

Friday Flier



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We hope you all took the opportunity of meeting and greeting our new **Lollipop Lady Julie James**, who started with us this week. If you haven't met Julie, please say hello and welcome.

We have a plea! We have some very persistent foxes who despite encouragement to stay away, still come on school site. We think one of the reasons why they are so determined to come on site is the free lunch they find in our waste paper bins attached to school building walls. We know that some of our parents empty their children's packed lunch boxes into our bins. As a result our more confident foxes think this is a take-away. Please take your children's packed lunch remains home with you. The faecal remains foxes leave in the playground is a health and safety risk for all our community and a constant job for Mr Benstead, our Premises Manager, to clear up. Thank you for your support!

Year 6 Residential School Journey is almost here. Please ensure that your child's journey is fully paid up before departure. **Please bring your child's post-cards into school on Monday**—one from you to your child and one your child can write to you. The second one should be self addressed and stamped. Please also remember to send

back your response to our queries relating to your **child's swimming abilities**. As you will be aware, one evening during the week will be spent at the swimming pool in the Leisure Centre in Machynlleth and we need to be clear on children's abilities.

Thank you for attending the **Coffee morning this week for McMillan Cancer Trust** and for donating cakes. Those not eaten on the day have been enjoyed by staff, who have also made a contribution to this fantastic cause.

You may have noted from our headed paper that Mrs Blyth is now Head of School at Deansfield, in line with others in the Compass Partnership with the same role.

Children have settled down well in the routines of the school and are enjoying the new work in their new classes. If you haven't already received your termly newsletter, one will soon be with you. Please look out for letters in bookbags. We will be writing soon with details of the visits programme for the year and seeking your financial support. Thank you.

Kicking off the programme next week are the **Year 3 visits to the Eltham Environmental Curriculum Centre**, when children become soil detectives for the day. Year 3's topic this term of 'rocks and soils' is well supported by this visit, which the children so enjoy. Class 3A Monday/3C Thursday.

Key dates for your diary

9th October: Learning Review Week

11th October: Prospective Reception parents Open Morning

16th October: Year 6 Residential School Journey to Wales

18th October: DPA meeting 7.30pm Daisie Hall

20th October: Head teacher's Coffee Morning

20th October: Yr 4 Cake sale after school.

23-27th October: Half Term

2nd November: International Evening

6th November: Year 5 Residential School Journey to Swanage

15th November: Prospective Reception parents Open Morning

24th November: Inclusion Coffee Morning

24th November: Christmas Discos

2nd December: Christmas Fayre

6th December: Prospective Reception parents Open Morning

6th December: Carolthon

7th December p.m.: KS1 Christmas performance

8th December a.m.: KS1 Christmas Performance

11th December p.m.; EYFS Christmas Performance

12th December a.m.: EYFS Christmas Performance

13th December p.m. & Evening: KS2 Performance at St Lukes

15th December: Headteachers Coffee Morning

20th December: Break up

4th January: return to school

NEXT WEEK AT DEANSFIELD:

Monday: Swimming for 4P

Monday: Class 3A to Environmental Centre (packed lunch)

Thursday: Class 3C to Environmental Centre (packed lunch)

Thursday: Swimming for 3A

Friday: Class 6BH Class Assembly (please look out for letters Monday)

Attendance: Star Attendance Award this week is shared between both Reception classes with 100% attendance. Well done to our youngest school members.

This week's overall attendance is 96.1 % and the attendance so far this term is also running at 96.8%. Thank you for recognising the importance of sending your child into school

Class 1B gave us a very enjoyable Assembly performance today based on the book *The Tiger Child* by Joanna Troughton.

The performance was based on the lively folk tale from Orissa, India, which explains why tigers eat their food uncooked and why cats live with people.



The tiger child is sent to fetch some more fire from the village, but on the way he gets distracted by his friends. By the time he gets to the village, he has forgotten what he has been sent to fetch.



Children wore some lovely costumes and gave us some wonderful song and narrative. Well done Class 1B!

Next Friday, we look forward to Class 6BH's Assembly. Please look out for letters next week.

Maths Challenge! Last Week's puzzle was:

Spaghetti is famous for the way it all gets tangled up on the plate. Those of you who think they know their alphabet are bound to get all tangled up with this puzzle too, unless you read it and think about it very carefully!

What letter of the alphabet is the one which comes eight letters before the letter which comes five letters after the fourth appearance of the first letter to occur four times in this sentence?

Our solution is:

"r"

You get this by working backwards through the puzzle: the first letter to occur four times is t: What letter of T....

Five letters after the fourth "t" is the letter "p", and eight letters before that is "r".

This week, our puzzle is:

Hungry Horace was looking through the family photograph album, which has a photo of each of his parent, each of his grandparents, all the way up to each of his great-great-great-grandparents.

How many photos is that? Look out next week for the solution.

Child Care problems? Don't forget to give Alpha Club a call. They are very flexible in the arrangements they are able to offer so please give them a call on 07939 917090. They will be happy to discuss your requirements with you.

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DPA News: Please note that the next DPA Meeting will take place on **Wednesday 18th October at 7.30pm** in the Daisie Hall. Please come along with your ideas for the Christmas Fayre! Everyone welcome! Please come along to discuss this exciting event in the fundraising calendar.

Year 4 Cake Sale—Friday 20th October after school. Secondhand books will also be on sale. All monies raised go to Yr 4 classroom resources. Donations welcomed!

Look out for information on **Christmas Cards for the children to design.** This will be sent out before half term, as we want to get in early this year. For DPA information, please contact the DPA Chair, Jennifer Smith.