



Friday Flyer – 12th January 2024

[Radish Catering Menu: w/c 15th January 2024 – Week 2](#)

Message from the Leadership Team



Welcome To Spring Term

As we start the Spring Term, I wanted to take a moment to wish you all a very Happy New Year! I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing break and it's been lovely catching up with the children and hearing all your news. Already, after just a week, they have really settled back in well. Welcome to all our new families who are joining us for the first time. We are sure that you will soon feel at home in our school.

The start of a new year is always filled with hope, excitement, and endless possibilities. It's a time for reflection on the past and anticipation for what lies ahead. We have achieved so much together in the past year, overcoming challenges and celebrating successes. Let us carry this spirit into the coming year as we continue to grow and learn.

At our school, we are committed to providing an environment that nurtures creativity, fosters curiosity, and encourages personal growth. As we embark on this new chapter together, let us embrace every opportunity that comes our way. Whether it's in academic, pastoral, sporting or extracurricular activities. As we step into this brand-new year together as a school community, let us remember that success is not measured by numerical scores but by how much effort we have put in to achieve our personal best, as well as the impact of our actions and the positive impact we have made on others.

I am excited by the year ahead and want to inform you that after a very thorough and intense selection and interview process, Mrs Taylor, our KS2 Phase Leader and Assistant Headteacher, beat off tough competition and was successfully appointed as our new Deputy Headteacher. I know you will all support her in her new role and wish her every success.

Best wishes for a successful term and 2024!

Kris O'Sullivan
Headteacher



Adverse Weather Conditions – School Procedures

The weather is getting colder and it has been some time since we've communicated our procedures in the event of school closure due to adverse weather conditions. Therefore, as there may be occasions where we may be faced with hazardous conditions due to ice and snow, please familiarise yourselves of our current procedures as given below, should we find ourselves in the need to implement them.

In the event of severe weather, please be advised that children should attend school as normal unless you have been advised otherwise and plan your journey accordingly.

Gritted Pathways / Alternative Entry Points

If the school is open, there may be occasions where the roads surrounding the school are hazardous. Therefore, please take care when travelling and wrap up warm.

Whilst children should wear full school uniform, they are permitted to come into school in waterproofs and wellingtons or boots and can change into their school shoes once they arrive.

All entrances are expected to be open as usual but due to any hazardous icy conditions, please use the gritted pathways around the school for your safety. We will communicate any alternative entry points, should the need arise, so that you will know where to drop-off and/or collect your child via our School Communication App (Weduc), either the day before or by no later than 8am of any affected morning.

Unplanned School Closure

The key factor in determining whether the school can open (or remain open) is the health and safety of the school community and unfortunately, it is not always possible to make a decision until the morning of a school day. However, please be reassured that we will make every effort and endeavour to remain open whatever the weather.

Always assume that School will be open unless you are advised otherwise. We will keep you informed by sending you messages using the School Communication App (Weduc) of our anticipated intentions and will endeavour to communicate any unplanned closure **by no later than 8am of any affected morning** by the same method as well as activating our 'Emergency Pop-Up' message on the Home Page of our School website.

Google Classroom

Please be advised that learning will be made available on the Google Classroom in the event of adverse weather conditions, to enable children to access learning from home. There are also lists of useful websites and learning platforms on the *Welcome to Your Year Group* presentations that can be found on the school website (under each year group page).

You can stay up to date by:

- Regularly checking our Weduc App for communications from the school with regard to alternative school access / closures during the cold weather.
- Ensuring that we have your most up-to-date e-mail address.
- Regularly checking the school website www.deanesfieldschool.org.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

Years 1 – 6: Spring Term After School Activity Clubs

Our Spring Term Activity Clubs for children in Years 1 – 6 are now available for you to book **via our Weduc app**, where you will be able to see the **'offers' available in the 'Payments' section**. Please note that unless otherwise advised, all activity clubs will start w/c 2nd January and will run for 8 consecutive weeks and we hope your child is able to take part in activity that they will enjoy.

Places for each club are limited and will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis. Once the club is fully booked and no longer available, you have the opportunity to put your child's name on the Club Waiting List directly through the system for us to offer your child a place should one become available.

We are pleased to advise that if there are any spaces still showing available for the clubs being offered, you can now book an additional club / clubs should you wish to do so.

For parents of **children in Reception**, please be advised that our Clubs offer will be made available to your child in the Summer term, enabling them to participate at the end of the school day when it is lighter and prepare them for extended days when they can take part in clubs all year round when they move up to Year 1 in September.



Save the Date – Spring Term Pupil Progress Days / Evenings

Our Spring Term Parent Meetings, focusing on how well your child is progressing and setting targets for the following terms, will **take place during the week commencing Monday 5th February**.

As per the arrangements last term, our Nursery Parent Meetings will take place during the school day from Monday 5th – Thursday 9th February, with all other Year Group/Classes scheduled to take place in the evening of either Tuesday 6th February or Thursday 8th February.

Full details about the arrangements and further information on how to book your appointment will be sent out soon, so please be sure to look out for this communication from us.



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Congratulations Deanesfield – IQM Flagship School Award Renewal

At the end of November, we were visited by Inclusion Quality Mark Assessors who spent the day reviewing our Inclusive practices and curriculum and we are pleased to announce that we have maintained our Flagship status, the highest achievable award. Their updates report can now be viewed on our school website [by clicking here](#).

What is Flagship Status?

Only around 100 UK schools have achieved IQM Flagship School status. This award recognises those unique schools who have previously held IQM Centre of Excellence status for at least 3 years; and played a strong leadership role in developing inclusion best practice across a network of schools. These schools are committed to extending their networks further and publishing classroom-based research on an annual basis. Further information can be found at <https://iqmaward.com/>



Extension to Free School Meals Offer for Primary School Children

As you may be aware, earlier this week, the Mayor of London announced that he will be extending the funding for Universal Free School Meals, offering all primary school aged children in London to continue to receive a free school lunch for another academic year (2024-2025).

You can view the Mayor of London's 'Letter to Families' about the scheme [by clicking here](#) or alternatively navigating to the 'Lunch Menus' page on our school website.

