

Newsletter

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THIS MONTH'S VALUE

COMMITMENT

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.' Nelson Mandela

HEADS UP FROM MS. BROOKES

It has been a very busy start to the school year! I am pleased to report that the children are settling back well into their routines, and that our new children in Nursery and Reception are also making a great start to the school year. September seems to have flown by; it is sad to see the end of Summer, but we look forward with optimism to the Autumn days which lay ahead. This is Mrs. Sanderson's (our pastoral lead) favourite time of year! She loves the beautiful Autumn leaves, getting warm and cosy in the evenings, and of course Halloween! I wonder who else feels the same about this time of year? Year 3 have been very busy spotting signs of Autumn and writing some fantastic poems inspired by nature. See our snapshots of DPS feature on the next page...

It is with sadness that I announce that our lovely school business manager, Mrs. Devine, is leaving us in October to take up a new post. We would like to thank her for all of her hard work and dedication over the past 12 years, and wish her all the very best in her new position. We will miss her very much. Many thanks to all our parents and carers for your continued support.



DIARY DATES

W/c 7/10/2024 – Autumn term assessment week for pupils in Y2 – Y6.

- 1/10/2024 – author, Derek KIELTY, visiting our KS 1 pupils.
- 14/10/2024 – Phonics meeting for parents and carers of pupils in EYFS at 9 am or 4pm.
- 15/10/2024 – World Mental Health Day; children to wear yellow!
- 17/10/2024 – author, Marie Basting, visiting our KS 2 pupils.
- 21/10/2024 - Intra Health flu jabs.
- 22/10/2024 – No Outsiders Day & Year 3 Harvest Festival at 2.30 pm.
- 23/10/2024 – Year 1 Harvest Assembly at 9.30 am. Teas & coffees from 9 am.
- 25/10/2024 – Break up for Half-term.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is at least 96% attendance.

Whole school attendance for September:

98.14 %

This is a brilliant start, so thank you to everyone for valuing education and continuing to ensure that your children come to school every day and on time.

Remember, every lesson counts!

The following classes have won the best overall attendance for September. Well done! You have all earned an extra playtime for your super attendance.

EYFS - Snowy owls 98.62%

KS1 - Tawny Owls - 99.10%

KS2 - 3B - 99.41%

Reaching for the stars!

caring | collaborative | courageous | ambitious

FOCUS ON

PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) & RE

Recent tragic events which took place over the summer holidays, resulting in violent protests and riots, have highlighted the essential role that educators and parents have in shaping and nurturing our children to be kind, caring, tolerant and informed citizens of the future. This is something that we have always been deeply committed to at DPS, but we recognise that we must continue our hard work in this area and look for different ways to reach our pupils and their families.

This year, we are delighted to let you know that we will be launching two projects linked to this: **No Outsiders** and the **Peace Mala project**.

No Outsiders teaches a very simple, but important message: **Everyone is welcome in our school: no one is the same, but everyone is equal**. We hope to share more information about this project with parents and carers later in the year, including an opportunity to look at some of the picture books that the children will be sharing in class.

The Peace Mala Project encourages everyone to learn that diversity is to be celebrated and without fear. Bridges of peace can be built between faith communities and diverse cultures when people are prepared to listen to each other. The project aims to spread the message that our world will be a better place when we learn to keep the Golden Rule that all faiths and spiritual paths share which is: **"Treat others as you would wish them to treat you"**. We are delighted that Year 6 will be our Peace Mala ambassadors for our school and will be the first of our pupils to make and wear the peace mala bracelet.

SPECIAL EVENTS

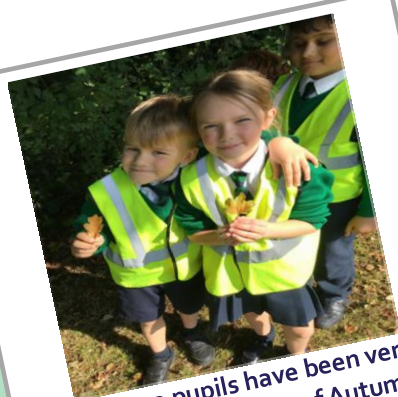
The artist, **Dave Draws**, will be visiting our school to create our own very special **DPS Doodle Map**. Many thanks to our children and families for sharing your ideas for this which we have shared with Dave.

We are delighted to begin our class **Celebration Assemblies** this month which parents and carers are warmly invited to attend on the following dates:

17/10/2-24 – 6A's Celebration Assembly at 9.05 am.

24/10/2024 - Hawk Owls' Celebration Assembly at 9.00 am.

SNAPSHOT OF D.P.S.



Our Year 3 pupils have been very busy looking for signs of Autumn!



Year 3 enjoyed a lovely visit to Davyhulme Park to look for signs of Autumn...



This trip will hopefully inspire our Year 3 pupils to write their very own poems about Autumn in English.

THE DAVYHULME PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA TEAM

24/10/2024: PTA Halloween Disco for Year 5 & Year 6 pupils in the Junior Hall - 3.30 – 5.00 pm

PTA welcome meeting - Wednesday 16th October 6.30pm at The Barking Dog

Halloween trail over half term

We are very friendly and look forward to welcoming any new members.

Look out for more PTA events in November...

PARENTS / CARERS

You are very important members of our school community!

Many thanks to everyone who attended our **Macmillan Coffee Morning** in September. As always, this was very well supported and we raised nearly £300 for cancer research and to support people living with cancer. It was a very happy event, and it was so nice to welcome families into school for a coffee and cake and a catch up with friends.

We held our annual **Meet the Teacher** events in Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 in September. Again, these were very well attended and we received lots of positive feedback from parents who welcomed the opportunity to informally meet their child's teacher and teaching assistant & to see their child's classroom.

As part of our initiative to promote a message of peace, kindness and tolerance, we would love to invite parents into school to talk about your faith and celebrate any festivals that are important to you and your family, for example, Yom Kippur or Diwali in October/November. **Please let us know if you would like to do this.**