

Dent CE Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

Friday 17th September
2021 Autumn Week 3

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I hope that you have had a good week and you are keeping well.

This week in school has been a challenging one with less staff than usual due to Covid, however it has been a chance for so many good things to shine through: the brilliant support of parents for the school, the superb behaviour of children in our setting, the commitment of our staff.

Over the weekend we had a flurry of pupils testing positive or displaying symptoms, however as I write we have had no new cases amongst pupils in school since Monday, which is hugely encouraging. We have, unfortunately, had a further positive test amongst staff this week, as well as a further member of staff required to self-isolate. Our thoughts and prayers continue to be with those who are self-isolating, ill or otherwise affected by Covid. Next week we are hoping to be nearer to a full compliment of staff and children will be taught by their regular teachers more.

As always we will continue to operate within the government guidance and implement any additional measures to stay as safe as possible within school.

I hope you all have a safe and lovely weekend,

Mr Prescott

Reading Afternoon with Mrs Umpleby—Postponed until 29th

Wednesday the 22nd's planned Class 1 Reading session for parents will be postponed for a week to the 29th. This is to help us to get back on track with normal teaching after staff & pupil absences.

Whole School Worship Values: - Justice

Even though Class 1 & 2 aren't mixing physically in school, we were able to share whole school worship over Zoom this week, led remotely by Becca. The children have continued to think about justice and injustice. As well as sharing examples from the Bible of injustice being confronted, Becca challenged us to think about what injustices we can see in the world around us. In class 2 we followed this up with a good sessions thinking about this question and trying to decide what we can do about injustice. Why not ask your children what they thought about it?



Dates for the Diary

~~Class 1 Reading & Spelling Session for Parents—Wednesday 22nd September—PM~~

Real Adventure Day—Thursday 23rd September— Late 6:30pm finish for Class 2

Settlebeck Open Evening - Thursday 23rd September—5:45pm

Wednesday 29th September—Class 1 Reading and Spelling for Parents

Harvest Festival Service—Friday 1st October 11am

Nasal Flu Jabs—Wednesday 6th October

Year 5 & 6 visit to Settlebeck. 9-12 Tuesday 12th October

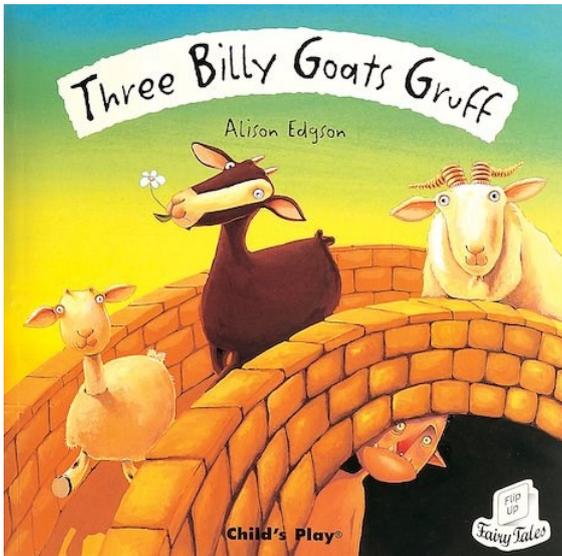
Parent's Evening 2pm-5pm - Thursday 21st October

Half-Term Holiday W/C Monday 25th October

Literacy Topic Books in Class 1 & 2

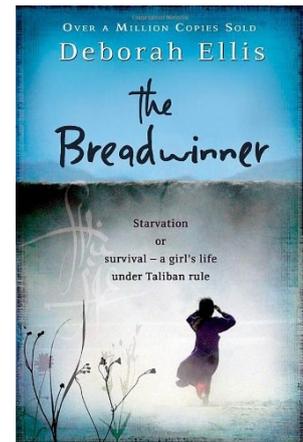
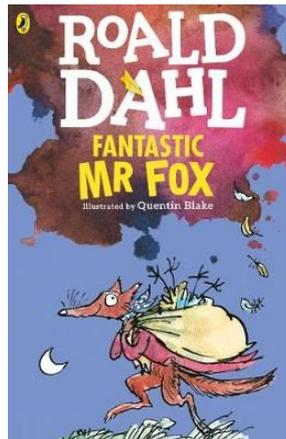
Class 1

Class 1 have been reading *Three Billy Goats Gruff* this week. They've all really enjoyed enriching their vocabulary through a variety of creative responses and activities.



Year 3 & 4

Year 3 & 4 have been reading Roald Dahl's classic, *Fantastic Mr Fox*. They've been thinking about narrative and characters as they plan their own fictional writing.



Year 5 & 6

Year 5 & 6 have started their book for the half-term - *The Breadwinner*. It's a gripping book which fits in well with our current discussions around *justice* in school.

Clubs this week

We need to say a great big 'thank you' to Molly this week for covering Woodwork Club, Messy Club AND Art Club so that they could all go ahead despite Covid absences. Here's the art the children in Messy Club made, showing things that make them happy.

