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## School Vision

At Deer Park School we aim to instil a life-long love of learning through our HEART values embedded in our curriculum to ensure all pupils become valuable members of society that we are proud of.

## Upcoming Events

- **Parent & Teacher Consultation**— Tuesday 3rd March & Wednesday 4th March
- **World Book Day** — Thursday 5th March
- **Year 3 Boys Football** —Tuesday 10th March
- **Sports Relief** — Friday 13th March
- **Reading Workshop for all parents** — Thursday 19th March
- **Mother's Day Breakfast** — Friday 20th March
- **Year 3 Girls Football** — Tuesday 24th March
- **Humanities Day** — Friday 27th March
- **KS2 Play at RHACC Theatre** — Wednesday 1st April, 7pm
- **Easter Egg Hunt/Bonnets** — Friday 3rd April
- **Last day of the term** — Friday 3rd April
- **INSET Day** — Monday 20th April
- **Pupils back at school** — Tuesday 21st April

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

I genuinely can't believe it is half term. Time is flying! The children have been awesome as always and their enthusiasm for learning continues to grow.

We are very proud of the curriculum we offer during the school day and through the range of clubs we offer. We believe that it aligns with the Trusts vision of providing an education which is the best of the independent and state sectors. Our children learn French and how to swim from reception; all year 4 children are learning how to play the keyboard this term; private violin, keyboard and cello lessons are on offer. In addition, they can apply to be on the school council by preparing a speech and then votes are collected in or they could to write letters to join the Eco Council and be interviewed. All of these opportunities will all help our children to become members of society we are proud of. Early next half term we will publish our final 'curriculum intent' statement along with feedback from the recent parents' workshop.

I was lucky enough to be taken on a tour of our new school this week. It is going to be an amazing building and facility for our children. The classrooms are now taking form as is the hall space and outside area. There is an update with a few photographs later in this newsletter. More to come soon.

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## Year 3 and 4 trip to the Richmond Synagogue

Year 3 and 4 had a wonderful trip to the Richmond Synagogue last week with Peter, Juliette and Robert. We learnt about the origins of Judaism, the festivals and what takes place in a synagogue. We learnt that some of the Torah scrolls in the Ark were thousands of years old and some are more recent additions from the local Jewish community. In one workshop, Juliette set out a Sabbath dinner table and she explained significance of everything that takes place on the Sabbath night. The children tried challah and drank red grape juice. We learnt that challah represents 'manna from heaven' from the bible story Exodus. Jonathan (Ynaelle and Yanvi's Dad) helped by reading some of the prayers in Hebrew. Most importantly, the children learnt about how similar all the main religions are and we drew comparisons between Islam, Christianity and Judaism. We were also treated to juice and biscuits at the end!

## Staffing Update

We are delighted to be welcoming two new members of staff to our team after Easter.

### Lisa Said, SENCO

Hello, my name is Lisa Said and I am looking forward to joining you as the **SENCO** at Deer Park. My job is to provide children who have

additional needs the tools and support necessary so they have every opportunity at our school. I consult with professionals, your child's class teacher, teaching assistants, and most importantly, you and your child to support the ongoing development of their SEN provision. I have a M.Ed in Special Education and have worked as a SENCO and specialist supporting children with many different needs including: developmental delays, dyslexia, Autism, ADHD, sensory processing, and mental health. I look forward to becoming a part of the school community and working together in partnership to support your child.



### Natalia Levene, Bambi class teacher and EYFS lead

I am so excited to have the opportunity to join Deer Park School and to be part of such an enthusiastic and growing school. I am looking forward to getting to know the families and staff at the school. I have a strong passion for the Early Years and can't wait to give the children the best start to their education. I love going to the gym and being active.



## Teaching and Learning at Deer Park School

This week we held a phonics workshop to explain how we teach phonics at school. We always encourage parents to be involved with what their child is learning in phonics by communicating this on the class news. It was lovely to see so many parents come and find out more. We agree with feedback that this workshop should take place in the Autumn term moving forwards.

Our next Parents' workshop is **Reading** which is on **19th March**. This is open to all parents. The focus will be on reading for pleasure. There will be tips on how you can encourage this at home and suggestions of books for the age of your child.



## Year 4 Boys Football!

Last week some of our year 4 boys took part in a borough wide football competition. They were real ambassadors for our school because they played well as a team. There support for each other was really good to see.

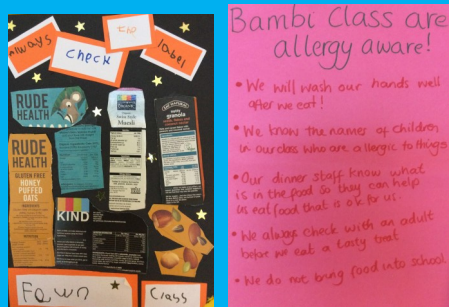
As well as all of this they won 4 out of 5 games and drew the fifth one! A huge well done to the boys who took part and thank you to Owen Hunte who organised this event and prepared the team.

## Allergy Awareness

At Deer Park it is very important that we are all allergy aware and understand why it is so important. We talked about how some people are allergic to different things and what that means. We understand that if you eat, touch, smell something you are allergic to it might make give you a rash or make you feel ill.

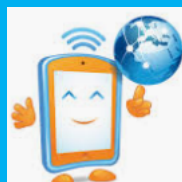
We talked about cross contamination and how it can happen emphasising how important it is for everyone to wash their hands after touching any food.

In class the children made allergy aware posters.



## Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday 11th it was Safer Internet Day so we reminded ourselves about how to stay safe when we are online. It is very important that we remember to be kind if we are playing a game with our friends online. Also we must ask our trusted adult before we go on the internet.



## Golden Ties!



Winners of the golden tie are Lily KJ and Devon:

*Lily consistently and naturally demonstrates the value of thoughtfulness. Everyday Lily is constantly finding ways of helping the adults and children around her and taking on new jobs to ensure the classroom is tidy. Lily is so kind to everyone and comes into Marsh class ready to work and learn. Keep up the great work!*

*I love the fact that you blend your life outside of school with your learning inside school. You learn and demonstrate you are learning through everything that you are surrounded by and I treasure this great attitude you bring into the classroom. Keep it up Devon.*

Winners of the golden bow tie are Jonas and Lisset:

*You have shown what a young man can do if he is enthusiastic and hard working. You have made such progress it is outstanding. You have a smile on your face everyday and you are such a kind friend. You read all the time and this helps with your great writing. We loved how you brought a baguette in so we could learn about french bread. Also you are a great French teacher! Jonas you really deserve the golden bow tie.*

*Lisset always demonstrates the HEART values of thoughtfulness and happiness. She arrives every day ready with a big smile and excited to learn. She has demonstrated persistence and determination in reading, always having a go whatever the challenge in front of her. She always makes other children and adults happy through her caring words and actions. Lisset has achieved so much this term because she is curious and excited to learn.*

*Well done Lisset!*

*Well done to all our golden awardees!*

## Attendance

Week	Fawn	Bambi	Roe	Marsh	Muntjac	Sika
03.02.2020	95.3	98	98.7	98	96.6	98.7
10.02.2020	90.7	98.7	95.3	94	93.8	98.7



Have a lovely weekend! The Deer Park Team.





## BUILD UPDATE FEBRUARY 2020

Our new school is progressing at pace!

We were delighted to have a walk around and see the progress following the Trust's site visit earlier this week.



The school is on track to complete in July and for the first time it is now possible to walk into the 'classrooms'. It is great to see the scale of the play area and stand and look down on an amazingly bright and sunny building space.



Thanks very much to Kier: Ian, Murtagh and the Team, Ed Resek from Gleeds and the ESFA for the work that is being done to deliver our amazing new school.

Last week we also held the first meeting between the Trust and local residents' representatives and local elected members who have all been so supportive.

The playground as it is now...



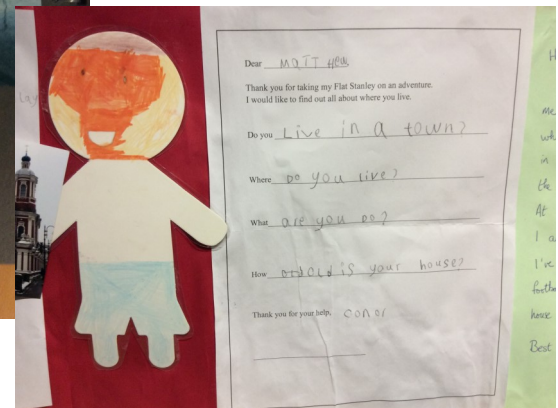
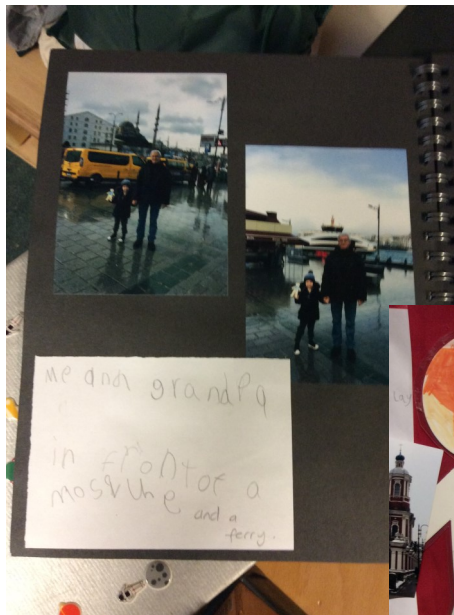
The playground as it will finally look...







On Tuesday Year 2 went to the Urban Farm! They learnt about a large variety of animals- their habitats, what each animal eats and how to look after them. All the children really enjoyed handling the variety of animals and were amazingly well behaved.



Flat Stanley has been on his adventures around the world with the family and friends of our year 1 children. The places he has been to include: Australia, Moscow, Bulgaria, The Peak District, the Isle of Wight, Nailsea near Bristol, Chile, Germany, Stafford and Spain. Here are a few of the wonderful projects the children have put together.



## Deer Park School

## Term Dates 2019-20

### Autumn Term 2019

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2019*	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November 2019	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	75 days (40 first half-term, 35 second half-term)

### Spring Term 2020

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2020*	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2020	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2020	60 (30 first half term, 30 second half term)

### Summer Term 2020

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April 2020*	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2020*	60 (23 first half term, 36 second half term)

\*Staff development days/new building move days on the following dates as INSET Days: (these could be subject to change depending on moving dates to the permanent building)

- 2 September 2019
- 3 September 2019
- 6 January 2020
- 20 April 2020
- 1 June 2020
- 20 July 2020
- 21 July 2020

### Bank Holidays for 2019/20

25 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Christmas Bank Holidays
1st January 2020	New Years Day Holiday
10 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Good Friday
13 <sup>th</sup> April 2020	Easter Monday
8 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	May Day Holiday
25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020	Spring Bank Holiday
31 <sup>st</sup> August 2020	Summer Bank Holiday

## Autumn Term 2020

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020*	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2020	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2020	70 days (35 first half-term, 35 second half-term)

## Spring Term 2021

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2021*	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2021	Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021	57 (29 first half term, 28 second half term)

## Summer Term 2021

First Day	Half Term	Finish	Number of Days
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2021*	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2021	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2021	63 (29 first half term, 34 second half term)

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- 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2020
- 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020
- 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020
- 4<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- 7<sup>th</sup> June 2021

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