



Headteacher News

Staff have been busy updating the website with this half term's latest 'How to Help Your Child at Home' sheets so please refer to these for more information. They have also now updated their class pages with lots of the information they send home to parents regarding spelling, homework, reading etc. so please do take a look and if you lose something this is a great place to look first for a replacement. I am also trying to ensure that the diary dates section stays as up to date as possible. It does include a lot of forward dates including Sports Day and other end of year activities and events. The website also holds all the forms and information that you might require to try to save you having to ask for it from school so please add it to your favourites and check out what is on there.

Reading Raffle

Well done to Josh Cheers, for being the lucky winner of the Reading Raffle drawn at the end of last half term. It is now only 4 weeks until the next winner will be revealed. Keep on encouraging the children to read and comment in their records – we have seen a marked improvement in the children's attitudes to their reading and books which is fantastic as Reading is so vital to your child's education 😊

Reading Vipers

If your child is in Class2 or above, please see the information about Reading Vipers on your child's class pages on our website. These are a great resource to help you with supporting your child in their reading both at home and in school.

Bug Club

As a school we're committed to investing in new technology and services to help children to engage with reading and we strongly encourage reading at home, both print and eBooks. Bug Club's online reading world aims to help children improve their reading skills at school or home with exciting eBooks and rewards and has been designed to motivate children so that they get the most out of reading each book and want to read more.

How to log in to Bug Club

1. Search www.activelearnprimary.co.uk
2. Enter your School ID.
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3. Enter your username and password.

Pupil's first name and initial of surname (lower case) e.g. Joe Smith would be joes

Password is **pupil**

4. Click **Login**.

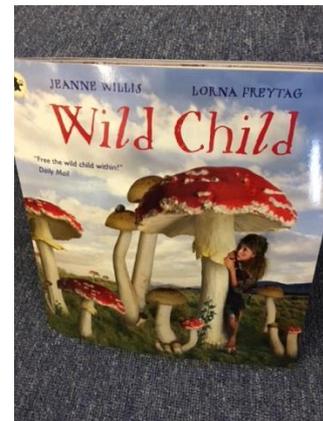
5. Your homepage screen will now appear

Please use the help section on the Active Learn website for information and explanations on how to use the eBooks. Children will be given the opportunity to use the reading scheme in school if internet access is not available at home.

Happy reading

World Book Day

The whole school recently enjoyed celebrating World Book Day and I know they all thoroughly enjoyed the staff sharing 'Wild Child' with them in assembly and throughout the day. It was great to see the children dressed in their PJs and bringing in their favourite stories to share. We hope you enjoyed the updates on Twitter and on Seesaw too.



All Stars Cricket Club

Please see link below for All Stars Cricket Club, registration for the programme is now open.

www.allstarscricket.co.uk

It is running at Runcorn Sports Club, WA7 4SD on Mondays from 6:00-7:00pm (May 14th – July 2nd)

The programme cost is £40 which includes 8 sessions and kit such as a bat, bag and t-shirt.

The programme is open for children aged 5 – 8years.

Mrs Clarke says THANK YOU ☺



Mrs Clarke asked me to pass on her sincere thanks to everyone who contributed towards her leaving celebrations and her leaving gifts. She was very touched by your generosity. We know that she used the gift vouchers to buy some designer luggage ready for all her travels! Thank you to everyone who contributed. She has popped into school on a couple of occasions recently and is looking very well and enjoying her 'retirement'.

SATS 2018

Y2 and Y6 are preparing now for their SATs but we always try to find ways to do this without putting too much pressure on the children. Please help us by ensuring the children stay calm and don't see the tests as something to worry about. Staff are running booster sessions before and after school as well as at lunchtime for children in both year groups too.

Other News



Class 1 would like to say a big thank you to all the visitors they had during their superhero topic - PC Hampson from Cheshire Police , Runcorn Fire Brigade , Jana and Tom (year 6 Road Safety Officers) and Daresbury dentist

Pirate treasure chests

As part of our Pirate theme, Class 3 enjoyed creating and decorating a pirate treasure chests. The children had to carefully cut out a cuboid net, colour in their 'personal treasure' on the inside and fold the net to create a cuboid shape. Here is an example of a finished design.



Halton Primary Arts Network

Parents may have seen the exhibition which our Y6 contributed towards at Runcorn Shopping City a couple of weeks ago. We have since brought our display back to school and recreated a slightly condensed version in our reception area by the main office. It really was and is a beautiful piece of work and the children should be very proud of what they achieved. Huge thanks to Miss Maunder and Mrs Jones for all their hard work too!



Medicines in School

Please can I remind parents that we should only be asked to administer prescribed medicines which need administering **4 times** a day. There is a form available on the website which needs completing prior to the medicine coming into school and being stored in the office. There are a number of forms which need completing by school staff and so it can take some time to do this, even when you have already completed the original form at home. I apologise but this is both a Halton and MAT requirement.



Sickness & Upset stomachs

At this time of year we seem to get an increase in the numbers of children with sickness or tummy upsets. Please can I remind parents that for the sake of avoiding passing any bugs onto others can they ensure that children have not been sick or had any upset stomach and **have eaten successfully** for at least 24 hours prior to them returning to school. Remember, if you suspect Norovirus then the advice is to keep the children off school for 48 hours. We have had cases of children being sent back to school when they are clearly still unwell and this just keeps the bugs circulating round the school!



Information for Parents

Can I remind parents that we have a parents' suggestion box on the little table in the entrance area? Please fill in any ideas you may have and add them to the box – it is checked regularly.

The School Website – www.daresburyschool.co.uk

There is a lot of information on our school website plus a link to our Twitter account for those of you who do not have access to Twitter yourselves, so you can at least see what we have posted on there too. Copies of all the holiday dates, Leave of Absence requests, Medical forms, Uniform order forms and letters are all on there too to try to make your life a bit easier. There is also a lot of information about the Governing Body and the work they do.

Parking

As in all schools, parking at the starts and ends of the day can be a nightmare. Please be aware that our PCSO does regularly attend and will ticket anyone parking illegally. Try to avoid doing u turns on Chester Road as these put pedestrians and other road users at risk. Also be considerate of our parents and carers with disabled badges and don't park or drop off in the disabled bays. Please drive carefully and slowly around the school vicinity and make sure you park safely and legally.



Attendance, Punctuality & Absence

We are really proud of our high levels of attendance and wish to maintain this, or even improve on it. We would ask parents to ensure their children are always on time for school and lead in with the rest of their class from the playground. If your child is late and arrives after the class have gone into school, please bring them to the office, sign them in and leave the school staff to take them to their classrooms. All parents will be contacted if their child's attendance is starting to give us cause for concern. It is important that children are in school as much as possible. Any child arriving after 9am will be recorded as late in the register. We do have a significant number of children who do arrive between 8:50am and 9:00am however, and I would ask that these parents in particular try to address this issue.

All details of Leave of Absence procedures are on the website and requests for holidays will only be granted in the exceptional cases listed in the policy. Parents should also remember that children do tend to tell their friends or teachers when they are going away too! In these circumstances the absence will be recorded as unauthorised, even if you ring to say they are ill!

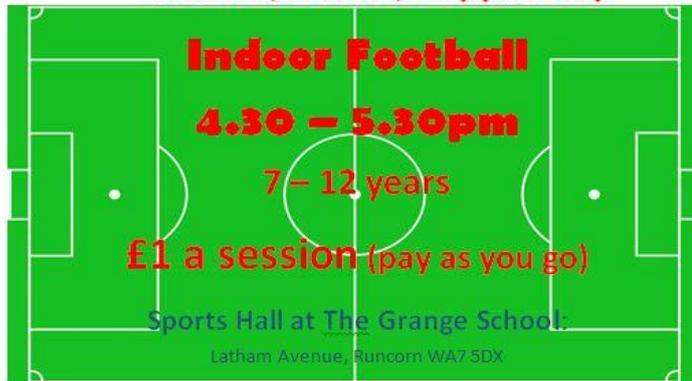
Twitter

As you know School has an active Twitter account – so please follow us! Check out our latest news on @Daresburyschool. We do try to add as much information and photos as we can, especially linked to visitors or special days in school etc.





FUTSAL Sessions



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some new Friends along the way.



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Bad Weather & School Closures

We are really hoping that this will be the last week of the really cold weather and snow – it really has been a cold week but thankfully we have not had the bad snow which has caused many schools to close. In the unlikely event that this would happen, all parents would be notified by text as early as possible and there would be someone on site to ensure that all the school had been safely returned home before the building was officially closed. In the last 8 years I have only had to close the school on a couple of occasions and it is not a decision which is taken lightly I can assure you ☺

Open Classrooms

Please also remember that every Wednesday you have the opportunity to come into school between 3:15pm and 3:45pm to see your child's work and teachers are available for a chat then too. We just ask you to remember that they have to attend a staff meeting at 3:45pm ☺



And Finally.....

Accompanying this should be list of dates for your diary. We will try to update this list with each newsletter we produce. We continue to send a newsletter out each half term.

Mrs Roberts & Staff

If you have any suggestions for future newsletters or other comments to make, please complete this slip and return it to school.