



## DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

### Welcome back...

A very warm welcome back to school for all the children. It is a delight to see them all. I hope you have all managed a fantastic Christmas and New Year.

The start of the term has proved to be as busy as usual and the diary is beginning to tentatively fill. We have had odd cases of COVID through most of the school, but from the information we are getting the symptoms seem to be similar to a heavy cold or flu. We will of course continue to monitor the situation on a daily basis.

### Gentle reminders

Children should be walking scooters once they get through the school gates please.

The main staff car park gate is being closed from 8:30 to help ensure the safety of all children and visitors.

Children should come to school in PE kits on the days they have PE.

Please can you contact school by phone before 9am if your child is absent for any reason.

### Friends of Dearham School (FODS)

FODS had an incredibly successful start to the academic year and my gratitude goes again to all involved.

We still have tea towels for sale. If you haven't managed to get yours yet just contact the office and we will sort it for you.

### After School Club

After much delay we are hoping our after school club will be starting it on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January. The club will run Mon, Wed, Thur and Fri from 3:15 to 5:15. However to cover the costs due to low numbers, we will need to charge £5 for 1 hour and £8 for 2 hours. A letter will come out next week for bookings etc.

### Staff well-being

In an attempt to improve the well-being of all staff I have asked them to not read or respond to emails after 5:30pm on a school night and not at all on a weekend. Please do not be offended therefore if you email after 5:30pm and do not get a response until the next day.

If your email is an emergency after that time please contact me via my email which is [wilsonj@westlakesmat.org.uk](mailto:wilsonj@westlakesmat.org.uk)

### Emails

Thank you to those of you who have returned your data sheets with email addresses. In an attempt to cut back on paper and copying we are planning to send newsletters, letters and information via email moving forward.

Please check your emails and junk folder daily for school messages. Unless the letter requires a response, we will not be sending a text to say a letter has been emailed after today

If you haven't returned your data sheets yet please do so as soon as you can.

### Quote for the week.

*The secret to change is focus all your energy, not on fighting the old, but on building the new.*

Socrates