



# Darell News

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Friday, 12th January 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a busy, full week of school, engaging with our new topics. The children have been eager to share the new facts that they are learning and come up with some interesting lines of enquiry which they would like to learn about. I have learnt some fascinating facts about the body from Year 1, Tudors from Year 5 and the Native Americans from Year 4. I sincerely hope they are sharing this enthusiasm at home with you too.

This week we had our first football match of 2018, with our boys looking ever-so smart in the new Darell kit, thanks to our PSA. Well done to the boys for their team spirit and working together effectively as a team. A big thank you to Miss Cushen, Miss Gavin and Charles and Julie Willis for coaching and supporting the team.

We will be sending home, at the end of next week, our diary dates for the spring term, along with our curriculum newsletters outlining the learning that each class will be doing over the next half term. We are still in the process of arranging a few class trips and will let you know these dates as soon as they are finalised.

Looking forward to next week, we have our first Parent Hub Coffee Morning on Wednesday, 17th January at 9am. A reminder - if you are attending, please sign up at the front office to secure a place.

We hope that you have a great weekend and look forward to seeing you next week.



## Coming Up

- **Monday, 15th January - Year 3 first swimming lesson at 13:00pm**
- **Wednesday, 17th January - Parent Hub Coffee Morning - Fine motor skills and handwriting (9:00am-10am)**
- **Friday, 19th January - Boys Football Match at Marshgate School (3:00pm)**
- **Monday, 22nd January Safeguarding Training for Volunteers at 9.00am**
- **Wednesday, 24th January - Parent Hub Coffee Morning—Maths (9.00-10am)**
- **Thursday, 25th January - Tudor Workshop at school (Year 5, 9.00-11.30am)**
- **Monday, 29th January—Football Match versus St Richard's School at home (3:30pm)**

### Boys' Football Match at the Vineyard School

Well done to our 5/6 boys' football team for their efforts in their 3rd league match against The Vineyard. A special well done to Jamie Mayer for being an excellent goalkeeper during the match. Our next match will be on the 19th of January against Marshgate School.

### Attendance

Overall school attendance last week was 95%. Well done to Butterfly Class for achieving 100% attendance last week

Best for punctuality were Butterfly, Eagle, Dragonfly and Ladybird Classes, with 0 lates.

### Maths Challenge 05.01.18

Mathematical challenge 5.1.18

A sack of potatoes weighs 25kg



The potatoes are put into a barrel



The weight of the barrel and potatoes is 62kg.

How much did the barrel weigh before the potatoes were added?

Last week's Maths Challenge winners are

**Paige, Eloise R.S, Bella and Bluebelle**

**from Kookaburra Class**

**For the answer of 37kg**

**Well done!**

### Letters sent out

- Diary Dates for Parents
- Curriculum Newsletters by hand and on our school website class pages
- Y5 Tudor workshop letter
- KS2 Singing festival ticket

# 5R Superstars!



Last Friday, 5th January, we were lucky enough to have West End in Schools Pantomime company at Darell.

Reception, Key stage 1 and Butterfly classes watched Jack and The Beanstalk, performed by a cast of only two! They retold the story using minimal props accompanied by songs and the usual refrains... "Oh no it isn't...oh yes it is!".

A big thank you to Mrs Marshall for organising this fantastic opportunity and for all the teachers involved in ensuring that all the children benefitted fully from this experience.

## PSA

Happy New Year!

Welcome back to school after the Christmas break. Last term was incredibly successful for the PSA thanks to all your hard work and support. We raised over £6,000 and have managed to buy over £200 worth of books, paid for an Orleans House art workshop for Year 3, supplied Nursery with magnet boards and numbers as well as provided other learning resources throughout the school. Plus, we've added a huge amount to our playground fund.

We have lots of fun things planned for this term including movie nights, bake sales and a quiz and curry night. Watch this space for details and don't forget to sign up to Classlist.com for the latest news!

\*\*\*DATES FOR YOUR DIARY\*\*\*

Friday, 2nd February - Film Friday

Friday, 9th February - Year 2 Valentine Bake Sale

Stars are for children who have shown responsibility, resilience, reciprocity, resourcefulness or reflectiveness!



## Rainbow

**Kerem** - for improving his English language and getting involved in whole class activities

## Sunshine

**Sham** - for listening so attentively in phonic sessions and then being able to recreate these sounds within her writing of longer sentences

## Bumblebee

**Sophie** - for always trying hard at her learning and always making good choices

## Ladybird

**Isla** - for being kind to everyone and being really resilient in her writing of Jack and the beanstalk

## Grasshopper

**Rayaan H** - for contributing well to class discussions and explaining his thinking

## Dragonfly

**Sophia** - for being an excellent role model in Dragonfly Class



## Toucan

**Lucy** - for being a kind and supportive learning partner

## Parrot

**Alex** - for working really hard to improve his English

## Robin

**Oscar T** - for being a responsible learner with his maths this week



## Kookaburra

**Renee** - for being a responsible learner and completing extra work at home

## Eagle

**Sabina** - for really impressing visitors with her enthusiasm and respect during discussions

## Raven

**Lucas V and Grace C** - for being excellent role models on our trip and offering members of the public their seat on the bus

## Butterfly

**Grace** - for verbally communicating choices

## Kingfisher

**Tarik** - for being a responsible and hardworking learner

