



DARELL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

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Headteachers' Letter

Dear all,

Despite there only being one week of the term left, things at Darell remain as busy as ever. This week it was a real pleasure to have two hugely successful trips to London. Year 2 visited St Paul's Cathedral and enriched their learning about The Great Fire of London with some engaging workshops and a panoramic view over London from the Stone Gallery. We were also really privileged to have our school councillors visit the Houses of Parliament and be given a comprehensive guided tour. Not only that, they then got to visit Number 10 Downing Street too – it was a superb trip! In school, we have continued to practice our songs for our Nativity and Carol performances next week. We look forward to welcoming you to school to join us for these festive performances. Finally, as I write this, I am surrounded by the sound of happy children and families at our Christmas Fair. It is such a pleasure to work in a school like this that really epitomises the best of what a community school is. Thank you to all of you who really make a difference at our school. We look forward to seeing you for the final week of the term.

Have a relaxing weekend,

Paul Gilbert & Joe Porter

Updates from the Office team

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Lunch is on Thursday, 19th December and as tradition, the children look forward to pulling a cracker and sharing jokes with their friends. We are asking for donations of Christmas crackers to be used at our lunch. Please drop any donations at the front office.

School Meals

As we are approaching the end of term please can you clear any outstanding diner money on your Arbor account. We do ask you to pay a half term in advance where possible. Hot school meals cost £2.20 per day.

Nut Free School



Can we remind all parents and carers that we are a **Nut Free School**. Please be especially careful when using chocolate spread and chocolate filled crepes, as often it is chocolate and hazelnut. We have several children that suffer from nut allergies and sitting next to someone who has eaten nuts could be enough to cause a reaction we thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Upcoming diary dates:

Monday, 16th December:

- **Year 4 Museum of London Trip**
- **Year 5/6 Boys Football Match**
- **Clubs go live on Arbor at 12 Noon**

Tuesday, 17th December:

- **KS1 Nativity AM Performance**

Wednesday, 18th December:

- **Nursery Singsong**
- **KS1 Nativity PM Performance**

Thursday, 19th December:

- **Christmas Lunch**
- **KS2 Carol Service, 2:00pm at the Barn Church**

Friday, 20th December:

- **Last Day of Term**

Letters/Communications sent out this week:

- **Year 4 Swimming Letter**
- **Festive Events Poster**

Attendance:

Overall, school attendance last week was 96.4% our target is 96.8%.

Well done to Malala Class for the highest attendance with 100% last week. Best for punctuality was Newton, Mandela and Parks Class (with 0 lates). Let us do our best for next week!

Star of the Week

Mozart: Whole Class – for coming in nicely from play and lunch time

Newton: Alfie – for hard work in maths and independent maths learning

Packham: Oren – for brilliant reading and always trying his hardest

Peake: Laura – for being a great friend to Maria and helping her around school

Weir: Jacob – for showing a positive attitude towards learning

Simmonds: Leo – for having a fantastic attitude towards learning

Thunberg: Ava – for working hard on her English target and producing an amazing piece of work

Malala: Lina – for great progress across the curriculum

Darwin: Max – for doing his best

Attenborough: Eve – for his mature attitude to learning and her outstanding effort in the football match

Parks: Rayhan – for showing high levels of maturity in dealing with conflict

Mandela: Helena – for fantastic learning behaviour and dedication in French lessons

Maths Challenge:

Last week's Maths Challenge 1 winner was Grace from Darwin Class, well done!

Last week's Maths Challenge 2 winner was Paige from Mandela Class, well done!

Please see the attachment with the newsletter for next week's Maths Challenge.