

# Newsletter January 2022



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*A copy of the Newsletter can be found on our Website*

## **Welcome Back !**

Belated Happy New Year to you all! I hope you had a super Christmas and found some time to relax with your family.

We have a busy Spring term ahead. *Please take note of “Dates for your Diary” at the end of this Newsletter.*

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## **Staffing**

During last term we said goodbye to Ms Tokbay and Miss John. We would like to thank them for all their hard work whilst at our school and we wish them every success in their new jobs.

## **COVID – 19**

**Please see the guidance below as advised by the DFE :-**

- It is essential that your child does not attend school if they have symptoms of covid-19. These symptoms include a persistent cough with a high temperature or loss of taste/smell. Other symptoms are possible and may need to be checked with a doctor.
- If your child or someone in your household is experiencing symptoms, they must have a test by self-referring via <http://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk> The test must be completed within 3 days of first having the symptoms.
- We kindly ask that if you receive a positive test, that you notify the school as soon as possible by calling 01362 692727 or emailing [office@dereham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:office@dereham.norfolk.sch.uk). At weekends only, please email Mrs Futers directly at [head@dereham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:head@dereham.norfolk.sch.uk) for positive cases.
- We will notify you if there is a confirmed case of Covid-19 within the school and if your child is a close contact
- If there is a confirmed case of Covid-19, the school will take advice from Public Health England and notify you of the actions required.
- If your child is over 5 years old and is identified as a close contact it is advised that they take a LFD for 7 days following contact. This has helped to identify cases and reduce spread. We thank you for your continued support.

## CLUBS – Dates for these clubs to resume

<b>DANCE (Year 2 only) – Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
<b>GYMNASTICS (Reception only) – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2022</b>
<b>CHOIR – During Lunchtime</b>

### Registration – Doors Close at 9.05am

Registration is open from 8:45am until 9:05am.

Any child arriving late, but before 9:15am will be marked late (L on the register).

If a child arrives after 9:15am they will be marked as 'U' –Registration closed. This is regarded as an unauthorised absence unless an explanation is given and accepted as grounds for authorising the late arrival.

Late arrivals - Children arriving late must come into school by the office entrance giving a reason for the lateness. The secretary will amend the registers accordingly. Arriving late can cause disruption to your child's daily routines.

Afternoon registration will take place at 1pm and the registers will close at 1.10pm.

### Late Collection at End of Day

All children collected after 3.15pm will be entered into the late book in the office. A reason for late collection must be given.

## Breakfast & After School Club

Our breakfast and after school club is now up and running. If you are interested in these please contact Mrs Olley in the school office on 01362 692727 or [financeofficer@dereham.norfolk.sch.uk](mailto:financeofficer@dereham.norfolk.sch.uk).

## RE Quality Mark

We are very excited to share that our school has been awarded the **Silver Award** for the Religious Education Quality Mark. Our school worked towards this award for the last three years and we are very proud of our achievement. Please take a look at our certificate on our website: <http://www.dereham.norfolk.sch.uk/curriculum/religious-education/>

### Christmas Jumper Day



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December both staff and children wore Christmas jumpers, this raised £79.30. Money raised has been donated to EACH Well done !!!!!

## Autumn 2 Attendance Awards

The class with the best attendance for the Autumn Term 2 was .....

### *SAPPHIRE CLASS*



**They shall be having their Attendance Party on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January in the morning.**

Congratulations to all the children who received a 100% Certificate or a Good Attendance Certificate. Well Done.



### Fundraising Events



During the autumn term we have had a few fundraising events, including Rainbow Raffle & Christmas Fair. We raised the following for each event:-

**Rainbow Raffle - £253.00**

**Jumble Sale – £292.49**

We would like to say a massive **THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported us with any of these events





## School Dinners/Snacks

*Please remember once a pre-ordered snack has been ordered this cannot be changed.*

**Half Termly Lunch order forms** are sent out before the end of each half term. We would ask parents/carers to send the completed form back in as soon as possible. We always go by what the parent has ordered rather than what the child asks for in class.



### Parking

Please **DO NOT** park along Washbridge on the single and double yellow lines. Not only is parking along Washbridge illegal and could result in a fine, the absence of cars ensures the safety of the children at the start and the end of the school day. Parking along Washbridge reduces visibility for those walking through the Churchyard, in addition to the congestion that extra traffic provides. We have sought support from the Police and Enforcement Agents from the Highways Division who will be making spot checks. Please note the school is not responsible for the enforcement of parking around the school. We are aware that residents of Washbridge have made complaints to the authorities so please bear this in mind. Should you have any issues with regards to the parking and congestion please report this to the police.



## **Emergency School Closure**

### **LA Guidelines for Emergency**

At times it may be necessary to close school for various reasons including:

- ❖ Severe weather, eg snow
- ❖ Unsuitable accommodation, eg no power/heating

If we experience extreme weather conditions the school will endeavor to remain open. However, as none of our teaching staff live locally, the condition of surrounding areas will need to be considered in our judgement to close the school.

### **Morning Closure before school is due to start**

If there has been heavy snow on the previous day/evening and it is deemed necessary to close the school, parents may obtain the closure information from the following sources:

- ❖ Listen to Radio Norfolk or Heart FM
- ❖ Check your mobile; a text will be sent
- ❖ Check the Emergency School Closure website at: [www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk](http://www.schools.norfolk.gov.uk) – Click on Emergency School Closures

Every effort is made to inform the LA and radio stations, though as you can appreciate when so many Headteachers are trying to also make contact, this is not always possible. If you hear that other Dereham schools are either open or closed, please do **NOT** assume that we are the same.

### **Closure During the Day**

If we need to carry out an emergency school closure during the day we will text all parents/carers or telephone. **Please ensure that we have up to date emergency contact numbers.**

In the event of extreme weather conditions eg: heavy snowfall, please do not hesitate to come and collect your child/ren if you are anxious about the state of the roads.



### **Salvation Army Coffee Morning relaunch**

The Salvation Army, ST Nicholas Street Dereham will be relaunching its weekly coffee morning from **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2022**. Open from 8.45am – 11.30am

Coffee, tea, milk and cold drinks will be on sale along with sausage rolls, scones and cakes.  
gluten / dairy free and vegan options available.

Hot drink + sausage roll OR scone OR cake £1.50

**All children will be offered free toast.**

Free colouring activities for children and a children's book stall with 2<sup>nd</sup> hand books priced at 50p

Mini market shop open selling a range of good quality 2<sup>nd</sup> hand clothes and goods.

Easy access for pushchairs and changing facilities available



### **Parties**

If you are interested in hiring the school hall/grounds for your child's birthday party, please contact the school office as this is something we are offering from September 2021.



### **Birthday Lunch**

This year we would like to offer all children in main school the opportunity to have a birthday packed lunch. Children do have the option to bring in their own packed lunch from home. The birthday child can choose up to 7 of their friends to celebrate and eat their lunch together on a specially decorated table. The school will provide invitations, cake, party bags and a photo of the party group (permission required). The birthday child can choose either a chocolate or vanilla birthday cake. The cost for this will be £12.00 per party lunch. Please contact the school office for a booking form.

**Dates for your Diary  
Spring Term 2022**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event / Activity</b>	<b>Time / Venue</b>
	<b>JANUARY</b>	
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA Cake Raffle	
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup></b>	Winning Attendance Class Party	<b>Sapphire Class/AM</b>
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	WW2 Day KS1 Children	<i>Information already sent home</i>
<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	Year 1 & 2 Walk to the Pillbox	<b>Consent required</b>
	<b>FEBRUARY</b>	
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	World War 2 Trip to Greenshall Year 1 & 2	<i>Information already sent home</i>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	Number Day	<i>Information already sent home</i>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	Height, Weight, Vision & Hearing Checks Reception Only	
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	ROARR – Trip to Dinosaur Park Reception Only	<i>Information already sent home</i>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Closes for Half Term</b>	
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSED</b>	
	<b>HALF TERM Monday 14<sup>th</sup> – Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>School Re-Opens</b>	<b>8.45am</b>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	PTA Cake Raffle	
	<b>MARCH</b>	
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup></b>	World Book Day – Dress as your favourite book character	<i>Further information to follow</i>
<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup></b>	KS1 Parent Consultations Emerald and Sapphire 1.00-3.00pm Topaz and Diamond 3.20-5.20pm	<i>Further information to follow</i>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup></b>	KS1 Parent Consultations Sapphire and Emerald 3.20-6.00pm	<i>Further information to follow</i>
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup></b>	PJ's & Pizza Movie Evening EYFS 4pm – 6pm	<i>Further information to follow</i>

<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>KS1 Parent Consultations Topaz and Diamond 3.20-6.00pm</b>	<i>Further information to follow</i>
<b>W/C 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>EYFS Parent Consultations Monday 14th 3.20-5.20pm Thursday 17th 3.30-6.00pm</b>	<i>Further information to follow</i>
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>PJ's &amp; Pizza Movie Evening KS1 4pm – 6pm</b>	<i>Further information to follow</i>
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Red Nose Day</b>	<i>Further information to follow</i>
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Egg Hunt/Activites</b>	<i>Further information to follow</i>
<b>Thursday 31<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Easter Rainbow Raffle</b>	<i>Further information to follow</i>
	<b>APRIL</b>	
<b>Date to be Confirmed</b>	<b>EASTER SERVICE</b>	<i>Further information to follow</i>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Easter Bonnet Parade</b>	<i>Further information to follow</i>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>Easter Themed Cake Raffle/Activities</b>	<i>Further information to follow</i>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup></b>	<b>School Closes for Easter</b>	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>	
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>School Re-Opens</b>	<b>8.45am</b>

**If you have any comments or questions about the contents of this Newsletter then do not hesitate to pop in or call us on 01362 692727.**

**Thank you for your continued help & support**





