

Dear Parents,

It has been quite a year! We have done so many exciting things, trips, special days, visitors - from water fights to the British Museum! The children have been fantastic - we love to have enthusiastic learners who are really interested in finding out more about the world we live in, and Dennington is full of these learners! I am very grateful to all the staff at school who go above and beyond for the children to make their education interesting and enjoyable. I know how hard everyone works and how important the children's education and well-being is to everybody in our school.

I would also like to thank parents for your support through the year for us as a school community. It is so kind when parents take time to say something encouraging and supportive to staff and I have personally appreciated that this year- thank you. Attendance at all the parent information meetings has been really high and that understanding and support of your children's learning makes a big difference.

We are sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Sproxton this term - what a great start she has given all our children in Chaffinches! I know all the children have very fond memories of their time in this class. Mrs Sproxton has been an excellent teacher and the children under her care have thrived - we are very grateful to have had her as part of our team.

It does not become any easier to say goodbye each year to the year 6 children - we often say that Dennington School is a bit like a family and this makes it even harder to see our "top of the school" children move on! They have been a fantastic year group and we will miss them. Their contributions to the sports and dance events, their commitment and achievements in their SATs and their amazing performances in "Annie" have all been very memorable. We wish them all the very best for High School and beyond.

2022/23 Term DatesSEPTEMBER

- Friday 2nd —First day of the new school year

October

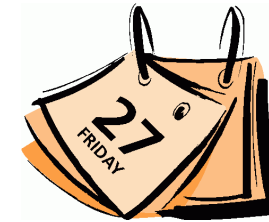
- Wednesday 5th—Wrens Trip to West Stowe Anglo-Saxon Village
- Monday 24th to Friday 28th — Half Term

November

- Monday 17th to Friday 11th - Hilltop Residential for Year 5 & 6

December

- Thursday 15th—Last Day of Term

January

- Wednesday 4th—Spring Term Starts

Ali Sproxton

After much thought and consideration, I have decided to step down from my position of Class Teacher of Chaffinches class. I have loved my time at Dennington School and feel very fortunate to have taught at such a wonderful school.

I plan to take a very late 'year out' to spend time with my family and grandchildren and explore new opportunities. I would like to thank all the parents of the children I have taught over the years for their kindness and support. It has been a privilege to work with such a committed, professional and caring team over the years.

I will always hold a special place in my heart for all at Dennington - hope you all have a

we might see on a visit to the beach. We worked in pairs and made our own mini beaches creating and labelling both natural and man-made features. We were also fortunate to have a visit from the Shingle Street Coastguard team who spoke to us about how to stay safe on the beach and their role within the community.

Within our Literacy lessons we read many 'pirate tales', Chaffinches enjoyed these stories and asked whether they could host a pirate party and invite their parents to join in the fun. We practised a pirate dance, dressed in pirate attire and performed it confidently.

Chaffinches were also very fortunate to be invited by Tuckwells to their Picnic on the Farm in Kettleburgh. This was a wonderful morning full of bug hunting, crop identification, farm vehicles and a trailer ride around the farm to see the machinery at work. Tuckwells also provided a delicious lunch for all – an excellent morning.



like den building, leaf rubbing and fire starting (in a safe way!). They have loved being imaginative here in their play and have learnt lots along the way too.



Robins have also got stuck into their history topic: Space Travel, impressing me with their already stellar prior knowledge on the subject....some astronauts in the making!



Gressenhall to experience life as a Stone Age person. We spend the day hunting with wooden spears, and thinking about the sorts of fruit and vegetables we could gather.



We farmed using wooden tools and the ground wheat to make bread using a large stone. We finally build a shelter in the woods using wood, animal hides and string made from plants. Please look at the photo gallery section of the website to see all the photos taken on this trip.



In geography this term, we have been learning about weather and climate. We carried out some fieldwork to decide the best place to locate a bench on the school site. The children set up weather stations to record the temperature, pressure,

Firstly, I would like to say how proud I am of the Year 6 children who showed great maturity and commitment to preparing for their SATs in May. This is the first time the children do formal exams and they had a great attitude to them, demonstrating high aspirations and a good understanding of short term pain for long term gain! It will stand them in good stead at High School and beyond! The results for the group as a whole were outstanding, well above the national averages, and thoroughly deserved.

After SATs it has been a lot of wonderful history! We have been learning about the Ancient Greeks, including hoplites and triremes, myths and gods, theatre and education. We especially enjoyed learning about the Battle of Marathon and how the marathon first began- poor Pheidippides! This work was really brought to life by our visit to the British Museum, where we got to examine the actual artefacts that we gain so much of our historical knowledge from.

The trip to London was such a highlight – especially seeing “Matilda” at the theatre. The children’s behaviour was exemplary and we really enjoyed seeing the sights of London. The children coped well with the midnight train journey home too!



running, hockey, bean bag throw target and tennis tap ups. What fun we all had in the afternoon races with everyone smiling, happy and really trying their best.



- Some Year 6 pupils took part in a new tournament - Footgolf at Hartismere High School testing their football and target skills.
- On 27th June, year 2 completed tennis skills at Framlingham College whilst Year 5 & 6 played in matches against other schools.
- On 16th June, the whole school took part in Quadkids Athletics at Thomas Mills High School competing in long jump, vortex throwing, sprinting and a longer race around the track.

After School Club & Breakfast Club

After School Club is available everyday from 3.15-5.15pm. £5 per session.

Monday— Crafts

Tuesday — Cooking Club

Wednesday — Multi-Sports with Premier Education until 4.15pm

@£3.50 (to be booked and paid for with Premier Education direct), followed by Construction Club with Laura until 5.15pm @ £2 only

Thursday — Movies

Friday — Games

Breakfast Club is available 8am-9am from Monday to Friday. £3 per session.



Please book your After School Club and Breakfast Club sessions online via your Arbor Account. Booking is essential.

A HUGE 'Thank you' to everyone involved, whether you helped out on the day, behind the scenes or were simply a guest on the day. So many people put so much into the day and I think it really showed. The fair had a lovely atmosphere and was fun despite the rain. The dog show was hilarious, the Steam Engine was really delightful and the refreshments and barbecue were brilliant - thanks for all of that.

This year we had far greater involvement from children. I was really proud of how capable and responsible they were and how everything was done with enthusiasm. Hats off to you guys for selling raffle tickets, posting flyers, making posters, setting up tables and chairs, manning stalls, taking part in competitions and joining in on the day.



The fair raised over £939.16 on the day and thanks to the proceeds from Mrs Beecroft's Prize Draw we made a total of **£1461.16!!!**

I'd like to say an extra thank you to the rest of the staff that gave up their Saturday to come and help - you were amazing. A massive 'Well done and thank you' to Mrs Beecroft for that tremendous prize draw fundraising!!!

The School disco was a really good one this year, the children completely let their hair down and enjoyed themselves! It was all based on their own song requests which worked well. It was really heart-warming to see how well the whole school mixed with the oldest and youngest all getting along and having such good fun together! We look forward to this event again next year!



Gavle Maycock

tastic performances from all actors who really acted out their parts and delivered their lines with great expression and character. We really enjoyed singing the songs, particularly 'It's a Hard Knock Life' and doing the dance routines.

Don't forget to look at the photo gallery on our website to see all the Annie photos!



our summer water fight! We all got incredibly wet and the children seemed to take great pleasure in getting their teachers drenched.

