tesco voucher was won by Amanda