

Dent CE Primary School



Weekly Newsletter

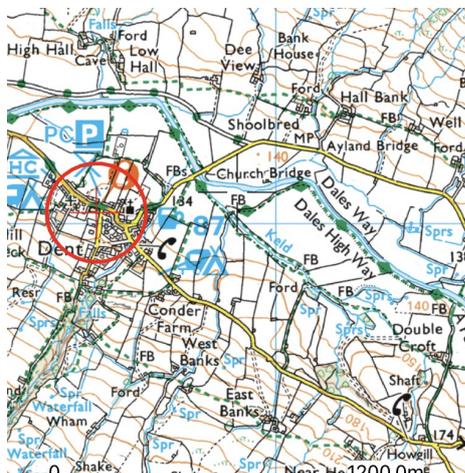
Friday 29th April
2021 Summer Week 2

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

We hope that you have had a good week. There is a lot of activity going on in school this week and the children are all enjoying being settled back into their learning. Today a quite large bundle of letters and forms has gone home so please do take the time to fill those in as they are all quite important to making sure everything runs smoothly and safely in school. We hope you enjoy the bank holiday weekend and have a good rest. The children have worked hard and they certainly deserve a break already!

Class 2 Rivers Trip

Please do return your permission forms for Class 2s Rivers trip. The Children have been really enjoying learning about rivers and this is a fantastic opportunity for them to expand their knowledge through first-hand investigation of the local area. They will have the added bonus of extra guidance from some Yorkshire Dales National Park staff.



Maths Evening on 20th May

This is a reminder that if you are interested in developing your understanding of how the children learn maths in school then you should keep this in your diary. This will be suitable for parents of children in any age group as we will be talking about the general principles of how we teach maths and how the skills progress throughout school.

At this time it's not certain exactly what format the evening will take, however it's likely to be an online session. The meeting will last around an hour and there will be a chance to ask any questions that you have.

If you have been to previous maths or reading workshops then you'll know that we try to keep things as practical and interactive as possible.

In the meantime here's a reminder of the link to the White Rose 'Maths with Michael' videos which help to explain some aspects of how maths are taught in schools.

<https://whiterosemaths.com/for-parents/maths-with-michael/>

This Term's Value

As most of you will be aware, each term we explore one of our school's seven core values in our collective worship. This half term we are looking at the value of *Compassion*. We have enjoyed looking at stories from the Bible that teach us about compassion and the children have been reflecting on what compassion means for us in everyday life.

Dates for the Diary

- Monday 3rd May—Bank Holiday
- 10th May—KS2 Rivers Trip
- 20th May—Maths Workshop Evening
- W/C Monday 31st May—Half-Term
- 16th June—Sedbergh Athletics (provisional)
- 17th July—End of Term Service & End of Term

Gardening Club Bottle Appeal

In Gardening Club we are looking for extra 2l plastic bottles to help protect some of the peas, beetroot & runner peas that we are planting. If you have any left over coke/lemonade bottles etc. then please send them in and we will definitely make use of them.

Volunteers

One of the bundle of letters which has gone home today is a request for volunteers. We are aware of the great support we receive as a school from volunteers and families and we are very grateful for it. If you could fill out the form with anything that you are willing and able to do then that would help us to plan how we can make best use of the skills in our community going forwards.

Houses!

Here is a little notice about a big change in how we organise things in school. From the start of term we have organised children into 'houses' which will form the basis of reward points competitions throughout the year. We have always had a system of points to reward children working hard, caring for each other and demonstrating our values. Our hope is that this move from individual 'points' for children to a house system will help to foster a team mentality and encourage the children to build positive relationships across ages and classes. You'll hear more about our houses as the term progresses.

We wanted to name the houses for something local and so after much deliberation we went for three gills (or ghylls) from different parts of the dale. The houses are:

- Brackensgill
- Flintergill
- Artengill

Ask your children to see if they remember which they are!

Staff photos

As mentioned last week, here are the two new members of our staff team, who will be working across both classes.



Chloe Marshall



Molly Wray