

Lord Deramore's Primary School
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Friday 13 January

Dear Parents/carers

I hope you have all had a relaxing Christmas holiday and would like to wish you a very Happy 2012. In school we have been talking about our new years resolutions and how we can help each other to keep them. Our whole school resolution is to communicate effectively.

The Cycle Sheds

On 3 January part of the cycle sheds came apart as a result of gale force winds. The metal frame was badly damaged as the strength of the wind smashed the frame into the shed. The perspex sheets shattered and were dispersed across the field and playground. I am very grateful to Mr Danby one of our school governors as he came to help us clear the debris and make the school grounds safe ready for the start of school the next day.

The safety of our children is our priority and for that reason I instructed the removal of the frame. I am in the process of seeking advice on the location of the sheds and will let you know what health and safety advise. In the meantime we will continue to use the bike stands.

Texting Service

I hope that you will find the new service useful. Please let us know what you think.

Parking

Please can I ask parents/carers not to park in front of the large black gates leading to the playground.

Uniform

Thank you for helping your children wear the correct clothing for school. I am pleased to say that most children were prepared for outdoor PE.

Forest Schools

At the end of the Summer Term last years Y6 helped me to write a legacy for Forest Schools by saying what they would like to see happen in our outdoor learning environment. The PTA have worked tirelessly to achieve our wonderful woodland area and continue to help us resource all the equipment we need. In the next few weeks an advanced skills teacher with responsibility for Forest Schools will be working with the school to plan a skills based programme for every class. All year groups will have timetabled outdoor learning sessions. When these sessions occur children will be expected to wear comfortable outdoor clothing. We will be letting you know when the class sessions will take place so all children will be dressed appropriately.

Miss Abberfield

I am delighted to welcome Miss Erin Abberfield from Broken Hill, New South Wales, Australia to our staff team. She is learning how to cope with the British weather and has settled into “our ways” amazingly well. She will be inviting parents/carers of Year 1 to an informal get to know her session next week.

Communication

I am very grateful to the parents/carers who have given me lots of constructive comments on how we can improve channels and systems of communication in school. Any further thoughts will be welcomed and shared with our school governors at a forthcoming meeting.

Best wishes for 2012

Sheena Powley