



Duke Street Primary School

Newsletter 3

Thursday 20th September 2018



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Jeans for Genes Day:



Tomorrow, Friday 21st September, we will be supporting the charity Jeans for Genes. All children can come to school wearing their jeans (or other non-uniform, instead) for a donation of £1.

Meet the Teacher Night Y1 to Y6 – Wednesday 26th September

A reminder that parents of children in **Years 1 and 2** are invited to come into school to see teachers in their classrooms from **6.00pm till 6.25pm**. There will then be a brief talk in the hall, led by me for parents of children in **Years 1 to 6** from **6.25pm-6.35pm**, followed by an opportunity for parents of children in **Years 3 to 6** to meet with Key stage 2 class teachers in their classrooms from **6.35pm-7.00pm**



Tuesday Music Clubs



Mr Stott's choir will run on a Tuesday lunchtime, and will be held in the ICT suite. This will be open to KS1 and KS2, starting next Tuesday 25th September. Mr Stott is also starting a Duke Street Band as an after school club, 3.15-4.15pm, also on a Tuesday, which will be focusing on performing using instruments. This will also be for a mix of both KS1 and KS2 children. Please complete the reply slip going home today to express a firm interest. If there are more children wanting a place in the band than is manageable, then Mr Stott may need to run the club on a termly basis with different children taking part each term. Please return the forms by Monday 24th September.

Attendance

The class who had the highest attendance from Friday, 7th September to Thursday, 13th September was Maple with 96.9%. Well done to Mr McGuinness's class.



Reading At Home



The percentages of reading certificates given for the last week were as follows:

Cherry: **68%**. Kiwi: **60%**. Rowan: **58%**. Maple: **54%**. Spruce: **50%**. Willow: **48%**. Redwood: **46%**. Poplar: **41%**. Acer: **37%**. Sycamore: **18%**. Well done readers in Miss Clitheroe/Mrs Buckle's class.

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P.G.L. Meeting re September 2019 Trip: Wednesday 3rd October

The children who went on the PGL trip did the school and parents proud last weekend. The children had a great time and were really good ambassadors for the school in the way they approached activities and their behaviour in general. My thanks go to the staff who gave up their weekend, to accompany the children. We are looking to arrange another trip for September 2019. In the first instance, we are just offering places to current Year 5 children. Only if we have spare places, will we open it up to current Year 4 children.



To find out more about what the trip is all about, we are having a meeting in school at **6.00 pm on Wednesday 3rd October**. I can't give you an exact price as yet, as this will depend on the cost of the coach and the number of children involved. (This year it was £160) Parents of interested Y5 children should complete the reply slip to indicate your intention to attend this meeting and /or interest in your child going on the trip by **Friday 28th September**.

There is an assembly presented by the children from this year's trip at 9.10 am on Friday 28th September, and parents of children who went, or would like to go next year are invited to attend to get a flavour of what the trip was like.

High School Admissions for September 2019

Remember that the deadline for a high school place application is: **31st October 2018**. Applications are made online. Visit www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. Below are the remaining dates for local high schools that have not already had their open evening.

Parklands High School Thursday 20/09/2018 5.15pm

Holy Cross Catholic High School Wednesday 10/10/2018 6.00 -8.30 pm

Albany Science College Wednesday 26/09/2018 5.00 pm

Bishop Rawstone CE Language College Wednesday 04/10/2018 5.00 -9.00 pm

Reporting an Absence

Can we please remind parents to contact school as early on as possible if you know your child is going to be absent? Select option 1 to leave a voicemail. It is the time of year when we get children off with upset stomachs. If your child is absent through vomiting or diarrhoea, they can only come back into school **48 hours** after the last symptom.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A Kidd". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Mr A Kidd
HEADTEACHER