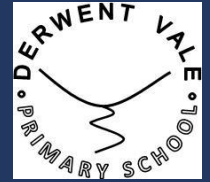
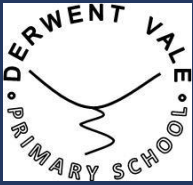


Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

11th October 2024



★ Star of the Week ★

Nursery & Reception

Bradley – for fantastic listening skills in gardening

Year 1/2

Sidney – for great writing this week

Year 3/4

Freddy – for brilliant knowledge in history

Year 5/6

Evie – for amazing sewing skills and helping her classmates with their projects too



Feet First Active Travel Challenge

We are taking part in the Feet First 5 day Active Travel challenge between Monday 14th



and Friday 18th October. The challenge is for pupils & their families to choose an active way of getting to school as many times as possible over the 5-day period. Walking, using a mobility aid such as a wheelchair, cycling, skating, scooting and park & stride are all active ways of travelling and we hope it will:

Improve health & wellbeing of our pupils & families, encourage pupils and families to be more active, reduce congestion and parking problems around our school and promote active travel for the journey to school and for families to continue to do this after the challenge ends.

During the challenge each child will receive their own card to record their active journeys. Those pupils with at least one sticker on the card at the end of the challenge will be awarded an individual prize.

There will also be a small number of prizes awarded to those children who have made an exceptional effort during the challenge.

We appreciate that it is not always possible for parents to walk with their children to school for the entire journey, but please be aware if you live a long way from school and need to drive you can still take part by parking further away from school and walking the last part of your journey (Park & Stride), or by car sharing with another family. Children who use school transport during the active challenge week will also be able to collect stickers as this also helps to reduce individual car use on the school run.

Thank you for your support.

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 1/2 99.3%

Governor Vacancies

We currently have some vacancies for new governors to join our governing body. You do not need to have had any experience in schools or as a governor and you would be well supported by our current governors. If you are interested or know anyone who would be, please contact the school office for more information. Thank you.

Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in January and April 2025. If you have a child who will turn 3 before January or April or know someone who does, please contact the school office for an application form or more details.



Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

96.2%

Just above target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Halloween Disco

For the Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 disco, children are welcome to bring in an outfit to get changed into.



Upcoming dates

Monday 14th – Friday 18th October

Feet First Walk to School Week

Monday 14th October

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Cricket

Tuesday 15th October

Year 5/6 team – Benchball competition

Thursday 17th October

Year 1/2, Year 3/4 Gymnastics

Year 3/4 Gymnastics After School Club

Monday 21st October

School photos

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Cricket

Wednesday 23rd October

Year 5/6 team – Netball competition

2-3pm Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Halloween Disco

4-5pm Years 3-6 Halloween Disco

Thursday 24th October

Year 1/2, Year 3/4 Gymnastics

School Photos

We will be having school photos taken on Monday 21st October. If you would like your child to have a photo with siblings who don't attend our school, you are welcome to come into school at 8.30am to have family photos taken. Please wait at the main playground gate and we will bring you in. Thank you.

