

## Newsletter for Parents and Carers: 20/01/17

# DENBIGH

The Giraffes put a great end to STEM week by learning about how lightning is formed. We used chalk and pastels to create our own lightning storm artwork. In the words of the Giraffes, we were all STEM artists this afternoon!



Year 1 Polar Bears have been sorting 2D shapes into groups this week. We have been looking at their properties and grouping them based on shape, colour, number of sides, size and corners. Great partner work Year 1

Well done percussion club. A great start to the new year. Miss Linden.



On Friday afternoon Lizards had a dominoes and DVD party why you might ask? ....well, #dcpslizards won DCPS Autumn term attendance getting a huge 97.8% Well done Lizards- let's try and win again next term...it started well as we got 100% last week whoop whoop. Mrs Hammill.

Year 5 Dolphins had a brilliant session with Lee from NUFC this morning practising their teamwork and problem solving skills. They had to get all of their team from one end of the room to the other on their mats without touching the floor. There were some amazing ideas and great communication between team members. They finished the session with games of dodgeball where solid tactics were the key to success! Miss Smith



This week your child should have brought home a sponsor form for the chance to take part in a Readathon. If they wish to take part they need to set their challenge (put his could be reading a certain number of books, reading for a set amount of time or reading a long book) and then get people to sponsor them. Our challenge week for the Readathon starts on Monday 23rd January. If any sponsor money could please be handed into school by Friday 3rd February. This will give your child plenty of time to complete their challenge and collect their sponsorship money. All money raised will go to helping provide books for sick children who spend extended periods of time in hospital. Any extra information can be found at [www.readathon.org](http://www.readathon.org)

**Readathon**  
Reading to help children in hospital



### Dates for the Diary

Monday, 23rd January	DT Project @ CCC Y5
Tuesday, 24th January	Reception Phonics Session for Parents 9.10 / 9.40 am
Tuesday, 24th January	Egyptian Day Y3
Wednesday, 25th January	Robinwood Residential
Wednesday, 25th January	Reception Phonics Session for Parents 9.10 / 9.40 am
Wednesday, 25th January	Y6 Target Setting Day
Thursday, 26th January	Robinwood Residential
Thursday, 26th January	Reception Phonics Session for Parents 9.10 / 9.40 am
Thursday, 26th January	Circus Topic Y3
Friday, 27th January	Robinwood Residential
Monday, 30th January	DT Project @ CCC Y5
Tuesday, 31st January	Dental Examination Reception & Y1
Thursday, 2nd February	Centre for Life Y2
Thursday, 9th February	Basketball Tournament @ Lakeside Y5
Monday, 13th February	Safety Works Y6
<b>Friday, 17th February</b>	<b>Break up for Half Term</b>
<b>Tuesday, 28th February</b>	<b>Parent Consultations Y1, Y2 &amp; Y3 from 2.00 pm</b>
<b>Wednesday, 1st March</b>	<b>Parent Consultations Y4 &amp; Y5 from 2.00 pm</b>

### After School Clubs



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS2 Dodgeball	KS2 Basketball	Reception Football	KS2 Football	KS2 Street Dance
KS2 Boxing	KS2 Change4Life	KS1 Multi-Skills	KS2 Gymnastics	KS2 Percussion
Y6 Homework Club		Y6 SPAG Booster	Y4/5 Homework Club	
Y6 Maths Booster				

### ZERO TOLERANCE

Use of profanity, verbal threats or any act of violence will NOT be tolerated on school grounds or at school events

We have ZERO TOLERANCE towards inappropriate behaviour from parents on our school site both inside and out. Any inappropriate behaviour by parents will be referred to the police and possibly Children's Services and will result in being banned from the school.

### Absence from School

Children are required to attend school for 190 days each year

Attendance during one school year	equals days absent	which is approximately weeks absent	Which means this number of missed lessons
95%	9 days	2 weeks	45 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	95 lessons
85%	29 days	6 weeks	145 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	190 lessons
75%	48 days	10 weeks	240 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	285 lessons
65%	67 days	13.5 weeks	335 lessons

**Reminder: We do not authorise any holidays taken throughout term time. If you choose to take holidays they will be unauthorised and could lead to prosecution resulting in a fine from the Local Authority.**

How does your child's attendance compare with this target?  
Please remember that children who miss a lot of school achieve less



### Nursery

Homework book sent every Friday containing activity to share with adults based on current learning. Optional home learning packs available to borrow weekly from January.

### Reception

Homework book sent every Wednesday containing activity to share with adults based on current learning. Reading book sent home every Friday. Optional home learning packs available to borrow weekly from January.

### Year 1

Purple homework books go out on Monday to be returned on Friday. Homework alternates between maths, literacy, topic and stem but is always linked to the previous weeks learning. Spelling lists for the half term are sent out at the beginning of each half term for weekly tests. Reading books are changed as and when they are returned to school.

### Year 2

Purple homework books go out on Thursday to be returned on Monday. Homework alternates between maths, topic and stem linked to the learning of the week. Spelling lists for the half term are sent out at the beginning of each half term for weekly tests. Reading books are changed as and when they are returned to school.

### Year 3

Homework: Maths goes out on a Monday back in on Friday. Spelling test Friday (weekly lists in homework books) and reading books daily with change at least twice a week.

### Year 4

Homework goes out on a Thursday to be returned on Monday. Homework club on Thursdays. 1 bit of literacy and numeracy per week except stem/art week when stem/art related homework will be set instead. Reading books are changed twice a week and weekly spellings.

### Year 5

Homework goes out on a Thursday to be returned on Monday. Spellings weekly. Literacy is writing out spellings and using them in sentences. Weekly maths linked to in class work.

### Year 6

Homework goes out on a Monday to be returned on Friday. Numeracy and Literacy, spellings and handwriting weekly. Daily reading of 10 minutes a night is required.

### PE Timetables



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y1 Pandas	Y1 Polar Bears	Y2 Dragons	Y1 Polar Bears	Y2 Dragons
Y3 Turtles	Y5 Dolphins/ Whales	Y2 Dinosaurs	Y1 Pandas	Y3 Turtles
Y3 Lizards		Y4 Elephants	Y2 Dinosaurs	
Y4 Giraffes		Y4 Giraffes	Y3 Lizards	
		Y5 Dolphins/ Whales	Y4 Elephants	
			Y6 Tigers/Lions	