



# DESFORD COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

20th September 2024



Last academic year, the current year fives created individual pieces of art using a variety of techniques and materials including painting and stitching. Mrs Richardson has brought all of this wonderful artwork together as one tapestry that presents the children's strong message of 'Reuse, Recycle, Protect our Planet'. Well done and thank you to everyone who contributed to this fantastic piece of work. It truly embodies our school ethos of Be Kind (to the environment).

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Have a fabulous weekend everyone!

Mr C Wilson





Zahra Mehta represented England at the European Youth Rapid and Blitz chess tournament in Prague this summer. We are very proud to have one of our own school children competing internationally. She was undefeated in over half of her games! Well done Zahra!

## DIWALI IN DESFORD

Diwali is a 5 day multi-faith festival that is celebrated all over India and the world by Hindus, Sikhs, Jains and some Buddhists. As a community school who values it's multi-faith demographic, we would like to host a small Diwali celebration close to the date of Diwali, inviting people in Desford and the locality to this

To make this work and ensure it is authentic, we need the help of parents in our school community who celebrate Diwali. We have had 2 volunteers so far. Please contact the school office or respond on the form ([click here](#)) if you are able to help with organising this event.

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**ACTIVELY INCLUSIVE**



Our Be Kind ethos drives much of the work we do as a school in relation to inclusion. As part of the LiFE MAT, we are proactive in being anti-racist and anti-discriminatory. All schools in the trust are represented at the Race, Gender, LGBT+ and Disability equity groups that look at ways in which we can be more inclusive for our staff, children and families. We already have an Anti-Racist Pledge (see next page). This year we will be creating an Anti-Homophobic pledge to ensure all staff are trained appropriately, and that our curriculum ensures that children from all families see themselves represented in their learning,

### Miss Marshall



It gives me great pleasure to announce the fantastic news that Miss Marshall and her partner will be having their first child together later next year. As many of you know, this is a truly beautiful moment to be lucky enough to experience in life, so I

am sure you will all join me in wishing Miss Marshall and her partner all the best along this magical journey to parenthood. We will soon be advertising for a teacher to cover Miss Marshall's maternity leave. This is likely to commence in March 2025. We will update you on this as soon as we have further news to share.

### Mrs Fairall

After six years of working at Desford Community Primary School, Mrs Fairall is moving on into a new role at Barnardo's as a working night support worker. She is very excited to be taking this new step in her career so we thank her for her efforts and impact at our school and wish her well with her new adventure.



# OUR ANTI-RACISM PLEDGE

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Commitment to anti-racism and the goals and focus of the BLM movement.



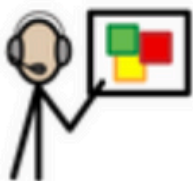
Audit school practices and policies which include Equality Impact Assessments.



Display clear information on how to report racist incidents.



Teach children about racism, migrations, Empire and colonisation.



Racial literacy training for all staff and governors.

