



# Newsletter

Issue 5: January 2025

## THIS MONTH'S VALUE

# Happiness

*'If you want others to be happy, practice compassion. If you want to be happy, practice compassion.'* Dalai Lama

## HEADS UP FROM MS. BROOKES

Happy New Year to everyone! I hope that you have all had a wonderful Christmas holiday. The new year is always a time to be reflective: it is a time to look back on what has gone before, and also a time to look forward with optimism to what lies ahead...

When I look back over the first term, there are so many positives to share! One of the most positive things to celebrate is the opening up of our school to parents and carers. It has been lovely to enjoy bear assemblies and class assemblies with parents, carers and grandparents, and we have been bowled over by how well supported these events have been. We also enjoyed sharing our Advent celebrations with some parents each morning in Key Stage 2, and we have received lots of positive feedback from parents who have enjoyed listening to the children's beautiful singing each morning, as well as appreciating the opportunity to have a calm, quiet moment at the start of each day. The Mastering Number workshops have also been well supported, as were the fantastic Christmas productions which took place across the school. So, a big thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. We look forward to continuing our partnership in the Spring term...



## DIARY DATES

- 6/1/2025 – School opens.
- 8/1/2025 – Y3 Egyptian workshop
- 16/1/2025 – Travelling Tuba musical performance
- 28/1/2025 – ALTRU Theatre Co. Online Safety performance for Key Stage 2 pupils
- 30/1/2025 – 5A's Class Assembly at 9.05 am

## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Our attendance target is at least 96% attendance.

Whole school attendance for December:

**97.16 %**

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 December. Well done! You have all earned an extra playtime for your super attendance.

**EYFS – Little Owls – 98.17%**

**KS1 – Eagle Owls – 99.48 %**

**KS2 – 5A – 99 %**

# Reaching for the stars!

caring | collaborative | courageous | ambitious

## FOCUS ON

### Mathematics: Mastering Number

Mastering Number is a programme which our school follows in Reception and Key Stage One to help our pupils develop number sense. The aim over time is that children will leave KS1 with fluency in calculation and a confidence and flexibility with number. In Key Stage Two, Years 4 and 5 follow the programme to develop fluency in multiplication and division facts, and a confidence and flexibility with number that exemplifies good number sense. This term we have really enjoyed some of the parents and carers from Years One and Two attending workshops to create some games and activities to use at home.

## SPECIAL EVENTS

### Parent Governor Vacancy!

We currently have a place for a parent governor on our governing body. If you are interested in applying for this role, please look out for more details about the forthcoming elections later this month...

The big advantage of being a parent governor is that you are already embedded in the school culture and it is easy to see how the values, the aims of the school development plan, policies and decisions play out in practice. Thank you in advance to those parents who may be considering applying for this very important role.

## SNAPSHOT OF D.P.S.



Year One and Year Two enjoyed working with their families. They are continuing to build strong number sense.



The pupils created games and activities which they can use at home.



The pupils showed their adults how to use subitising, tens frames and stem sentences.

## THE DAVYHULME PRIMARY SCHOOL PTA TEAM

**PTA planning meeting - Wednesday 15th January at the Barking Dog.**

**If you're interested in getting involved with the PTA, please get in touch by email at [davyhulmeprimarypta@outlook.com](mailto:davyhulmeprimarypta@outlook.com) or via our Facebook page Davyhulme Primary PTA. We are very friendly and look forward to hearing from you!**

**Everyone is always welcome!**

**Look out for more PTA events in February.**

## PARENTS / CARERS

### Wrap Around Care Survey

Many thanks to those parents and carers who completed our Wrap Around Care Survey last term. We had lots of responses, and your feedback is very helpful to us in deciding next steps. We recognise that there is a demand for more provision, so we are currently meeting with our current provider, Let's Play, and also representatives from Trafford to consider a possible expansion and also to explore other alternatives to this issue. As soon as we have any further updates, we will inform parents and carers. Please rest assured that this is very much a priority and that we are working hard being the scenes to find a resolution to this issue. Thank you.