



Our Vision statement

Our School is built on the teachings of the Bible and inspired by The Gospel Values of Faith, Hope and Love.

Our Christian ethos is upheld by respecting humanity fostered through our community that is welcoming, inclusive and forgiving.

Together we flourish through courageous learning, friendships and generosity.

TO BE THE BEST THAT I CAN BE – THE WAY GOD INTENDS

February 22, 2022

Dear Families

Welcome to the start of our new term 4.

I hope everyone has enjoyed some time with family and friends.



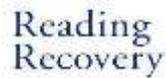
Term 4 has blown in with great gusto! The recent storms have dislodged a few roof tiles and snapped off a few branches. Thank you to Mr Knight who came into school in advance to carry out a risk assessment of the school site for our safety. This was the reason for closing off the KS 1 gates on our first morning. The roofer has now visited and made safe the KS 1 roof.

COVID update.

As the national guidance and restrictions relax and the outbreak within our community seems to be retreating, I am pleased to say that we are beginning to resume some of our pre-COVID school routines. We will be gathering as a whole school in the school hall for PE, assemblies, worship and singing practice.

You do not need to wear a face covering on the school grounds. This will be optional and up to your own personal preference.

Please continue to be vigilant in watching for any signs of illness. If your child shows symptoms, or has a temperature, we ask that you carry out a lateral flow test. If this comes up as positive, then please keep your child off school for at least 5 days, until they test negative. The reason for this is that we do have some extremely vulnerable pupils and staff, who could become very ill if they contract the virus. Please continue





We will be celebrating **World Book day on Thursday 3rd March**. The theme for this year is:-
“Cooking up a Fairy Story.” Pupils will be asked to create their own fairy story character that children can draw, create a model, or dress up, using the genre guidance that we will provide. Mrs Bridgeland will send out further information. Here is a link to some of the exciting resources that may whet your appetite.



WELCOME TO WORLD BOOK DAY'S 10 MINUTE STORY SHARING

Welcome to World Book Day's 10 Minute Story Sharing. Did you know that reading together and sharing stories for ten minutes a day contributes to a child's future success? Here you can explore a 'pick and mix' of book readings to help you find new ways to love reading and new stories to share.

Please follow this link to enjoy listening to and sharing some stories read aloud.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/10-minute-story-shares/>

Science week and more science!

We love science at DP School. Especially when we can link it up with STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths.



This term we are taking part in National Science week. Our chosen theme is 'Forces' - with a focus on Air pressure. This will involve all pupils and offers an exciting visit from a Hovercraft, as well as the opportunity for children to take part in some very exciting hands on activities and build prototype models. In order to give a quality experience to every class, we have planned the topic to last one month, so each class can carry out workshops. More information to follow.

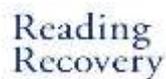


March 2022 Dates

Friday March 18th the school will be joining in Red Nose Day – Comic Relief.

Sunday 20th March:- Year 6 will be going on their residential school trip to Kingswood.

During March some KS2 pupils will have the opportunity to attend an able writer's workshop, in collaboration with other DEALT schools. All children will be carrying out their own writer's workshop as part of our drive to inspire budding authors and nurture the love of writing.



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There will be a range of after school clubs and sporting fixtures. Please keep an eye on Parentmail.

Always Here...

As I always say, if there is something worrying you, or that we can improve upon, please come and talk to me. Thank you for your continued support and goodwill.

With so much going on this term, please encourage your child to join in, behave their very best and to make the most of the opportunities "to be the best that they can be".

A moment of reflection

Holy One, we know you by many names, but still we are part of one human family, Your family. Open our hearts and minds so that we see Your reflection in the face of every person on this earth. Help us to forge bonds of compassion, dignity, and respect with every person.

Amen

Let's have a great term as we step into spring with a bounce in our step.

Kind regards

Justine Brown.

Head Teacher

