



DARELL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

Newsletter 19, 7th February 2020

Headteacher's Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, it has been really pleasing to continue to develop our whole school approach on pupil talk. Teachers from across the school worked in pairs to teach a lesson with a specific focus on how our children are expressing themselves. On a personal level, I really enjoyed the lesson I taught in Year 6 and it has been fantastic to see teachers working so effectively across the school to continue to develop or practice in this area.

We have also had a busy sporting week as well with our Year 5/6 girls football team playing a thrilling match against Thomson House, eventually losing 5-3 in an eight goal thriller. It was also the turn of our Year 4 boys to represent the school at their first football tournament on Tuesday. The boys came away with a highly respectable record of 2 wins, 2 defeats and a draw. Both teams were a credit to the school.

I would like to bring parents attention that it is 'Safer Internet Day' next week on 11th February. For further information please visit <https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2020> As more and more children are bringing phones to school, we would also like to remind parents to ensure that age ratings on the App store are adhered too – particularly in relation to any social media platforms children may be using. As a school, we will be running some information sessions for children, parents and staff next half term regarding the safe use of social media. Please look out for these dates in the near future.

Finally, please don't forget to sign up for a parent/teacher consultation meeting as they are now live on Arbor.

Have a restful and safe weekend.

Paul Gilbert & Joe Porter

Office updates:

Parking

Parking is not permitted on the yellow zigzag lines surrounding the school. There is plenty of free parking surrounding the school within a short walking distance.

Please can we ask that whilst driving around the school area you keep your speed to a minimum.

Sickness and Diarrhoea

If your child has been sick or had diarrhoea, please can we remind you there is an exclusion period of at least 48 hours away from school. The 48-hour period starts from the last time they were sick or had diarrhoea. This is to prevent further spread of a possible bug.

More information can be found at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/diarrhoea-and-vomiting/>

Parents Evening

Parent's evening appointments are available to book now. Please log into your Arbor account and book your appointment.

Lost Property

As we are coming to the end half term, please collect all of your lost property. The lost property trolley is located in the front office. We do not have the space to store items for long periods so any items not claimed by Friday, 14th February will be donated to charity.

Missing Coats

We have had two coats go missing recently a bright blue boy's jacket and a purple, Mountain Warehouse jacket. They have not been handed into the lost property. Please if you have taken them home by mistake could you return as soon as possible.

Sayers Croft Residential trip

A polite reminder that the next instalment of £50.00 will be due by Friday, 28th February. All payments to be made via Arbor parent portal.

Upcoming diary dates for the following week:

Monday, 10th February:

- **Y2 Trip to Thames Explorer**

Tuesday, 11th February:

- **Rise Swimming Gala**

Wednesday, 12th February:

- **Nursery Open Day**
- **Height and Weight in reception**

Thursday, 13th February:

- **Y3 Trip to Richmond Museum**
- **Swimming Gala**

Friday, 14th February:

- **Reception Parents invited for book look and activities**

Letters/Communications sent home:

- **Y5 and 6 Netball letter**
- **Y1 Florence Nightingale letter**
- **Y2 National Gallery letter**
- **Reception and Y6 Height and Weight letter**
- **Arbor Parents Evening letter**
- **Year 5 and 6 Girls Football Match letter (selected pupils)**
- **Pancake Day Menu**
- **Rise Swimming Gala (selected pupils)**
- **Pupil Parliament letter (selected pupils)**
- **Nursery Open Day Flyer**

- **Medical Letter Y1 and Y3**

New Events:

Bring a loved one to school

On Friday, 14th February, we are inviting our Reception parents to come into school from 9-10am to look at Learning Journeys and participate in activities with the children.

We look forward to seeing you.

Nursery Open day

Come and see our nursery in action, and meet the team on Wednesday, 12th February. At 9:30am-10:30am or 1.30pm-2.30pm

Star of the Week

Mozart: Archie – for joining in with year 1 PE

Newton: Henry – for working hard in all subjects

Packham: Jayden – for amazing blending in reading and practising his writing

Peake: Finlay – for working hard on his number bonds to 10 test

Weir: Arya – for persevering to achieve her number bonds

Simmonds: William – for showing enthusiasm and sharing his expert knowledge on beetles

Malala: Elikyah – for her amazing progress in English

Thunberg: Ashton – for his beautiful joined handwriting

Darwin: Michel – for his contribution in lessons and for explaining his thinking

Attenborough: Olivia – for the fantastic improvement in her attitude to learning

Parks: Juri – for faultless attitude towards maths

Mandela: Isla – for her contribution to football club and scoring a goal!

Maths Challenge:

Last week's Maths Challenge 1 winner was Liberty from Parks Class Well done!

Last week's Maths Challenge 2 winner was Meg from Thunberg Class Well done!

Please see the attachment with the newsletter for next week's Maths Challenge.

Attendance:

Overall, school attendance last week was 98.1% our target is 96.8%.

Well done to Mozart, Peake, Simmonds, Weir, Malala, Thunberg, Newton, Darwin and Parks Class for the highest attendance with 100% last week. Best for punctuality was Simmonds, Thunberg and Darwin Class (with 0 late). Let's do our best for next week!