



# Denton West End School

## Newsletter

February 2024

Welcome to the February newsletter. We have already had a busy few weeks in school with lots of activities in a very short half term.



### McMellors Lunch



Children enjoyed the school lunch; over 330 pupils and staff enjoyed this special treat. Thank you for supporting us with the Spring Census.

Please look out for the Parentmail about the special menu on Thursday 8th February to mark

Chinese New Year.

### Staffing

We welcome back Miss Taylor from maternity leave who has joined the reception team.

We wish Miss Trelfa good luck as she starts her maternity leave with her new baby boy who was born weighing a healthy 7lb 2ozs. Mother and baby are doing well. Congratulations to the family.

Mrs Hill, cleaner, has left us for pastures new. She has been with us for over ten years. We will miss her at school for helping to keep the school spotless.

We also welcome Mrs Harris and Mrs Guarino who join the cleaning team.

We would like to welcome Ms Francis who joins us as a teaching assistant and Ms Morris who is part of the midday team.

### Governors

We welcome Mrs Malpas and Ms Jones as co-opted governors and Mrs Pegg who will take over as chair.

We want to extend our thanks to Mrs Mountain who has been a governor for many years and more recently chair of the board. She has been a great asset to the school ensuring that we continue to raise standards and provide an excellent education for our pupils. She will now become a member of the board.

### Social Media

You may remember that last year we sent out a communication questionnaire. One of the areas that parents suggested is that we change from Twitter (X) to Facebook, as X is not used widely. We shall be doing this over the coming weeks. In order to do so we will need to ask permissions from you to allow your child to go on the platform. Please look out for this by Parentmail.



### Mobile phones

Please could I remind parents that mobile phones are not allowed in school? This is to ensure safeguarding of our pupils. Any phones found will be sent to the office and will need to be collected by an adult. Thank you.

### Investors in Pupils

Children have updated their targets at the start of the new term and have decided what they will be working on in the coming weeks, whether this be getting a pen license, working on spellings, doing homework or focussing on other areas.



INVESTORS IN PUPILS

### Appropriate Conduct in School

Please could I ask that when parents are addressing any member of staff, whether it be at the start or end of the day or at reception, that you are respectful?

We have had several incidents over the last few weeks where parents are taking their frustrations out on school staff and this is not acceptable and sets a bad example for the children who may be present. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Attendance and Lateness

Attendance is 96% which is good and still above the national average. Please remember though, to help build your child's resilience, that if they come to school and feel a little unwell this could be normal morning anxiety and will pass almost immediately when they see their friends. Obviously, if children become unwell during the day we will ring you to collect them.

Please remember that children should be in the playground ready for the doors opening a few minutes before 8.55am. This is so we can have a prompt start to the day. I am pleased to say that lateness is becoming less of an issue.

Could I also ask that at the end of the day children are picked up promptly? Some children are not picked up on time, especially if older siblings are collecting, and this impacts on staff who have marking, planning and meetings to attend in order to prepare for the next day.

### Events this Term

Y1 had a traditional tales dress up day to start their new literacy topic.

Children have learnt about Martin Luther King in assembly.

Y1 have visited Portland Basin as part of their history topic on lives in the past.

Y2 visited Ashton Mosque as part of the RE work.

Y6 have had a visit from Safe Squad to learn about first aid, fire safety, safety online and other topics.



### Half term

School closes on Friday the 9th February for half term and re-opens on Monday 19th February.