



Next Term's Key Dates

Term 2:

Mon 3rd Nov - INSET

Tues 4th Nov - First day of
Term 2 for children

Wed 3rd December - Mufti
Day

Sat 6th Dec - Xmas Fair

Wed 10th & Thurs 11th - Key
Stage 1 Nativity - pm

Tues 16th Dec - Xmas panto at
Hawth, Crawley

Thurs 18th Dec - Christmas
Christingle Service at All
Saints - time to be confirmed

Wet Morning Drop-Offs

After viewing wet morning drop-off in the hall, I have decided to review the process because I have some serious concerns about the safety of adults and children alike. In particular, I feel this is a fire risk as corridors are blocked and it is impossible to know who we have in the building.

I have discussed this at length with teaching staff and we would like to try a new system whereby children are dropped off and staff will supervise them in the main hall. This

means parents are not required to stay until the bell.

The steps will then be as follows:

- Drop children off (from 8.35am at the earliest) and ensure they reach the entrance to the hall but please do not stay with them
- Remind children that they will go straight into the hall (with coats and bags) and will sit quietly with a focused activity e.g. reading activity (they can read their own book or we will have books/activities on standby)
- Children will then be asked to line up when the bell goes and be released one class at a time so that they can go and



STAYING OUTSIDE THE SCHOOL

...il, a Local Community Police Officer and representatives from parents to
...r children safe at drop-off and pick-up times. This is a serious issue that
... ensuring we are all doing our utmost to prevent a serious accident!
... car park for parents to use but this will obviously take time to come to
... fruition. In the meantime...

PLEASE CAN I REMIND YOU...

... the village hall car park as much as possible– please do not park on
... s and, in particular, the bridge (this is causing dangerous blind spots)
... en approaching the school (it is a 30mph zone, but I think you would all
... agree 20mph is much more suitable)

... local residents and not turn cars around in their driveways
... parking on the strip of land at the side of the school
... are School Lane was never designed to accommodate so many cars but
... ly common sense and work together to ensure the best outcome.
... hanks for your co-operation with this tricky situation.

Welcome to issue 3. This issue is packed with important information that covers reminders about key dates next term, wet morning drop offs, securing the school site, traffic issues outside school and news about the latest fun learning in school.



Badgers class had a visitor this week - a local historian called Terry. He came to tell us all about local people who had been involved in World War I. Here is a report from Amelia and Rhiannon.

Terry came into Badgers class and talked all about World War I history in Danehill. There were lots of local men who went to fight in the trenches and many were brothers. So many families were sad because they lost lots of male family members. Terry also showed us pictures of the Poppy memorial at the Tower of London. There are thousands of ceramic poppies and it makes us sad to think about all those people who were lost in the war.

We then walked up to All Saint's Church and looked at the war memorial. We sketched the memorial and looked at the names. There were local names like Stevenson and Baker. We then saw three graves of men who died in World War I. One was a sailor and the others were soldiers. It was an interesting day and we would like to thank Terry for his time.



Freya's War Memorial sketch.



On Thursday the 9th October, we had our visit from the author David Fuller. He came in to talk to us about the series of books that he had written about Alfie Jones - a boy who plays football for his local team but gets involved in lots of other adventures. He also spoke to us about his experiences with writing as a child and how he has noticed that children are able to tell stories even before they can speak. As part of World Book Week, he worked with us to do some drama about one of the chapters of his book. It was good fun and really inspiring to see a normal person turned into a brilliant writer!!

Mr Falconer's Thoughts

Wow, I can't believe the first term has ended already.

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their World War I and People Who Help us topics. We have had visitors in and children have produced all sorts of work linked to these fascinating topics. Hopefully you had a chance to see the super work during our 'open afternoon' today. I thought our Harvest Festival service was an excellent showcase for our children's talents and the choir are worthy of an X Factor audition!

I am grateful to all of you who attended and the generosity of your donations. The food will make a big difference to the homeless in Brighton. This was a real community effort and uplifting morning!

I hope you have read my letter regarding Collective Worship and the proposed changes to Friday assembly. Please remember to complete the slip and let me know what you think.

I am really looking forward to next term and would like to thank you all once again for making me feel so welcome in my first term at Danehill.

Have a great holiday, Mr Falconer PTO

