

● ● ● It's Show time!!!!

Hello everyone, hard to believe we only have 3 weeks left of this term and this week sees the start of our Christmas celebrations. We can't wait to see our Nursery children taking part in the Christmas Crafts with their families today and Friday of this week and then the amazing Reception children wowing their loved ones with a performance tomorrow. It's just so lovely to see all these children grow in confidence. The week after will be our amazing Year 1 & 2 children taking the stage. Good luck to them all! I have a few messages for everyone this week.

Christmas Craft Fair – Wednesday 18th December ● ● ●

As we will have finished all our performances and all the teachers will have had their progress meetings looking at how well children have progressed throughout the term, we wanted to try and have some exciting things going on in school for the final week.

From Wednesday 18th until the end of the week, children can come to school in their own clothes. You will have already had a letter regarding the PTA Fundraising Team's plans for a Christmas Fair so I just wanted to pass on the same message so everyone was clear. Wednesday 18th will be a fantastic Christmassy Day. The whole school will be able to take part in a Christmas Crafts morning for just £2 and they can go and buy crafts that have been made across the school. As well as doing this, in the afternoon, we are having our end of term treat which will be a Christmas Film, popcorn and a chance to chill out with friends all afternoon!!

On Friday 6th December we are holding a non-uniform day in exchange for something to go in our Christmas Hampers. Please can you donate something that we can put into the hampers that will be raffled in the following week.



● ● ● A Few Dates to Remember...

I just wanted to remind everyone of the following key dates before the end of term:

- Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performances – Tuesday 10th December at 5.30pm; Wednesday 11th December at 9.30am & 5.30pm
- Thursday 12th December – Election Day – SCHOOL CLOSED TO PUPILS
- Friday 13th December – Last day for after school clubs (no clubs in the final week)
- Wednesday 18th December – School Craft Fair & End of Term Treat
- Wed 18th – Fri 20th – Own Clothes
- Friday 20th December – Last day of the term school finishes normal time.

Miss Harris is coming back!!!! ● ● ●

I'm delighted to tell everyone that Miss Harris is coming back to work at Dee Point. Miss Harris will again be teaching PE across the school as well as some swimming lessons too. We're so delighted to welcome her back, she is such a star and so excited to be returning. We look forward to seeing her starting back in January!!!!



● ● ● New Arrivals – Mrs Wright & Mrs Carpenter

I'm really proud and delighted to let you all know that both Mrs Wright and Mrs Carpenter have given birth to baby boys. Mrs Wright welcomed Daniel into the world on November 20th weighing 8lbs 3oz; she even managed a little visit into school this week for everyone to have a little cuddle! On November 25th weighing 8lbs 8oz, Mrs Carpenter welcomed Flynn Alexander into the world too. Exciting times for our teachers and a lovely, memorable Christmas awaits them...oh and barely any sleep too!! I'm sure you will join me in congratulating them both, such lovely news to share.

Baby



Europa Bulb Planting ● ● ●

A special thank you to the children in Europa class this week who were asked by Sheila Little, one of our local councillors to plant some daffodil bulbs. Well there are now 500 bulbs planted on the corner of Muir Road and Blacon Point Road near to the Nature Park. Keep an eye out in spring for all the beautiful daffodils that have been carefully planted by the wonderful children in Europa!! Well done everyone, you represented the school superbly.



Our Fabulous Footballers!!!

I just wanted to say a special well done to our football team who played in 2 tournaments last week. We narrowly missed out in one of the tournaments, coming 2nd in our group and reaching the quarter finals which we lost to a brilliant Willaston team who ended up runners-up in the final. On the following day we took part in another tournament and came 2nd in our group and actually didn't lose a single game. Fabulous attitude from everyone.



On Friday we took an A & B team to Newton Primary School and played 2 fantastic games. The attitude and commitment of the children was incredible and they worked tirelessly throughout. Well done for representing the school superbly. Our girls are in action this Friday...good luck to them!!!

Norovirus

I have been written to by Public Health England regarding the ongoing issues with sickness and diarrhoea that appear to be increasing across the country. Crucially they have reiterated the following: **'Those reporting diarrhoea and vomiting should exclude themselves from school until 48 hours after the vomiting and/or diarrhoea have stopped.'** I can't emphasise the importance of this please everyone as it has a huge impact in school and results in many other children being affected.



Headlice

This is another source of frustration for parents and carers when they are regularly checking their children's hair and treating them but others are not. I have spoken to several families last week who are having to treat their children up to 3 times a week in school. This is really unfair when others are not being treated. We will be checking hair in specific classes and asking parents to treat their children. Please help us in dealing with this; personally I don't feel it is our responsibility to deal with it but I fully understand the frustration of parents and carers who treat their children regularly.



Kindness Wall

I just wanted to remind all parents and carers that we have a kindness wall in school that has a large number of school jumpers / cardigans that have either been unclaimed or given to us as they're children have outgrown them. Many of them are unmarked and in really good condition. As well as these we have blouses, shirts, even shoes that have been donated. Given the ongoing expense of school uniform and the day to day use of it, please feel free to come into school and take any of the uniform / clothing that has been donated.



Icy Conditions in the morning

Now that we are heading into the coldest time of the year, it can become icy first thing in the morning and whilst Mr Rimington starts gritting at around 5.30am in the morning, he will only be gritting the main pathways into school. Can I remind all parents and carers that all the play equipment is out of bounds when it is frozen as it is extremely dangerous and slippery. We open the playground first thing for you to come and access the bagel bus but please can you supervise your children when it is slippery and ensure they don't go on the play equipment. Normally the temperature has increased by playtime and the equipment is accessible by then, it is just first thing in the morning when it is so cold. I appreciate your support in keeping your children safe.



And Finally...

Thanks so much everyone for your continued support, especially as we head into one of the busiest times of the year. In the coming weeks, in between performances, we also have pupil progress meetings with all teachers and look at the hard work and progress all the children have made during the Autumn Term.

Busy but an exciting and rewarding time as we hurtle towards the end of the first term. Have a lovely week everyone.

Kind regards

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