

### **An update from Mrs White (Executive Headteacher), Miss Lawrence (Head of School) and Mrs Hickinbottom (Deputy)...**

Welcome back and we hope that you have had a fantastic summer enjoying the fresh air and sunshine. Life at Danemill has had a great start and it has been lovely to see the children working. You will have seen that we have provided with you of a list of all of our Danemill dates for the whole year. We felt that it was important for you to see what was coming up. It is important for us to ensure that you are involved in the life of school and of your child's learning so want to offer more opportunities for you to come in and be involved in our learning.

We have had brand new handwriting books and the beautiful writing that we have seen is outstanding. You will see some examples on Twitter! We have also introduced a new learning intention sticker which is focused around engaging children in every step of their learning, challenging children with deeper thinking and gaining pupil voice in reflection. When walking around the school, children have reported that they feel more involved in their learning and find them useful. I've even had parents grabbing me on the gate to tell me how enthusiastic their children are!

Those that may have been at Danemill previously will be pleased to know that we have brought back the old school motto—'Only the best is good enough'. At Danemill, we pride ourselves on being true to the historical aspects of the school, its name, and its roots so it made sense to bring it back. Our first assembly was all about our expectations of children and that we only will be accepting their best but also, in return, they will only be receiving the best.

Please check the website for our new homework policy. We have simplified this homework policy to support families and minimised demand on the quantity of homework based on feedback throughout the year and within our Coffee Morning.

Our Summer Club was a huge success, well supported by parents and well run by Mrs Watson and Mr Scullion. Everyday I saw happy faces and engaged children. Due to its success, we will be running this again for two weeks next summer and the dates for these will be announced before Easter.

Finally, a reminder that Wraparound Care is still available. We have seen a surge in children signing up so please see the Office if you would like a space for your child.

### **Newsletters...**

We will be working on our newsletters to include information from classes about the children's learning. The dates in Autumn Term that the newsletters will be released are:

29/09/17	03/11/17
01/12/17	20/12/17

### **Dates For The Diary ...**

4th September—Bikeability training starts  
11th September—5RH Class Assembly  
13th September—Roald Dahl Day  
21st September—Phonics/Handwriting/Grammar workshops for parents  
22nd September—Open Day for prospective Pre-School and EYFS parents  
28th September—Open Morning—Phonics/Handwriting/Grammar—9—10am

### **Notes from the Office...**

**We have had many complaints over parking since coming back to school. Please can I urge you to be carefully when parking your car and a reminder that parking is restricted outside of the school. We will continue to contact our local Community Police Officer for support.**

**Children sent to Senior Leaders this week are:**

**Ashton Holt  
Louie Mason  
Braidon Tovey  
Ashton Glossotis  
Warren Masters**