



## DARELL PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

### **Newsletter 14, 20.12.2019**

#### **Headteacher's Letter**

Dear All,

What a busy end to what has been a really successful term at the school. It was our absolute pleasure to see the fantastic standard of performance in our Nursery singing, the Key Stage 1 Nativity and the Key Stage 2 Carol Concert. Thank you so much to all of the children for their exceptional performance, to all the staff for their hard work in preparing the children and to all the parents and carers who provide so much support for our children. We also had our Christmas Lunch which was a wonderful opportunity for all the children and staff to come together. Sadly, today we bid farewell to Miss Marco who is leaving the school to return to Spain. We wish her all the best and are sad to see her go.

Looking ahead to the New Year, there is plenty to be excited about at Darell. In particular, we are looking forward to welcoming Mr Porter to the post of headteacher in a full-time capacity after the Easter holidays. Ahead of that, Mr Porter will be working alternate weeks between King Athelstan and Darell. His first week at Darell will be the week of 13<sup>th</sup> January. In the weeks that Mr Porter is not at Darell, Mr Gilbert will continue in his role as Acting Headteacher. Please note that children return to school on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January.

Finally, we would like to take this opportunity to wish you a relaxing and happy holiday. We look forward to seeing you well rested in the New Year. Once again, thank you for all of your support of the school.

Kind regards,

Paul Gilbert & Joe Porter

#### **Updates from the Office team**

##### **School Meals**

Can we kindly ask you to top up your school meal accounts so your balance remains in credit. We do ask you to pay a half term in advance where possible.

Please inform the office of any meal choice changes for next term.

## **Year 4 Swimming**

If you haven't already, please sign up on Arbor to give consent for your child to attend swimming for the spring term. Payments can be made in full or in instalments via your Arbor account.

## **Sayers Croft Residential Trip**

Polite reminder that the next instalment of £50.00 is due on the 31<sup>st</sup> January 2019. Please make your payments on your Arbor account.

## **Clubs**

All clubs are now live on your Arbor account. Remember, you have to sign up for a new term.

## **Upcoming diary dates:**

**Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> January:**

- **Inset Day (children do not attend)**

**Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January:**

- **All children return to school**

## **Letters/Communications sent out this week:**

- **Spring Term club List**

## **Attendance:**

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

Well done to Packham Class for the highest attendance with 99% last week. Best for punctuality was Thunberg Class (with 0 lates). Let us do our best for next week!

## **Star of the Week**

**Mozart: Whole Class** – for their fantastic nativity performance

**Newton: Henry** – for outstanding work this term in maths

**Packham: Whole Class** – for their fantastic nativity performance

**Peake: Whole Class** – for their fantastic nativity performance

**Weir: Whole Class** – for their fantastic nativity performance

**Simmonds: Whole Class** – for their fantastic nativity performance

**Thunberg: Meg** – for consistently working well and being a great member of Thunberg

**Malala: Seona** – for opening our carol service with confidence

**Darwin: Tamar** – for all her kindness and hard work, you will be missed

**Attenborough: James** – for his exceptional balanced argument on Henry VIII

**Parks: Sophie** – for problem solving in maths

**Mandela: Ethan** – for taking responsibility for his learning at home

**Maths Challenge:**

Last week's Maths Challenge 1 winner Kimbé was from Parks Class, well done!

Last week's Maths Challenge 2 winner was Hanifa from Attenborough Class, well done!

**New Maths Challenges will begin on Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> January 2020.**