



Summer Term 2 Newsletter

Transition News

Your child has taken part in activities today and has met their new class teachers. The day has been hugely successful overall and children have completed some lovely activities with their new teachers.

As you may be aware, many of our classes are currently small. For next year, this has meant our classes will be mixed year groups- this is quite common place in schools and whilst it is a new way of operating at Denaby Main, teachers have experience of this. We remain committed to providing high quality education matched to the individual needs of the children. Next year every class will have access to a classroom support assistant which will enable us to continue to improve the standard of your child's education.

Classes

Foundation/ Nursery- Mrs Tindall

Reception/ Year 1- Miss Beeley

Year 1/ Year 2- Mrs Poppleton

Year 2/ Year 3- Miss Ibbotson

Year 4/ Year 5- Mr Poppleton

Year 5/ Year 6- Mrs Baldwin

Congratulations to Mrs Dickinson on the appointment of Head of School and to Mrs Baldwin appointed as Vice Principal from September. Mr Crossley will continue to be our Executive Headteacher.

Mr Hames will continue to work within Astrea and will take up an exciting new leadership opportunity within the Trust. Mr Hames has supported our school with some key developments in Maths this year, along with supporting teaching and learning with Year 5 and Year 4 pupils. We would like to wish him well in his new School working as Assistant Headteacher.

Miss Woodward will also be staying within the trust to support Early Years and KS1 work and she is excited to be leading in this area in her new school. I know all the children will miss her smiley face and endless energy.

Mr Turner who has worked across school and within our Aspire provision will be leaving us at the end of the year. Mr Turner has worked with many learners across school in addition to running our school Football club alongside Mr Hames. Mr Turner will be taking up an exciting new role working with children within a residential setting. We wish him lots of luck in his new role.

School Improvement News

This week we were praised by Astrea's Chief Executive Officer, Libby Nicholas for our rapid school improvement. We are currently one of the most improved schools in the trust!!

We have significantly improved or KS2 results by nearly double, we have achieved close to national average results in the Y1 Phonics Screening Check and praised for accurate and rapid improvements in KS1 and Early Years by the Local Authority for our accurate assessments and improved provision.

Home reading continues to improve with over 80%+ in some classes reading at least three times a week or more at home. This is down to the hard work of Parents/ Carers but also the teachers and children. We have a 'Buddy Reading' system in school in addition to our Read Write Inc Phonics and Reciprocal reading. The Literacy Tree work again reinforces a love of books and reading. We remain committed to ensure all children are able to read fluently, with a good level of comprehension and enjoy reading for pleasure.

We are so incredibly proud of all the children and staff for their hard work this year. Whilst we know there is much more work to do, we know we have the best team in order to achieve these results.

Astrea Teacher of the Year Awards

We are delighted to announce Mrs Baldwin won a very special and well deserved award for 'Astrea Teacher of the Year' we are so proud of all her hard work this year. Mrs Baldwin has worked with dedication, passion and determination to ensure all children in her care make excellent progress and enjoy their last year at Denaby Main. Congratulations also to Mr Poppleton who made the shortlist for 'Teacher of the Year' and to Mrs Poppleton who was nominated for 'Newly Qualified Teacher of the Year'. All our teachers and staff really do work so very hard in an endeavour to improve outcomes for all our children and it is fantastic to be recognised for this by our wider family of schools, Trustees, Governors and the Central Improvement Team.

Fiver Challenge

Did you know we have budding entrepreneurs in Y6? We are pleased to announce the year group made over £200.00 investing their initial £5.00 selling a range of home-made gifts for example stress balls, pencil pots in addition to sweets/ ice pops and popcorn in golden time. The money raised will go towards end of year treats including Pizza delivery for their end of year disco. Fantastic effort Y6!