

## ● ● ● Thank you so much!!!!

Well everyone, 15 weeks of the year are complete and what a tremendous term it has been. I cannot let it pass without thanking you all on behalf of all the staff here for your kind words, gifts and messages this week. We are always so humbled but hugely appreciative of the kindness and appreciation you show to us during the festive period. Honestly, for every single one of us, it is nothing but a privilege to work with, support and love the opportunity to enjoy your children on a daily basis. It's been an amazing term and one we're really proud to see the children shine.

## Fundraising Events ● ● ●

It's been a busy few weeks in terms of fundraising events and I'm always well aware that we are asking for your support at one of the busiest and most expensive times of the year. However I wanted to firstly thank you all so much for supporting the school, I really do appreciate it but I also wanted to let you know how much money has been raised so that you are aware of this and what we hope to spend it on in the future so you know it will always come straight back into school to support the children.

***Ticket Sales from Christmas Performances: £830; Christmas Hamper Raffle: £358;***

***Christmas Craft Morning: £700***



A lot of this work would not have been possible without the huge support of the PTA Fundraising Team. They have worked so hard to support these events and have been incredible in coming into school and volunteering their time. We're so grateful to them for that. We plan to discuss the money raised and look at what we can give back to the children in school. I will keep you all posted early in the Spring Term.

## ● ● ● Christmas Performances 2019

I just wanted to say how proud and inspired I was to see all our fabulous children performing from Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2. It was a truly magical spectacle, each and every one of them as they showed their enthusiasm and love of singing and performing. It also captured the wonderful feeling of love and support throughout and just how important your partnership with us is. Thank you for coming along and enjoying each performance, we know how much this means to all the children. Special thanks also to our brilliant staff for making these happen whilst still continuing teaching in between rehearsals!



## ● ● ● Gifts, Donations, Love, Care and Support ● ● ●

This week has been an unusual one in that we have had time to enjoy the run up to Christmas and participate in some fun activities, time to work across other classes and enjoy time with friends. Alongside this I have been incredibly humbled by the generosity and kindness that our school community and beyond has shown. Thank you so much to all the families, local church groups, individual parents, staff and members of the local community who have donated gifts, food and their time to support so many of our children and families. Christmas can be so stressful and difficult and we all feel the pressure of spending money so I'm really proud that we are able to support families as much as possible. Your kindness, big hearted support makes me so proud of our school and our community too. It is hard to put into words how this has made me feel this week, but I do know we have something very special here that we have all contributed too.



## ● ● ● Hello and Goodbye

This week and after 7 amazing years at Dee Point, we said a fond farewell to Mrs Carney from Moon class as she has taken up a new job on the Wirral as a family intervention worker. Mrs Carney has worked hard over the last 7 years supporting children across Reception and Year 1 but I wish her well in her new venture, closer to family.

The good news is that Miss McIntosh is returning from her maternity leave and will be starting in January when we return to school. She will be working 4 days a week in Moon class, so it works perfectly as a familiar face returns to school. We look forward to seeing her back!!

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## Our Fabulous Footballers!!!

I wanted to mention our incredible Girls Football Team who played in the Chester U11's Cup and eventually were runners up in the competition losing in a sudden death penalty shoot out. It was so tense but the girls did themselves proud and were amazing! Mrs Luff's team of superstars are now heading to Crewe later in January to play in the regional finals; I'm looking forward to joining them and seeing their amazing talents for myself! Well done girls, you're incredible!!



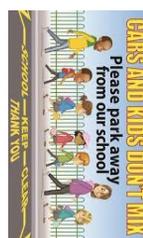
## After School Clubs



I'm hoping by now you have all seen the new clubs lists for the Spring Term. We have more clubs than ever on offer so please make sure you sign up on ParentPay to attend these. All clubs will start on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January. If some clubs are over subscribed then we will be looking at how many clubs children are signed up to and giving priority to children who haven't got any clubs. Fingers crossed all this will be sorted and organised in the first week back. As always if you have any questions, please just let me know.

## Parking Outside School

Can I please just reiterate to parents and carers about sensible and appropriate parking outside of school. I have had several complaints recently about cars being parked across local residents driveways meaning they can't get in or out and then being spoken to inappropriately by parents and carers. This is such a shame as we all need to be calm and respectful at these times as it is only for a few minutes at the start and end of the school day. I have asked the PCSO's to come and observe parking around the school. We support this by providing a car park and having a 20 minute window in the morning for dropping children into school. All we ask is that parents and carers are respectful of children travelling into school and our neighbours that live in the immediate surrounding area.



## Spring Term Thoughts...

So everyone, what do we have in store for the Spring Term? It is a time where we start to think about the statutory tests in Year 2 & Year 6, so these children will continue to work tirelessly and with the same incredible enthusiasm they have shown so far this term. Alongside this we will have our Reading Cafes on a Wednesday morning inviting parents and carers for breakfast along with an opportunity to read with your child. We have a number of local sports events including Dodgeball, Indoor Athletics and Netball. Parents evenings are in February (last week of half term), some amazing computing sessions with Hi-Impact; World Book Day, Sports Relief, Science Week, Year 3 residential and finally an Easter performance from Year 3 & 4 that promises to be a real treat!!

For myself and Mrs Gill, the Spring Term is where we really focus on the school budget and even though we have only finished the first term, we have to start to plan for next year and making sure we spend our school budget wisely. Governors will work closely with us to do this. Plenty to look forward to in the Spring as well as some longer brighter days too!!

## And Finally...

I have to admit the end of term is always an unusual time as we start to slow down and think about breaking up. It is also a time where I think about all the children, staff and governors having a well deserved rest, recharging their batteries and enjoying some quality time with loved ones. As I said earlier, it has been a wonderful week with a real opportunity to reflect on the success of the term and a chance for us all to enjoy each other through some fun, festive activities. Thank you all so much for your continued support in school, it makes such a difference each and every day. May I also take this opportunity to wish the many families in our school who do not celebrate Christmas, a safe and relaxing break for you all and your families too. Please everyone, stay safe, relax and enjoy time with family and friends. We will miss you all greatly but look forward to seeing you all back here on **Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January**. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!!!

Kind regards

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