



DEARHAM PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER 20th DECEMBER 2022

Last week

What a week! There really is no other way to sum it up. Just, what a week.

We have had so much going on it is difficult to know where to start so we will do a day at a time.

Monday was a straightforward, quiet day.

On Tuesday, the superstars that are our Year 1 and 2 children performed The Grinch and Polar Express for us. I have no idea how children aged five and six stood on a real stage and performed for parents and guests. Due to an emergency, I did not see the actual performance but I did see the rehearsal and I was blown away by that. I also went home singing 'I want a hippopotamus for Christmas'. I am so incredibly proud of the children and grateful to the staff for all their hard work. I would also like to thank Harrison's Mum Megan for our brilliant Grinch faces and Nancy's Mum Leoni for creating that brilliant Cindy Lou Who hair.

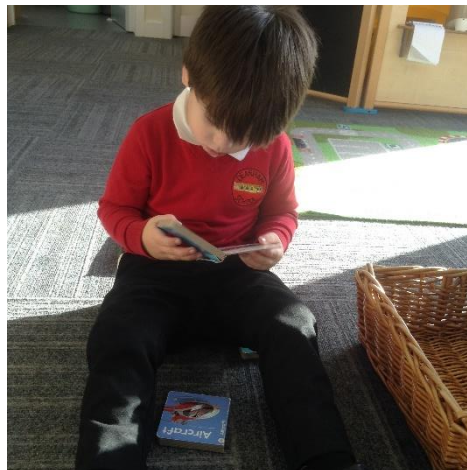
On Wednesday, we had an array of Christmas jumpers sat down enjoying Christmas lunch. Thank you to Miss Morgan and Mrs Pattinson for a lovely lunch. Wednesday was also our Reception and Nursery production of a Wiggly Nativity. I think I saw some of the cutest nativity stars on that stage and some natural born performers.

On Thursday, it was the turn of children in KS2 to jump on the Carnegie stage and perform Matilda and I have to say I was totally blown away. They did an amazing job and I am so so proud of them. Every member of the cast was awesome. I wish I had had the nerve (and the voice) to sing a solo when I was 10 or 11. Just absolutely fantastic. They were superstars on and off the stage and I just cannot find the words to really do the performance the justice it deserves. Phenomenal. My thanks go to all the parents who supported the performance and of course to the wonderful staff without whom none of the performance would have happened.

On Friday, school seemed very quiet and I am not sure if it was because everyone was tired or disappointed that the shows were over.

Monday was a bit on the loud side again with parties going on. There were many sweaty children coming out of the hall.

The Term in Pictures



Giving Back

I am delighted to say we drew the winner for the hamper on Friday.

I hope you enjoy your little box of treats.

Miss Grima also got a voucher from New Balance; Mr MacCreedy gave two bottles of spirits; and the Governors donated an M&S voucher.

This little raffle was just a gesture to say thank you from us all. I know we have asked a lot from you this term, but it is all for the benefit of the children.

Miss Grima

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank Miss Grima for being part of the Dearham family this term.

I have worked with her since she graduated and it has been my pleasure to have her here with us for the autumn term. I know the children and team have enjoyed her time with us.

Miss Grima is off to Arlecdon in January but hopefully we will see her back at Dearham one day.

Thank you

I would just like to take this opportunity to say thank you on behalf of myself and the staff for your generosity this term and particularly at this time of year.

Mr Mac and Mrs Glaister

I hope you will have all seen the letter by now advising you that Mr MacCreedy and Mrs Glaister will be leaving us in the spring term.

They are both such amazing members of the team here at Dearham and we will miss them greatly. Mrs Glaister was a pupil here, her children attended here and she has been part of the team for 20 years. I am not sure what we will do without her.

Mr MacCreedy started at Dearham when he qualified and we have watched him grow into an excellent teacher. He will be taking up his new role as deputy Head at Paddle and we know he will be just as awesome there.

I know you will join me in wishing them the very best for the future.

IPads

The Year 5 and 6 children have now all been allocated an iPad each to use in school. This is phase one of a programme to bring iPads in across the whole school from Year 1 with each child being allocated a pad.

It is an absolute joy to go into the classrooms and see the children using the technology to enhance their learning experience.

Mrs Smith

We are welcoming back Mrs Smith into Year 6 from her maternity leave. It is good to have her back in the team.

Back to school

School reopens to the children on Wednesday 4th January at 08:50

Class attendance

Attendance for the term

Considering the amount of illness we have had particularly in last two weeks, these attendance figures are positive.

Nursery – Mrs Norman and Mrs Bell	88.24%
Reception – Mrs Hawker	92.37%
Year 1 – Mrs Cresswell	93.3%
Year 2 – Mrs Rigby	91.25%
Year 3 – Mrs Clayton and Miss Clarke	92.89%
Year 4 – Mr Blease	94.46%
Year 5 – Mr MacCreedy	95.86%
Year 6 – Mrs Ivison	93.16%
Year 6 – Miss Grima	96.25%

Whole school attendance this term

93.3%

HEAD TEACHER'S AWARDS FOR WEEK ENDING 20th DEC WENT TO:

Reception <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Hayden Gee✓ Archie Gorley✓ Noel Rooney	Year Three <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Grace Parker✓ Esther Blackburn✓ Isaac Scholey
Year One <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Elliott Tubman✓ Polly Weir✓ Abbie Penn✓ Harper McGraffin✓ Freddie Creswell	Year Four <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Lola Woolley✓ Kate Voce
Year Two <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Lily Varty✓ Rowan Branthwaite✓ Nancy Shields	Year Five <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Charlie Dixon✓ Sophia Thompson
	Year Six <ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ Miss Grima gave the whole of Year 6✓ Hannah Duggan✓ Molly Wilkinson✓ Esme Blackburn✓ Riley Nutter✓ Lexi Dent✓ Aidan Oultram✓ Georgie Wilkinson✓ Jessica Dark✓ Miss Grima

COURTESY CUPS WENT TO:

Ben Russell

Sophia McKenzie

Ruby Pattinson

Freya Johnston

Well done for being such excellent role models

Dates for your diary

Dates for this term so far. New dates highlighted

- Wednesday 4th January School re-opens at 08:50
- Wednesday 1st February – Young Voices Manchester
- Monday 6th February – National Mental Health week starts
- Friday 10th February – Dress to Express day
- Friday 17th February – half term

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



All that is left for me to say is I wish you and your families a happy and peaceful Christmas and a joyous new year.

