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Star of the Week

★ Nursery & Reception ★

Paige – for increased confidence in the Christmas play

★ Year 1/2 ★

Indie – for stepping in at the last minute in the play & delivering her lines confidently

★ Year 3/4 ★

Allegra – for wonderful creativity with her Christmas crafts

★ Year 5/6 ★

Lexie – for being confident in class & play rehearsals

Highest Attendance this week:

Nursery/Reception 95.4%

Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in January or April 2023. If you have a child who will turn 3 before January or April or know someone who does, please contact the school office for an application form or more details.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

As we approach the end of the autumn term and the year draws to an end I wanted to say a few words. I would like to thank you all for your continued support to myself and the staff team. Together we continue to create a thriving school community for our children.

The Christmas period has been extremely busy for all of our pupils. I hope they have enjoyed the many opportunities and experiences that we have provided: visiting Whinlatter to meet Father Christmas and choose the school Christmas tree, The Borrowers at Theatre by The Lake, Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime, Father Christmas visiting school, Christmas movie night, Christmas lunch, parties, performances and more. Next term we have planned a range of memorable, engaging and fun experiences for the children to look forward to and enrich our curriculum.

I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Have a wonderful festive holiday and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Wednesday 4th January.

Merry Christmas

From Mr Lucey and all of the staff and governors of Derwent Vale Primary and Nursery School.



Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

87.22%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Upcoming dates

Monday 19th December

1.30pm Years 3-6 Christmas Play

6pm Years 3-6 Christmas Play

Tuesday 20th December

Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day

School closes for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm

Wednesday 4th January

School re-opens after Christmas holidays

Monday 9th January

Years 3-6 – Multi sports

Tuesday 10th January

Years 1/2, 5/6 – Yoga

Wednesday 11th January

3 – 4pm Years 3-6 Phunky Foods After School Club

Monday 16th January

Years 3-6 – Multi sports

Tuesday 17th January

Years 1/2, 5/6 – Yoga



Christmas Book Donations

Our local MP, Mark Jenkinson has very kindly donated a copy of 'The Snowman' to every child in school this Christmas. We really appreciate this gesture and hope that the children enjoy reading their books.

Year 1/2 Music

Year 1/2 had their final music lesson with Mrs Dodds from Cumbria Music Service today. Over the last term, they have been learning how to play the Djembe drums and are now experts!



Derwent Vale

Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Christmas Play

We were very proud of our Nursery/Reception and Year 1/2 children who put on two amazing performances of 'The Big Little Nativity' this week. They have worked so hard on learning the songs and lines and we're sure you'll agree that they did a fantastic job. Thank you to their families for supporting them and coming to watch the play.



Party Time!

