



Dereham Church of England Junior Academy



26th September 2016

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Dear All

It is really pleasing to be able to report what a good start to the year we have had in school. I have been into all of the classrooms over the last couple of weeks to see how the children have been getting on and it has been a joy to see. The children have been working hard, making good choices about their learning and been really showing that they want to do their best which is excellent to see. A very good start, we are looking forward to the children keeping that up as the year goes on.

Another really positive start has been with the children's attendance. We want to see the children in school as much as possible, keeping absences to a minimum and only when absolutely necessary and I very pleased to say that attendance has been very good averaging over 97% for the first 3 weeks of term which is superb.

Just a quick reminder about the Rotary Club Christmas Card competition; all of the children were given a sheet inviting them to take part in the competition. The closing date for that competition is this coming Friday (30th) and if children want us to deliver their entries they must be back with us in school by Thursday (29th)

We have been thinking about our school team names this term, and gave the children chance to suggest their ideas for new team names for the future. The children have then been able to take part in a vote to choose the names they like most. The chosen names for our team which will replace the planet names we have been using are:- Air, Water, Fire and Earth, well done to Harley Davies of Kilimanjaro Class for suggesting the new names

It was great to see so many children dressed up as Roald Dahl characters for our Reading Café this week. It was also great to see so many parents join us for the morning, and enjoy learning and working with their children. None of us had seen the hall so full for one of these mornings. Thank you very much for your support for the children.

Neil Toplis

The next Newsletter will be sent home on Monday 10th October

House Points Certificates

Well done to the following children who have received House Point awards recently:

10HP:- Carla Mendes, **25HP:-** David Lapa, **50 HPs: Headteacher's Award:-** Louie Gould, George Riches, Harry Hill, Hattie-Mae Gibbons, Paul Juby, **100HP:- Bronze Award:-** Logan DeGouveia, Ben Handel, **150HP:- Silver Award:-** Charlie Barrett, Lucy Pitcher, **200HP:- Gold Award:-** Alfie Richer, Jack Gibbons, Theo Bournier, **250HP Platinum Award:-** Elizabeth Robinson-Williams, Bryoni Nottage, Keira Mclaughlin, Soraya Copsey, **300HP Amethyst Award:-** Dexter Speed, Emma Caffyn



Young Enterprise Day

On Tuesday 20th September visitors came to Year 5 to teach us about the world and how it runs on money and trade.

We made a puzzle but then needed to trade with another group for our last puzzle piece. We looked at different foods that come from all around the world. At the end we had to advertise our own product designed for a make believe country.

by Bryoni Nottage and Ekaterina Nelson

Well done to Aleena Roy & Louise Goldsmith for being our most recent winners of our 'Star of the Week' award.

Year 6 Brazil Day

On Monday the 19th September, we had our Brazil Day. We did lots of different and exciting activities which were the following: Capoeira (a Brazilian martial art), mask making for the carnival at the end, creating our own Olympic games and a Samba music lesson including drums and maracas.

We made some headdresses with materials we had been given we cut out some templates, and decorated them with glitter glue, feathers, sequins and pens. Capoeira was the hardest activity as we had to do some hard moves like kicks and turns but in the end we all had fun! In the music lesson, we had turns trying different rhythm patterns. In the end we all done a synchronised tune and it sounded very good!

Here are some quotes from some students:

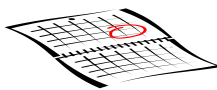
"My favourite part was the drums!" said Jay Cassidy.

"I enjoyed making the masks and when we had to

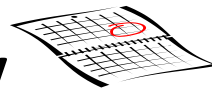
make our own sports games," said Molly-Mai "I liked the dancing" said Sarah Smith. Jack Bone told us, "I loved the carnival" "I liked the drums but I rather disliked dancing in front of the parents it was quite embarrassing!" said Naomi King but Jacob King said "I liked the dance a lot!"

By: Kaiya Wright and Maddison Proctor (Amazon Class)





Dates For Your Diary



Autumn Term 2016

Wednesday 28 th September	Y4 Egyptian Day (Norwich Castle Museum)
Wednesday 5 th October	Parents Evening
Thursday 6 th October	Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 th October	Ancient Greek Day
Thursday 13 th October	Y3 & 4 Harvest Service (St Nicholas Church)
Friday 14 th October	Y5 & 6 Harvest Service (St Nicholas Church)
Friday 21 st October	Last Day of the half term
Monday 31 st October	First Day of the New Half term
Tuesday 8 th November	School Photographs
Thursday 10 th November	Parents' Café 9am
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Monday 12 th December	Parents' Café 9am
Tuesday 13 th December	Y3 & 4 Christmas Service (St Nicholas Church)
Thursday 15 th December	Y5 & 6 Christmas Service (St Nicholas Church)
Friday 16 th December	Last day of autumn term

Spring Term 2017

Thursday 5 th January	First day of term
Wednesday 25 th January	Parents Evening
Thursday 26 th January	Parents Evening
Tuesday 7 th January	Internet safety day
Friday 10 th February	Last day of the half term
Monday 20 th February	First day of the new half term
Monday 13 th to Friday 17 th March	Year 4 residential week at the Horstead Centre
Tuesday 28 th March	Yr 3 & 4 Easter Service (St Nicholas Church)
Thursday 30 th March	Yr 5 & 6 Easter Service (St Nicholas Church)
Friday 31 st March	Last day of spring term

Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 th April	First day of summer term
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th May	Year 6 end of key stage (SATs) test week
Friday 26 th May	Last day of the half term
Monday 5 th June	First day of the new half term
Tuesday 16 th May	Year 6 individual and class photos
Monday 12 th – Friday 16 th June	Year 6 Lake District residential week
Monday 3 rd July	Sports Day and family picnic
Monday 10 th July	Reserve sports day and family picnic (will only go ahead if the previous week does not)
Tuesday 11 th July	Y6 leavers service
Friday 21 st July	Last day of term