



Newsletter April 2023

Headteachers Welcome

Well, it almost seems impossible to think but we are now entering our final term of this school year! How quickly the year has flown by! We welcome lots more dry weather and sunny days and all the things to come in Summer Term, which is often a very busy but enjoyable one in school. We have many things to look forward to such as the Summer Fair, visits from Olympic Athletes and Coronation celebrations. These are all certainly special events which stay with families when they think back to their memories of first school. Another such event is your school residential which Year 4 and 5 were lucky to enjoy last week. I took time out to visit them for the morning and it was so lovely to see the children flourish in a new environment. Thank you to the staff who made the visit possible but also to the children themselves who as always did us proud and showed what an amazing group of young people we have here at Denby. You are all truly very special. Here's to a great final term in school.

Easyfundraising – You Shop, Brands Donate to Us!

Did you know that you can turn your online shopping into everyday magic for Friends of Denby School with Easyfundraising.

Please [click here](#) to support a good cause!

Over £450 has already been raised with just 25 supporters – think how much more we could raise if every family got involved!

Library Dates



Class 1: Friday 21st April and Friday 12th May

Class 2: Thursday 4th May and Thursday 25th May

Class 3: Friday 28th April and Friday 19th May

Thank you to our Library Volunteers for your continued support – we really do appreciate it.

School Times

Please can we remind parents that lessons begin at 9.00am. The school doors open at 8.50am to allow time for your child to enter school, take their belongings to the cloakroom and order their lunch. We understand that from time to time there are events out of our control that cause a delay but persistent lateness really does have an effect on every child's learning and is disruptive to the class.

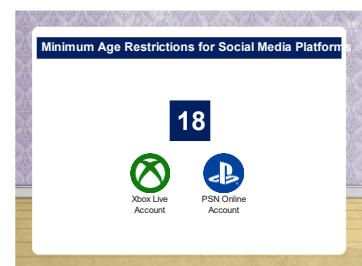
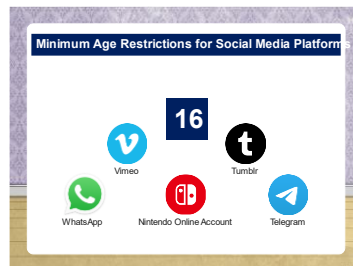
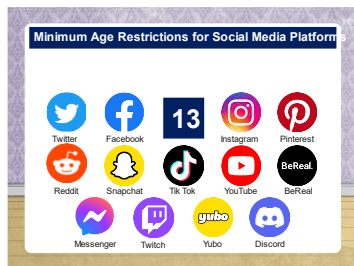


The school day finishes at 3.20pm – please ensure that you are in the playground for this time to collect your child. Any children who have not been collected by 3.30pm without a call made to the Office prior, will be able to join the Out of School Club until collection. The current charge for the first hour of Out of School Club is £5.00.

Keeping safe Online

How safe is social media?

There are many different social media apps and websites available today. Social media can bring benefits but like most things, there are also negatives.



Most have an age rating of 13+ which is why it is important to ensure that if your child is socialising online, that they are doing it safely.

Make sure your child knows they can talk to you or a trusted adult if anybody or anything is making them feel uncomfortable online.

5 quick tips when creating a social media account

Follow these links for further information about keeping children safer while using social media:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/>

Six tips for keeping children safer while using

Tik Tok:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/online-safety-blog/child-safe-settings-tiktok/>



Welcome to Mrs Bailey-Mathías!

We've welcomed a temporary new member of the team, Mrs Bailey-Mathías, who will be working in Class 3.

Mrs Bailey-Mathías is studying to be a teacher with the SCITT teacher training programme.

PE Bags & Bookbags

Please could we ask that pupils do not bring rucksacks into school instead of bookbags and draw string PE bags. Unfortunately, they take up more space in the cloakroom areas and we do not have the space to accommodate them.

Many thanks



Did you know that you can book ad-hoc sessions at Denby Out of School Club?

We provide care from 3.20pm - 6.00pm, Monday to Thursday with a snack and a light tea provided. Currently we have spaces available every day (Ad-hoc £10.00 until 6pm, £5 until 4.20pm). Just let the School Office know on the day and we'll do our best to accommodate you!

Environmental Books

We would like to say thank you to Fiona Gaunt, one of our library volunteers, who has organised an environmental section in our school library. She has also compiled a list of recommended books to include and we have added these to our [Amazon Wish List](#).



Stars of the Term

Congratulations to our Stars of the Term – Noah, Aoife, Lexi, Violette, Zac and William



Easter Raffle

We would like to say a huge thank you to everyone that bought a raffle ticket for the Easter Hampers and supported our School.

A special thank you for the donation for an Inflata Nation Voucher, treats from Tesco, and the giant Easter egg from FODS.

Congratulations to our winners:

1st Prize – Mrs Mosley

2nd Prize – Mr Magowan (Sam's Dad, Class 1)

3rd Prize – Mrs Weeks (Rebecca and Matthew's Mum, Class 1 and Class 2)

4th Prize – Ms Lodge (Freya's Mum, Class 2)

5th Prize – Mrs Mills (Ida and William's Mum, Class 1 and Class 2)



Easter cross winners

We had wonderful entries to the Decorate a Cross Competition that was organised by FODS. Thank you to Mrs Scahill and Miss Reid, our Catering Team, for judging the competition – it certainly wasn't an easy decision.

Congratulations to Martha B, Freya L and Freya K who were our Decorate a Cross winners!



The Eco-Team

The Eco-team helped the Handyman put up the lovely bird box we received, which had been made and donated by Arielle's grandad. Watch this space (or bird box – quietly!)



School Term Dates for September 2022 – July 2023

	School closes at 3.20 pm on:	School opens at 8.50 am on:
Autumn		Tuesday 6 September 2022
Half Term	Friday 21 October 2022	Tuesday 1 November 2022
Christmas	Friday 16 December 2022	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Half Term	Friday 10 February 2023	Monday 20 February 2023
Easter	Friday 31 March 2023	Monday 17 April 2023
Half Term	Thursday 25 May 2023	Monday 5 June 2023
Summer	Friday 21 July 2023	

STAFF TRAINING DAYS: Mon 5 Sept, Mon 31 Oct, Fri 26 May, Mon 24 July, Tues 25 July

BANK HOLIDAYS: Mon 19 Sept, Mon 2 Jan, Mon 1 May, Mon 8 May, Mon 29 May

Upcoming Diary Dates		
Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Monday 17 th April	School Opens at 8.50am	Whole School
Wednesday 19 th	Kingswood Residential	Class 3
Wednesday 26 th	Neiley Races	
Thursday 27 th	NEU Strike Day	Whole School
Friday 28 th	Class 3 Library	Class 3
	FoDS Tuck Shop	Everyone inc. parents
Monday 1 st May	Bank Holiday	Whole School
Tuesday 2 nd	NEU Strike Day	Whole School
Wednesday 3 rd	Neiley Races	
Thursday 4 th	Class 2 Library	Class 2
Monday 8 th	Bank Holiday	Whole School
Wednesday 10 th	Class 1 Federation Fun Day	Class 1
Friday 12 th	Class 1 Library	Class 1
Tuesday 16 th	Growbag Gardening Day	Whole School
Wednesday 17 th	Neiley Races	
Thursday 18 th	Collective Worship, 9.15am	Everyone inc. parents
Friday 19 th	Class 3 Library	Class 3
Thursday 25 th	Class 2 Library	Class 2
	School Closes at 3.20pm	Whole School
Monday 5 th June	School Opens at 8.50am	Whole School
Wednesday 21 st	Class Photos	Whole School
	Growbag Gardening Day	Whole School
Monday 26 th	Music Festival Rehearsal	Yr5 pupils who have confirmed
	6.30pm: Music Festival	Yr5 pupils who have confirmed
Tuesday 27 th	Sports Day, 2.00pm	Whole School
Friday 7 th July	FoDS Bags2School Collection	Everyone
Thursday 13 th	Leavers Service, 9.10am – 10.00am	Class 3
Friday 21 st	School Closes at 3.20pm	

Community News

12 WEEKS FREE

SKELMANTHORPE JFC UNITED

MOMENTOUS FOOTBALL ACADEMY

19TH MARCH 10AM

FOOTBALL FOR EVERYONE

SPORTS CLUB, SHAW LANE, BARNSELEY S70 6HZ

BOY AND GIRLS  AGES 5-10

SKELMANTHORPE UNITED JUNIOR FC
ARE PROUD TO PARTNER WITH MOMENTOUS TO OFFER
FOOTBALL TRAINING WITH FA/UEFA QUALIFIED, DBS
CHECKED, FULLY INSURED AND FIRST AID CERTIFIED
COACHES

WE ARE LOOKING TO CREATE A NUMBER OF JUNIOR FOOTBALL TEAMS
FOR THE 2023/24 SEASON SO COME ALONG AND GET INVOLVED

To register your interest contact Chris Morris: 07854 433332