

*Newsletter #14
7th January 2022*

Dear Parents and Carers

A very happy New Year to you! I hope you all had a good Christmas and managed to spend some time with family and friends and are now looking forward to a prosperous 2022 (hope those new year's resolutions are still going strong).

It was really lovely to welcome all the children back in the new year. They were really excited to be back and some have even grown in the short time they've been away. At today's assembly we discussed resolutions and doing some things differently. It will be good to talk to your child about what they would like to do or change this year and how they intend to keep that up.

Now that we have Christmas out of the way, we will be once again really focus on our learning . Can you please ensure that your child is reading daily. Our library at school is up and running and we have an abundance of books in every classroom. Please check that your child is reading and talk to him/ her about books. I cannot stress the importance of this.

Your donations to Crawley Open House were amazing. Thank you again for your kind generosity. We intend to run another food appeal at Easter.

All the best for a lovely year! Have a lovely weekend and keep safe
Mrs Powys



HUGE WELCOME

We are so pleased to welcome Mrs Natasha White to our school who has joined us in Key Stage 1 as a SEN Teaching Assistant and to Mrs Zoe Lutchman who is joining the SSC as a Teaching Assistant.

We are also excited to let you know that this week and the coming week we have been joined and are being joined by lots of new children across all years so if you see them around the playground, please give them a wave and make them feel welcome.

It is lovely to have so many new people to add to the Desmond Anderson family, in fact we have welcomed over 30 new children since the school year started in September.

Our very first Breakfast Club

As many of you know, earlier this week we started our long anticipated **Breakfast Club**. It has proved to be increasingly popular in many schools and the children who were in this week said they really enjoyed it. One child even said – ‘*This is great, I am definitely coming every day*’. Breakfast club runs from 7.45 – 8.45 every school day. If you want your child to be part of this growing club, the costs and other details can be found by enquiring at the office. Meanwhile we look forward to seeing more children at Breakfast Club!



Reception Class

Reception went on a winter walk this week to spot signs of winter. We spoke about the frost and how the grass was crunchy when we walked on it. The children also discovered some of their toys were frozen in water, they had a go at trying to get the out.



REMINDER—SCHOOL UNIFORM — PE

We have noticed children wearing different coloured joggers — Please can we remind you of school uniform requirements for PE. Children should have black, navy or dark grey joggers/sweater/tracksuit bottoms during the winter.

PE KIT (boys and girls)

Summer

Plain white t-shirt (no prints or motifs or football shirts)
Shorts (black or navy or dark grey)
Trainers or plimsolls (black or white only)

Winter

Plain white t-shirt and sweatshirt (no prints or motifs or football shirts)
Full tracksuit or joggers (black, navy or dark grey)
Trainers or plimsolls (black or white only)

Miscellaneous

No long nails
No nail varnish
Only small studded earrings (no hoops)



Thank you!

Everyone at Desmond Anderson Primary School

For the generous donation of food, toiletries and essentials for our hostel residents and service-users. We are so grateful for your support again for our work locally.

Charlie 😊
Charlie Aarstoen – Director, December 2021



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helping the homeless and disadvantaged

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Our support is available to anyone in need.

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Year 6 boys football match report - Written by Ray, Leo and Dane

On Thursday 6th January, we arrived at the pitch and started the warm up. We ran up and down and then practiced our short passing before the match began.

In our first game, we didn't manage to score any goals against our opponents, Hilltop. Unfortunately they did manage to score with a shot in the bottom corner. Although we lost 1-0, our game play and defence was excellent.

For our second game, we played amazingly well. Our defence was brilliant again and some brilliant goal keeping kept us in the game. The score ended 0 - 0 but overall it was a good performance.

Mr Wretham said, "It was a really good performance from the boys and I was really impressed with their team work and resilient defending. We managed to put some good passes together and I'm really looking forward to our next fixture!"

[Afterschool Clubs are live](#)

Please remember to book your child's place on the afterschool club that they would like to attend via the link below.

[Club booking form - Spring Term 2022 \(office.com\)](#)



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2022 (Subject to change)

<u>Term 3</u> (7 weeks)	<u>January 2022</u> Monday 24th January	Afterschool Clubs start
	<u>Feb 2022</u> Friday 17 th February Friday 18 th February 21 st Feb – 25 th Feb	Break up from School - Feb Half Term (normal time) INSET DAY Half-term
<u>Term 4</u> (6 weeks)	Monday 28th February	<u>Term 4 Starts (Spring Term) - Back to school</u>
	<u>Apr 2022</u> Friday 8 th April 11th Apr -22 nd Apr	Break Up from school at <u>1.30 pm</u> for Easter Holidays Easter Holidays
<u>Term 5</u> (5 weeks)	Monday 25 th April Tuesday 26 th April	Inset Day (School is closed) <u>Term 5 starts (Summer Term) - Back to School</u>
	<u>May 2022</u> Monday 2nd May Friday 27th May 30 th May – 3 rd June Thursday 2 nd June Friday 3 rd June	Bank Holiday – School closed Break up from school – normal time May Half term Spring Bank Holiday Additional Bank Holiday HM The Queen Platinum Jubilee
<u>Term 6</u> (7 weeks)	<u>June 2022</u> Monday 6 th June	<u>Term 6 starts (Summer Term) - Back to school</u>
<u>July 2022</u>	Friday 22 nd July	Break up from School at <u>1.30 pm</u>

Communication with Staff

If you would like to request a meeting or communication with a staff member, you can call the school office on 01293 525596 or alternatively fill in our [Contact Form](#) and a member of staff will get back to you ASAP. Thank you for your understanding during these changes.

Please find the contact form here: [DAPA Staff contact request](#)



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