

THE DANESHOLME DIGEST

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Message from the Principal



Thank you for all your support for our community defibrillator fundraising day. We are having a brilliant day raising money and learning essential first aid skills. Keep an eye on our Twitter feed @DanesholmeJun for the latest updates.

Mrs Rolf

Speed bounce

And the winner is ... Mr Park with 106 bounces in one minute! Followed closely by Mr Austin with 101 and Miss Watson with 76 bounces. Thank you to our staff for being such good sports and for your donations that have raised £106 for our community defibrillator.



How a sound is made?

In the science unit, sound, we have been investigating the reaction of a tuning fork. When you hit a tuning fork, it vibrates creating a sound. If you do the same experiment with water, the tuning fork splashes and makes ripples showing the vibrations.

Reporting by Sophie & Blaze (Sol)

Thank you from the Foodbank



World book day

We will be celebrating World Book Day on 5th March, however we will **not be dressing up**, instead we would like to encourage the children to use their £1 WBD token towards the cost of a book when the Book Fair visits us on 24th to 30th March.

Year 6 trip to Stibbington – Tuesday 25th February
On Tuesday 25th February, Year 6 will be re-enacting a day in the life of real children evacuated from London to Stibbington in the 1940's.
We are asking for pupils to dress as 1940's evacuee children.

Information for evacuees:
Children who are being evacuated to Stibbington Centre for a day should try to dress like children did in the 1940s. These drawings show what children looked like, and the notes below give some suggestions about what you might wear.



Clothes:

Everyone should wear: Shoes, boots or wellies (not trainers)
Woolen jumper or cardigan (not sweatshirt)
Shirt or blouse (not t-shirt)

Boys should wear a cap or woolen hat and they should have knee-length trousers. Girls should wear a beret, headscarf or woolen hat and a knee-length dress or skirt.

On cold or wet days everyone should have a warm or waterproof coat. This is important because the programme for the day includes a walk through the 'wartime countryside'. A modern coat will be fine if you don't have an 'old style' one. For very cold days scarf, gloves and thick socks are useful too.

Other things to bring:

At school you will be making a gas mask box and a luggage label to bring with you.

From home you should choose either

- A small 'old style' doll or cuddly toy such as a teddy bear or
- Make yourself a parcel which you can pretend contains your favourite toys that you have chosen to take with you when you are evacuated. The parcel should be quite small, eg shoe box or ice cream container size, and it should be wrapped in brown paper and tied with string.

These are the only things you will be allowed to take with you when you are evacuated!

Year 6 SATs meeting for parents



We would like to invite you to a Year 6 SATs Parents' Meeting on **Wednesday 26th February at 6pm.**

We will be explaining the process of assessment during SATs week, the specific changes that are taking place this year, and how best to help prepare your child for the tests. We will also be explaining the revision and homework arrangements for the term ahead.

We ask that a maximum of two people per pupil attends the meeting. This is a parents only meeting and we ask that pupils do not accompany you.

Year 3 - Curriculum



Year 3 have been learning about light and dark in science. We have been creating our own opaque and translucent puppets in order to find out what is needed to create shadows. We are also looking

into what we need to stay safe in the sun.

Delling swimming

Delling are enjoying their swimming lessons and we look forward to returning to the pool after half term.

Put Your Name On It!

Naming pupil's belongings

Please ensure that **ALL** uniform, PE kits, shoes, coats, bags and any other item your child brings into school is clearly marked with the pupil's full name.

This will ensure any items misplaced around the school can be returned to your child promptly.

PE kits & Jewellery

Please ensure that your child has their **PE kit** in school with them **EVERYDAY**. As the weather is getting colder and we are still participating in PE outdoors, please ensure your child has a tracksuit and trainers too.

ALL jewellery must be **REMOVED** on PE days.



Bikes & Scooters – Make sure they are locked



Please ensure that you are using a bike/scooter lock in our bike shed every day.



Kingswood Catering – ordering meals

Please make sure you are ordering your child's meal online by Wednesday of each week.

Free School Meals

If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals, you will have to apply for them online at:

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

*Please note: You will have to add each sibling to your application. If you have applied for one sibling and not the other, you will have to make another application for **each** sibling.*

Important dates for your diary

Spring 2

24th February – School opens

25th February – Year 6 trip to Stibbington

26th February – Year 6 SATs meeting with parents – 6pm

2nd March – Year 4 trip to Sealife Centre

4th March - Year 3 & 4 Parent pop in – 9am til 9:30am

5th March – World Book day

11th March - Year 5 & 6 Parent pop in – 9am til 9:30am

13th March – Sport relief

17th March - Year 3 Work share with parents – 3pm

24th March - Year 4 Work share with parents – 3pm

25th March – Parents evening – 5pm til 7pm

26th March – Parents evening – 3:45pm til 5:30pm

30th March – 2nd April – Year 5 Bikeability

3rd April – Last day of term

Contact details



Do we have your up to date telephone numbers, home address and email address? Please keep these up to date with the school office so we can communicate with you effectively. Thank you.



We are pleased to announce that we are now accepting payments online for school trips.

Please activate your account using the account details that were sent home to you before Christmas.

If you require another set, please contact the school office.



Our whole school attendance target for 2019-20 is **96%**, in line with the Government's recommendation.

Absence in term time can only be authorised in exceptional circumstances and head teachers are not expected to class any term time holiday as exceptional. Penalty notices (fines) can be issued as a result of periods of unauthorised or repeated absence.

Whole school attendance:

Whole school attendance 3rd -7th Feb :

Class	Attendance
Delling	100.0%
Asbru	99.2%
Nicor	94.8%
Elli	95.3%
Sol	99.2%
Hermoth	98.9%
Oller	95.3%
Loki	97.3%
Mani	96.8%
Embla	96.0%
Jotnar	97.0%
Asgard	99.6%

Half way through the year, our whole school attendance figure is 94.97%:

Sept 2019-this week:	
YEAR 3	95.11%
YEAR 4	94.96%
YEAR 5	95.40%
YEAR 6	94.41%

Weekly Attendance Update

Our whole school attendance figure for last week was 100%. The class with the best attendance last week was Delling class. Well done!