



NEWSLETTER - SPRING 1 TERM 2024



Part of the Green Hills First federation

Head's Message

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see all the children come back so ready to learn and ready for the Spring Term.

Autumn Term was so full of fun and lots of learning and experiences. There was so much to celebrate for us in Autumn; welcoming our new reception pupils and starting our new topics across school, as well as dance performances, Christingle services and of course our wonderful nativity 'Hey Ewe'

We have two very short Spring half terms, after a very long and busy Autumn Term but we've jumped straight back in with lots of fantastic learning and experiences. Class 1 are very much looking forward to their visit to Cannon Hall next week, which will compliment their work on 'House and Homes'. We look forward to seeing all the children gain so much knowledge from this immersive experience. There are lots of opportunities for children in sport this term too and a parents evening at the end of this term where you will be able to find out about how your child is progressing in their learning. Please look out for more information about this coming soon and of course if you ever have any concerns please come into school and speak to your child's class teacher.

FODS UPDATE <<<

We enjoyed some fantastic fundraising events last half-term, thank you to all who supported our efforts!



>>> AMAZON WISH LIST



Thank you to those parents, carers and friends of the school who have purchased books and resources from our Wish List. We regularly add items to the wish list, so if you would like to support our school, please take a look at our wish list [here](#).

ARRIVING & LEAVING SCHOOL <<<

Please can we remind parents and carers that the only entrance to be used to access the school grounds is the pedestrian entrance towards the Church.

We kindly request, for safety reasons that pupils do not enter or leave via the staff car park or the vehicle entrance at the top of the playground.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

>>> FACEBOOK



Don't forget we have a Facebook page. All the teachers now regularly post updates about learning and activities the children are taking part in at school. Just search for **Denby CE - VA First School** to follow us!

TESCO IN-STORE VOTE <<<

A reminder that voting for Tesco Stronger Starts is still ongoing in Chapeltown Express and Penistone Tesco stores. Please support us by choosing to drop your blue token into our section if you shop at either of these stores.

Our project is for outdoor play area improvements to provide a wooded quiet area and new equipment for our pupils and the community.

The project with the highest number of votes across our region will receive £1,500 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), the second placed project £1,000 (or the amount that was requested up to this value), and the third placed project £500.



>>> IXL HOME-LEARNING LOGIN

Class 2 may have noticed that we are not currently able to log into IXL - please bear with us on this as we are currently looking into subscription options for this resource and we will update you in due course.

THURSDAY SPORT <<<

After Christmas, and for the whole of this half term, we are lucky to have one of the specialist PE teachers from the Shelley Pyramid coming in to school to offer some more high-quality sessions!

Mr Killock, who the children have worked with before, will be developing the children's knowledge and skills in the 'Invasion Games' aspect of our curriculum. We are thoroughly looking forward to it!



>>> REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

It was a moving experience for our children to be able to mark Remembrance Day with a visit to the village memorial. The children were able to understand the significance of the memorial and listen to poems and prayers to mark the occasion. Thank you also to John Turner and Gene Kinder for their brass accompaniment to the service.

LIVE AUTHOR EVENT <<<

Class 1 really enjoyed our author event run by Read. bookshop with author and illustrator Emma Carlisle. She ran a live paint and read-along, where we learned how she created her wonderful tree illustrations and all learned some new skills along the way. There is now a copy of Emma's book 'What Do You See When You Look At A Tree?' in the school library.

Some of our pupils took part in the Shelley College Dance Festival and did a fantastic job of representing our school. It was a large audience to entertain and you were all AMAZING! KEEEEEEEP DANCING!!

ECO-TEAM GARDENERS VISIT <<<

Our Eco-team, staff and volunteers visited Karen Hill at Niels Junior Infant and Nursery School for gardening ideas and inspiration. Karen showed us the fantastic outdoor garden areas they have established and provided lots of hints and tips for planting, setting up wormeries, funding and helping wildlife.



CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY <<<

A huge thank you to Lisa and Zenya for providing us with a wonderful Christmas dinner!





»» CHRISTINGLE SERVICE

It was lovely to see so many parents, relatives and friends at our Christingle Service. The Mother and Toddler group really enjoyed seeing what was happening.

The collection for the Children's Society raised £60 - thank you for supporting this event.

COFFEE MORNING <<<



Class 2's Christmas Coffee Morning was fantastic. Well done to the children, their recorder playing was superb and they had also learned lots of songs. They were super smart and remembered their top tip to watch their conductor, Mrs Maitland very carefully.

Thank you to Mrs Maitland our music teacher for all her wonderful lessons and also to Mrs Ruth Ackroyd for playing the piano alongside the children at our performance.



»» THEATRE TRIP

The whole school visited the Lamproom Theatre in Barnsley to see 'Cinderella' in December. The children loved the performance and really got into it, with lots of shouting and audience participation! We were treated to an exclusive performance just for Denby School as there were no other schools booked in on the day!

CHRISTMAS JOURNEY <<<

Our Year 2 pupils throughout the Federation took part in The Christmas Journey event at Almondbury Methodist Church. They travelled back in time to visit six important scenes and learn more about why God sent his Son into the World.

Our pupils were very well behaved throughout, and are a credit to you all!



Upcoming Diary Dates

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Wednesday 17th January	Cannon Hall House Trip	Class 1
Friday 19 th	Library	Class 3
Tuesday 23 rd	Multi-Skills @ Shelley College, 1.00pm – 2.45pm	Year 1
Thursday 25 th	Open Morning, 9.15am – 10.15am	Current & Prospective Parents
Friday 26 th	Library	Class 2
Friday 2 nd February	Library	Class 1
Friday 9 th	Library FODS Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale – <i>info to follow</i> School Closes, 3.20pm	Class 3 Whole School Whole School
Tuesday 20 th	School Re-opens at 8.50am (7.30am for Breakfast Club) Swimming, 1.00pm – 3.00pm – <i>info to follow</i> Girls Football Tournament @ 5core, 4.00pm - 5.00pm – <i>info to follow</i>	Whole School Class 3 KS2 Girls
Monday 26 th	Jorvik Viking Trip, 8.20am – <i>info to follow</i>	Class 3
Tuesday 27 th	Football Tournament @ 5core, 4.00pm – 5.00pm – <i>info to follow</i>	Year 3

Shelley Pyramid School Games Calendar

Dates	Event	Who is it for?
Tuesday 23 rd January	Multi-Skills @ Shelley College, 1.00pm – 2.45pm	Year 1
Tuesday 20 th February	Football Tournament @ 5core, 4.00pm - 5.00pm	KS2 Girls
Tuesday 27 th	Football Tournament @ 5core, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Year 3
Tuesday 12 th March	Football Tournament @ 5core, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Year 5
Tuesday 23 rd April	Basketball Festival @ Shelley College, 4.00pm – 5.15pm	Years 4 & 5
Tuesday 7 th May	Cross Country @ Shelley College, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Tuesday 14 th	Cycling Event @ Scissett Middle School, 4.00pm – 5.00pm	Years 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
Tuesday 11 th June	Kwik Cricket Tournament @ Skelmanthorpe Cricket Club, 9.30am – 12noon	Years 4 & 5
Tuesday 18 th	Rounders Tournament @ Shelley College, 9.30am – 11.00am	Years 4 & 5
Wednesday 19 th	Girls Cricket Festival @ Kirkburton Cricket Club, 9.30am – 12noon	KS2 Girls
Tuesday 25 th	Get Active Morning @ Shelley College, 9.30am – 12noon	Year 3
Tuesday 2 nd July	Get Active Morning @ Shelley College, 9.30am – 12noon	Year 4



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Email us at info@pcankirklees.org

**The Zone
St Andrew's Road
Huddersfield
HD1 6PT**

Drop In 9:30 until 12.30

**Thursday 11th January
Thursday 8th February
Thursday 7th March
Thursday 11th April**

Play Gym £2 per child

**Thornhill Lees
Community Centre
53 Brewery Lane
Dewsbury
WF12 9DU**

Drop In 9:30 un

**Wednesday 10th January
Wednesday 21st February
Wednesday 13th March
Wednesday 10th April**

**Holmfirth Library
47 Huddersfield Road
Holmfirth
HD9 3JH**

Drop in 6pm - 8pm

**Monday 15th January
Monday 5th February
Monday 11th March
Monday 15th April**

**Hive Cafe
46, John William St
Huddersfield
HD1 1ER**

To be announced