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## Upcoming Events

- **Wild Science Visit**—  
Wednesday 1st March
- **World Book Day**—  
Thursday 2nd March
- **Sustainable Travel Week**—  
6-10th March
- **Wagamamma Trip (Fawn Class)**—Friday 10th March
- **Parent Teacher Consultations**—Tuesday  
14th and Wednesday 15th  
March
- **Handwriting Parent Workshop**—Monday 20th  
March, 5.00pm
- **Sing-Up Day**—Wednesday  
22nd March
- **Mothers Day Breakfast**—  
Friday 24th March, 9.00am
- **End of Spring Term**—  
Friday 31st March
- **Back to School**—Tuesday  
18th April

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# Deer Park School

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Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back to the second half of the academic year—one where the weather improves (hopefully) and the children really surprise us as they become ready to move up to the next year!

We are still all celebrating the wonderful news about our permanent location—thank you again for all your support with this—to have a unanimous 'yes' decision at committee level really was the icing on the cake. We will keep you updated about the progress on the building and we are planning a dedicated page on our website—watch this space!

The week commencing 6th March is our 'Sustainable Travel Week' where we'd like everyone to make an extra effort to travel to and from school on either foot, bike, scooter or public transport. More details later on in the newsletter.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend!

*Alison Colenso*

Please follow us on



## Welcome Mrs Ghamloush!

We are delighted to welcome Mandy Ghamloush (Miss Mandy) to the Deer Park team. Mandy replaces Mr Hann and will be supporting both Fawn and Roe Class. Please do come and say 'hello' when you get the chance.



## Year 2 Teacher

Although September seems a long way off, we are starting our search for an exceptional class teacher to join the expanding Deer Park family. All the information is available [here](#)—please feel free to share with anyone you think may be interested.



## Safer Internet

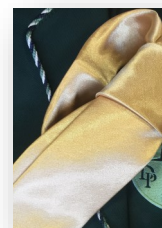
Further to our work with parents on e-safety we have been making sure

the children understand how they can also take some responsibility for staying safe when using devices that connect to the internet. Both classes have designed posters which remind them to 'Ask before you watch', 'think before you click', 'never tell anyone on the internet where you go to school' and 'if something makes you feel unhappy tell your mum and dad'. Look out for the posters around the school!



## Golden Tie

The Friday before half term saw Isla May as the fifth person to be awarded 'The Golden Tie'. Isla May constantly challenges herself and never gives up. She focuses hard throughout every lesson and even when she doesn't find something easy she is able to challenge herself in small ways to make a big difference overall! She truly deserves to be awarded the golden tie!



Isla May passes over the tie today to Lisset in Roe Class. Lisset has demonstrated a fantastic attitude to her learning. She always arrives to every lesson ready to learn and shares her ideas. She has made fantastic progress in phonics and speaking English at school. Lisset is a great friend, always ready to help others and be a team player. Lisset has shown great resilience in Maths, learning to work independently and have a go at new tasks by herself.

## After School

We do think it is wonderful that the children like to stay after school and play and that parents have an opportunity to socialise. We must remind you though that once you have collected your child they are your responsibility once more! Please do not allow the children (including siblings) to run out of your sight—and definitely not between the building and toilets or the reception outdoor area. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

## School Council

We are delighted to announce that our new school councillors (Zaara, Aaran, Max and Isabelle) are busy working on the next Deer Park event—Mothers Day Breakfast—more details to follow!

## PTA NEWS

We hope you all had a great half-term and have survived your first week back at school. A BIG thank you to everyone who has made a donation towards the nativity play. A lot of planning is going on at PTA HQ now that the spring and summer fairs are soon upon us. We're hoping to replicate the success of last year's fairs and will be looking for volunteers to help out. More to follow.

In the meantime....

### QUIZ NIGHT - NEXT FRIDAY!!!

Get your babysitters booked, swat up on your general knowledge and get over to Stokes on Moncrieff next Friday for our first ever QUIZ NIGHT!!! This is a great chance to socialise with other Deer Park parents and have a laugh at how bad we are at quizzes. There will be a real life Quiz Master asking the questions. Only £5/head to attend. You can either pay Henny before Friday or on the night.

*Stokes and Moncrieff, Friday 3rd March, from 7.30pm*

## Save the date!

13th May, Richmond May Fair. We will be looking for volunteers to help on the day.

8th July, St Margarets Fair. We will be looking for volunteers to help on the day.

Have a great weekend!

PTA

[deerparkschoolpta@gmail.com](mailto:deerparkschoolpta@gmail.com).

### Thank you to Aaila's grandad!

Fawn Class enjoyed a really interesting visit from Aaila's grandad before half term. He read them a story in Swedish! THANK YOU!



## Mrs Bracegirdle

### 'Chinese New Year', 'Safer Internet Day' and 'What does it mean to be British?'

Before half term the children wished each other – Kung Hey Fat Choy! It was also Safer Internet Day on February 7<sup>th</sup> so the children spent the week learning about how to stay safe on the internet. You will see the posters the classes made on the walls around the school.

This week the children have been learning about what it means to be British. They have learnt that in Britain: we are kept safe by the police force; we are allowed to make choices as long as we don't break the rules; we are able to vote for our Prime Minister (in the same way we vote for our school councillors) and we are lucky to live in a multicultural society with people from many different countries who can speak many different languages. They have also been thinking about what they love about living where they live – 'I love living here because it is safe', 'I love living here because I have water in my taps' and 'I love living here because I can go to the park to play.'

### Permanent Site Update



Through our continued close relationship with Lidl, we have been informed of an outline estimate for when we can expect the demolition of the existing site and construction of the new building to begin.

Firstly, we must ensure that we meet the 18 pages of conditions that were set by the Planning Committee on acceptance of the application, with a half a dozen or so that impact on demolition. Inevitably this will take

some time so please be reassured that Lidl are hard working on this.

Following this, the demolition of the existing building will take approximately 10 weeks. We expect this to start mid April and should be finished by mid/late June. Once the demolition is complete, the construction of the building can begin!

We will continue to keep you informed with any news about the progress of the building and hope you remain as excited as we are. We will be creating a specific page on the school website, which will have updates and pictures of the build as it happens, as well as posts on social media of course!

### Stars of the week



Mrs Woof and Mr Elk have either been on or about to go on their weekend adventures with the following children. Well done for impressing your teachers—we are all incredibly proud of you and your achievements.

Week	Fawn	Roe
6.2.17	Everyone	Florence
20.2.17	Alex	Buster

### Attendance

Week Commencing	Fawn	Roe
6.2.17	90.3%	99.4%
20.2.17	98.1%	98.8%

Let's see if we can get back up to 100% next week.



Have a fabulous weekend!

### The Deer Park Team

# Sustainable Travel to School Week!

*From Monday 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March, 2017*



## How do you travel to school?

At Deer Park School, we are always thinking about how to be friendly to the environment and so this week we will be using sustainable ways to get to school.

You could...

- Use your scooter!
- Use your bike!
- Walk to school – you could even make a walking bus with your friends!
- Use Public Transport – there are lots of buses & trains nearby

If you do have to come to school by car, consider parking slightly further away and walking the last 10 minutes to school—this still counts!

As a reward for their efforts—each pupil that tries to travel sustainably throughout this week will get a badge just like these:



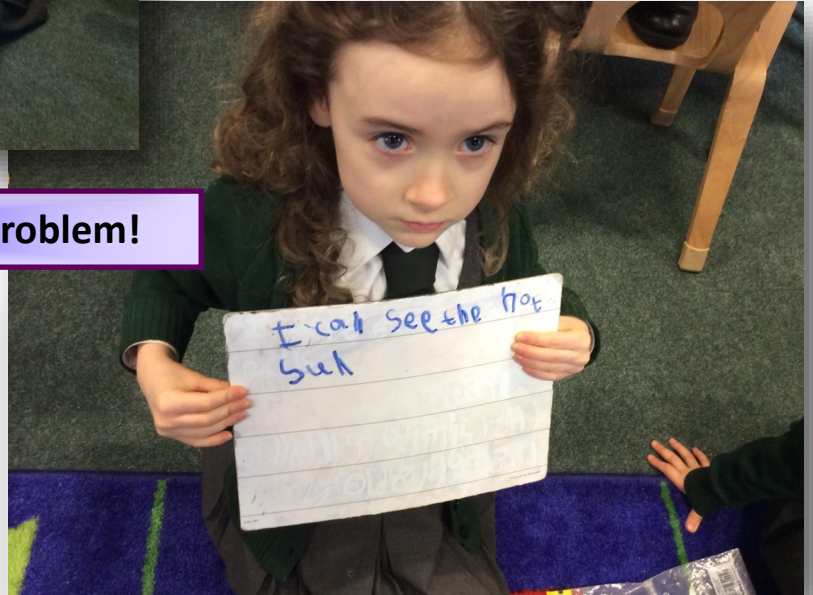




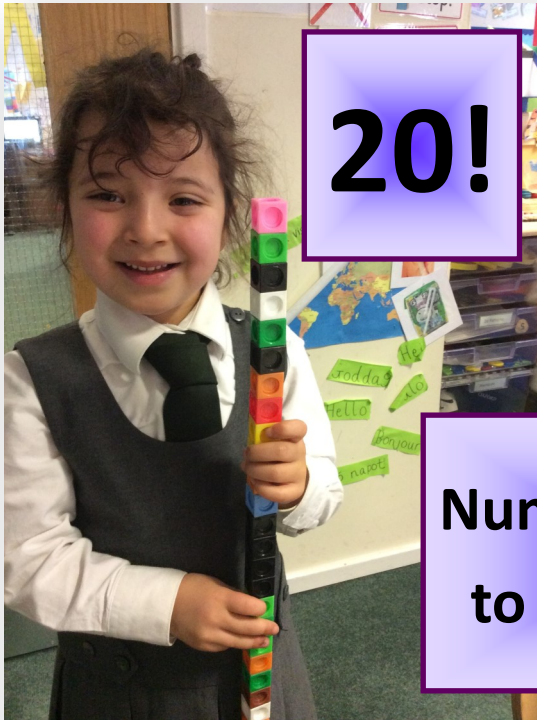
# YOGA

We are quickly becoming experts thanks to our weekly sessions!

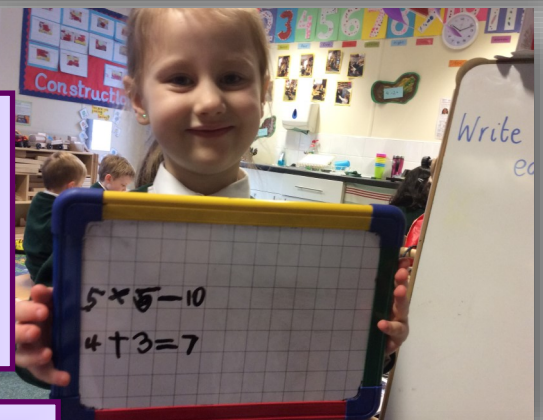
Writing in full sentences—not a problem!



20!



Number bonds to 10—easy!



Computing—Roe Class have been experimenting with Cubetto and learning to program!

