



Newsletter

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THIS MONTH'S VALUE

Patience

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"

Dr. Seuss

HEADS UP FROM MS. BROOKES

As I write this newsletter for December, I keep asking myself, "Where has the time gone?" I cannot believe that December is here already! In school, this half-term is always a very busy and very special time as we prepare for Christmas. Everywhere I walk around school is filled with the sound of joyful singing as our children are busy practising songs for their Christmas performances. We look forward to welcoming parents, carers, grandparents and friends of our community into school in December to celebrate the festive season with us. We also look forward to welcoming parents to join us in the Juniors every morning at 9.00 am for our Advent Assemblies. These short assemblies (5-10 minutes) are just an opportunity for some much-needed calm and reflection at the start of a busy day where we listen to some beautiful music, share part of the Christmas story and sing some carols. Everyone is most welcome. Many thanks to all our parents and carers for your continued support, and may I take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a happy and peaceful New Year.



DIARY DATES

- 2/12/2024 onwards – Advent Assemblies begin in KS 2 at 9.00 am
- W/c 3/12/2024 – Bikeability for some of Year 6.
- 3/12/2024 – Come to the Crib for EYFS at Christ Church at 9.30 am.
- 5/12/2024 – Pantomime for all children in school.
- 6/12/2024 – Christmas jumper/festive clothes in exchange for donations for tombola.
- 10/12/2024 – KS 1 Christmas Light Service at Christ Church 9.30
- 11/12/2024 – Christmas dinner! Wear Christmas jumpers
- 13/12/2024 – Y3 & 4 Christmas Disco 3.30 – 5.00 pm.
- 16/12/2024 – Christmas party for our SEND pupils 2.00 – 2.45 pm.
- 18/12/2024 – Choir to visit local care home.
- 19/12/2024 – School closes at 3.15 pm. Christmas jumpers.
- 6/1/2025 – School opens for Spring term.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is at least 96% attendance.

Whole school attendance for November:

97.2%

Thank you to everyone for valuing education and continuing to ensure that your children come to school every day and on time.

Remember, every lesson counts!

The following classes have won the best overall attendance for November. Well done! You have all earned an extra playtime for your super attendance.

EYFS – Snowy Owls – 95.73%

KS1 – Barn Owls – 98.6%

KS2 – 3A – 98.48%

Reaching for the stars!

caring | collaborative | courageous | ambitious

FOCUS ON

Modern Foreign Languages

French continues to flourish as the new Language Ambassadors take on their role of promoting the use of French within their classroom and across the school. This term during lessons, Year 3 are beginning to develop their conversational skills and are enjoying using Christmas vocabulary in order to create a variety of simple sentences. Year 4 are working hard on their grammar skills, learning that in French the adjective has to agree with the noun that it is describing. They are also very excited to learn the traditional French song, 'Alouette'. Year 5 are focusing on their reading skills, including reading and interacting with the traditional French storybook, 'Qui Conduit' whilst Year 6 are getting to grips with telling the time in more detail.

This term also saw the arrival of our French language assistant, Madame Louise Thibault, from Mauléon. Louise is working with the children in both Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 1, delivering the Trafford Book Project in Year 2. Spanish continues in Key Stage 1 where the children are enjoying their first introduction to a foreign language. The correspondence with our partner school in Compiègne, France, is growing, as the children eagerly await their next communication. Overall, it is proving to be a very busy term!

SPECIAL EVENTS

Class Assemblies:

5/12/2024 – 6B's Class Assembly at 9.05 am

12/12/2024 – Tawny Owls' Class Assembly at 9.00 am

Christmas Performances:

You are warmly invited to join us to celebrate Christmas. Refreshments will be served before/after each performance. (See separate letter for further details).

10/12/2024 – Y4 Christmas Show for grandparents at 1.30 pm

11/12/2024 – Y4 Christmas Show for parents at 6.00 pm

12/12/2024 – Nursery sing song by the Christmas tree at either 10.30 am or 2.30 pm.

16/12/2024 – Reception nativity at either 10.30 am or 2.30 pm.

17/12/2024 – Y2 Christmas Show at either 10.30 am or 2.15

SNAPSHOT OF D.P.S.



Some of our Year 3 Language Ambassadors...working hard to promote the use of French across the school.



Some of our Year 4 Language Ambassadors...



Here are some of our Year 6 Language Ambassadors. They act as role models across the school.

THE DAVYHULME PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA TEAM

Christmas pre-loved jumper sale throughout December (online on PTA Facebook page)

Christmas Fair - Saturday 7th December 12pm - 3pm

Year 3 & 4 disco - Friday 13th December 3.30pm - 5pm

Christmas hamper raffle (via Parent Pay) - Monday 9th - Friday 13th December

PTA planning meeting - Wednesday 15th January - venue TBC

Everyone is always welcome!

PARENTS / CARERS

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Elections will take place next term. We will send out further details about this process in January, 2025.

Open Forum Coffee Morning

We would like to thank those parents and carers who came to our informal coffee morning in November. The purpose of these meetings is to provide a very informal opportunity on a termly basis for parents/carers to meet with members of our Senior Leadership & Pastoral Teams and to chat about any concerns/issues, or just to share your views with us on anything that is important to you. It is very informal, and hopefully, a friendly, safe space to have a chat over a cup of coffee. Everyone is welcome. **Please look out for our next coffee morning in the Spring term.** We will be inviting our school nurse, Olivia Williams, along to this session. We will send out a reminder the day before this time!

PTA Raffle Prizes!

We have some fantastic prizes to win in our PTA Raffle. See below:
JS Nails - £20 voucher; Banga Curries - voucher; Bee Clean Team - free general clean worth £40; Kanti yoga studio - 1 midweek session; KAS Academy - Santa Breakfast; The Retreat - 20 min reiki session; The Barking Dog - voucher; Sarah's Yard - hamper; The Balloon Company - £10 voucher; Kelder wine - voucher; Nebula Centre - Family ticket to Winter Wonderland; The Little Explorers - 3 adult and child places; CGM Holidays - Weekend Caravan Break; Little Angels Swimming - £50 voucher; RLF Fitness - 2 weeks free classes; The Cleaning Fairy - free general clean; Jade Bayliss Cakes - 12 free Cupcakes