



D'EYNCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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Thank You

Hello!

As we approach the half term break, I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge 'THANK YOU!' No-one could have predicted what was going to happen this term and after working so hard during the autumn term to put lots of processes in place, we were devastated to not open to all pupils in January. However, we have worked hard to make the new 'normal' as successful as it can be and we could not have done it without you!

I would like to take this chance to say thank you to the staff who have completely changed the way they teach and have adapted their practice to meet the needs of all of the children at D'Eyncourt. From talking to various parents, the children are enjoying the live lessons and are working as well as they can at home. Our pupils have worked incredibly hard attending live lessons, sending completed work and some, attending school. We are all so proud of the effort they have put in.

We don't yet know when school will re-open or if/when we can welcome more children back into school. We will let you know as soon as we know anything but, as always, we will continue to work together for the benefit of all of the children of D'Eyncourt.

Thank you to all of our parents and carers who have supported us during this half term—we know how hard it has been and we really do appreciate everything you have done. We hope you have a happy and restful half term and we will see you again (some via Teams) after half term!

Thank you again,

Mrs Darby

Class Dojo



Class Dojo has been invaluable this half term for keeping in touch with parents/ carers during this time away from school. We will continue to upload information to Class Dojo so if you still aren't connected, please join if you can.

Return to School?

As you are aware we are still awaiting the next announcement from the government regarding when primary school pupils will return back to school. The target date is for the 8th March but this of course depends on the 'containment' of the Coronavirus. We will keep you updated on any information that we receive from the Government and DFE via the school website and Class Dojo.

New staff member

We look forward to welcoming a new member of staff—Mrs Gill—who will be working in the office here at D'Eyncourt after half term. I'm sure you will all get to know her and make her very welcome.

Dates for your diary

February 2021

12th—Half Term break

22nd —Key worker children return to school and Live Lessons resume—timetable will be the same as this half term

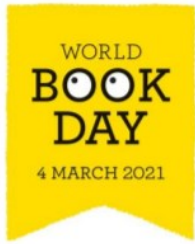
22nd—Well-being survey submissions closing date

March 2021

2nd—World Book Day Potato competition closing date

4th—World Book Day 2021—children can dress up as their favourite book character—see Class Dojo for more details





World Book Day

Thursday 4th March is World Book Day and the children are invited to come to their live lessons or come to school dressed as their favourite book character or in their pyjamas. Please send us pictures on Class Dojo of the children in their costumes! Although we cannot all be together this World Book Day, there are still lots of fun and exciting activities that your child/ren can take part in.

On the day, your child's teachers will arrange some World Book Day activities – look out for more info on our school website and Class Dojo.

Track and Trace Over Half Term—Key worker children only

Please can we remind those of you with keyworker children in school that should your child develop COVID-19 symptoms and subsequently test positive over half term, you MUST inform the school so we can take any further action necessary and inform any close contacts to self-isolate.

At D'Eyncourt, we have the email account that will be active daily 9am until 3pm daily. This email is for communication regarding positive Covid-19 cases only.

Please make a note of the email address—**covid@deyncourtprimary.com**

Please only contact us if your child tests positive for Covid-19 having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school as we will need to assist in the process of Track and Trace.

Thank you for your continued support.



New Parent Governor

We would just like to say a huge thank you to Fiona Norris and Gary Steadman for putting themselves forward to become the new Parent Governor at D'Eyncourt. The vote went live last Friday and has closed today. We would like to welcome Fiona to the Governing body—congratulations!



Mental Health Awareness

Last week, we celebrated Mental Health Week sharing various resources and ideas with the children about looking after their mental and emotional health as well as their physical health. The children in school had discussion sessions about feelings and dealing with them positively, and have been thinking about other ways to help themselves and each other to stay mentally healthy. Many children joined the 'fun' discussion sessions on Teams too so thank you!

It has been a positive way to focus on our wider health and wellbeing. This link is really good for supporting parents talking to very young children about feelings. It gives practical advice:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/talking-to-your-child-about-emotions-love-monster>

Well done to everyone who joined in with mental health week! Keep talking and keep sharing!

World Book Day Competition!

As you have probably seen, we have a fabulous competition this year for World Book Day. We are asking for children to decorate a potato as their favourite book character!



You may use any materials you like. Use whatever you have at home. If you prefer, you can make a poster of your favourite character instead. We have had some fabulous entries so far—keep them coming as we love seeing your wonderful creations!



Remote Learning

It has been great to see so many children engaging in the Live Lessons this half term. However, we still have many children who have not submitted any work. Please use the portfolio function on Class Dojo to send work to your child's class teacher—they love seeing what the children have been learning at home and will comment upon work handed in. Thank you for your support with this.

Pancake Day!

On Tuesday, it is Shrove Tuesday—we hope you all enjoy making pancakes at home! Feel free to send us any pictures of you making your pancakes—we'd love to see them!