



## DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2022

### This week and last

I feel like I have missed so much these past few days as I was out ill on Friday, Monday and for some of Tuesday and I am out at a meeting this Friday. I am writing this newsletter on Wednesday afternoon as I am conscious we didn't get one out last week.

It is amazing how missing one or two days can knock everything sideways.

I have been in watching the Matilda rehearsals this morning for ten minutes and all I can say is you are in for a treat. The children are doing a wonderful job and I can't wait to see the performance in its full glory next Thursday.

I haven't seen any of the Reception and Nursery performance or the Year 1 and 2 one, but I have no doubt they bring the usual lump to the throat. For those of you who are new to the Christmas performance my recommendation would be to bring a tissue.

I am beyond disappointed to miss the poetry slam last Friday. I was looking forward to seeing the wonderful effort the children put in. Congratulations to our winner Alexis Ross and our two runners up Libby Taylor and Zac Sadler.

As I am sitting writing today the school has become eerily quiet. The children from Y1 to 6 are off to the Pantomime. No really, they are! (See what I did there?). I hope they come back full of joy and laughter from their adventure this afternoon. It is so nice to be able to offer these kind of opportunities to them, although we are conscious of what we ask for especially at this time of year.

Next week is another busy one as we pull together all the productions and celebrations. Wednesday is Christmas jumper and Christmas lunch day. I am sure you are all aware that the trust is covering the cost of Christmas lunches for the children this year for those who want it. There is no charge for wearing a Christmas jumper, it is merely for fun and to get in the festive spirit.

Key stage 1 do their Christmas performance in the Carnegie on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December. I am in awe of these children. At five years old I definitely could not have stood on a stage and danced. It makes me nervous enough doing the emergency exit and mobile phone bit at the beginning of productions and I have done that for 18 years now.

I would just like to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term. We have had some challenges, but with an open and honest approach we have dealt with them and hopefully rectified them. That is the way I want to work with you and it is the way I work with staff. I am only human and I do get things wrong, but I am never afraid to apologise if it is the right thing to do.

I would just like to close this box by wishing you and your families a happy and peaceful festive season.

## Popcorn

I mentioned a couple of weeks ago about healthy snacks at playtimes. I have had a chat with a parent about popcorn as a healthy snack and I can say that as long as it's just plain, salted or sweet, so not flavoured or chocolate coated, then I am happy with the children having popcorn as their snack.

## Giving Back

I have spoken to staff and we believe that, with all we have asked for this term, it is time we gave a little back.

At this time of year my Mam, who worked in Marks and Spencer for 30+ years, donates a hamper to school for a fund-raising raffle. This year is no different except we don't want you to buy raffle tickets, we are just going to put every family into the draw and pull out a winner. I'm also trying to round up a couple of extra little prizes so if anyone knows somewhere that might donate a voucher then please let me know.

If you don't want your name in the draw I completely understand. Just email myself or admin and we will make sure you don't go in the hat.

As a staff we thought this was a way we could say 'thank you'. It is usually a lovely hamper with lots of M&S goodies and I know this year is no different.

## Class attendance

Attendance for the week beginning 28<sup>th</sup> November

Illness took a grip of the whole school and this is reflected in the figures

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Nursery – Mrs Norman and Mrs Bell    | 78.57% |
| Reception – Mrs Hawker               | 81.6%  |
| Year 1 – Mrs Cresswell               | 90%    |
| Year 2 – Mrs Rigby                   | 87.50% |
| Year 3 – Mrs Clayton and Miss Clarke | 84.67% |
| Year 4 – Mr Blease                   | 93.79% |
| Year 5 – Mr MacCreedy                | 91.61% |
| Year 6 – Mrs Ivison                  | 89.47% |
| Year 6 – Miss Grima                  | 96.47% |

Whole school attendance this week

88.32%

## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS FOR WEEK ENDING 2<sup>ND</sup> DEC WENT TO:

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| <p>Reception</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Hayden Gee</li><li>✓ Romany Winder</li><li>✓ Jacob Lister</li></ul> <p>Year One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Isaac Oultram</li><li>✓ Mila Hetherington</li><li>✓ William Shaw</li></ul> <p>Year Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Charlie Ross</li><li>✓ Ted Sanderson</li><li>✓ Jesse Sharp</li></ul> | <p>Year Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Alexis Ross</li><li>✓ Mykyta Aboimov</li><li>✓ Esther Blackburn</li><li>✓ Mitchell Nichol</li></ul> <p>Year Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Jasmine Courty</li><li>✓ Finley Easterbrook</li><li>✓ Amber Todd</li></ul> <p>Year Five</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Chloe Bell</li><li>✓ Caleb Scott</li><li>✓ Kaleb McKenzie</li></ul> <p>Year Six</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Billy Bethwaite</li><li>✓ Ella Maguire</li><li>✓ Blake Cartner</li><li>✓ Josh Smith</li><li>✓ Ellie Cunningham</li><li>✓ Molly Wilkinson</li></ul> |
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## COURTESY CUPS WENT TO:

Patrick Rigby

Roni Peat

Ruari O'Donnell

Sam Johnston

Well done for being such excellent role models

## Dates for your diary

Dates for this term so far. New dates highlighted

- Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS1 Christmas performance at the Carnegie
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas lunch
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper Day
- Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> Dec- Nursery and Reception Christmas performance in the hall
- Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – KS2 Christmas performance at the Carnegie
- Monday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Party Day
- Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec – end of term- school closes at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January School re-opens at 08:50

I will add to this list as dates come into the diary so you can free up your calendars where possible

### Recommended

Here are my recommendations

There's a Bear On My Chair

The Christmas Miracle of Jonathan Toomey

Space Band

A Series of Unfortunate Events

### Reads

for this week:

Ross Collins

Susan Wojciechowski

Tom Fletcher

Lemony Snicket

## Class attendance

Attendance for the week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> December

Illness took a grip of the whole school and this is reflected in the figures

|                                      |        |
|--------------------------------------|--------|
| Nursery – Mrs Norman and Mrs Bell    | 87.28% |
| Reception – Mrs Hawker               | 84.80% |
| Year 1 – Mrs Cresswell               | 91.76% |
| Year 2 – Mrs Rigby                   | 78.57% |
| Year 3 – Mrs Clayton and Miss Clarke | 88.64% |
| Year 4 – Mr Blease                   | 90.87% |
| Year 5 – Mr MacCreedy                | 92.53% |
| Year 6 – Mrs Ivison                  | 90.75% |
| Year 6 – Miss Grima                  | 96.08% |

Whole school attendance this week

88.75%

## HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS FOR WEEK ENDING 9<sup>TH</sup> DEC WENT TO:

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| <p>Nursery</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Freddie Varty</li><li>✓ Iyla-Beau Park</li></ul>                     | <p>Year Three</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Henry Smith</li><li>✓ Mitchell Nicol</li><li>✓ Daisy Sowerby</li></ul>   |
| <p>Year One</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Piper Rumney</li><li>✓ Idris Phillips</li><li>✓ Jax Young</li></ul> | <p>Year Four</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Chloe McKenzie</li><li>✓ Erin Craggs</li></ul>  |
| <p>Year Two</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Sophia McKenzie</li></ul>   | <p>Year Five</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Ozzy Gorst</li><li>✓ Lacey Morris</li></ul>   |
|   | <p>Year Six</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ Emilia Adams</li><li>✓ Lexi Dent</li><li>✓ Frazer Hindmoor</li><li>✓ Amelia Gibson</li><li>✓ Georgie Wilkinson</li></ul> |

## COURTESY CUPS WENT TO:

Zachary Fidler

Oakley Ward

Georgie Wilkinson

Well done for being such excellent role models