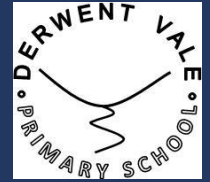
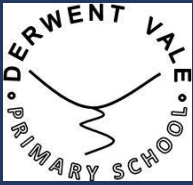


Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School

Newsletter

9th December 2022



Check out our website for updates:
www.derwentvale.cumbria.sch.uk

Star of the Week

★ Nursery & Reception ★

Blake – for following instructions to make his penguin independently

★ Year 1/2 ★

Shania – for setting a good example and behaving well on our theatre trip

★ Year 3/4 ★

Connie – for a great effort in long division

★ Year 5/6 ★

Destiny – for increased confidence in play rehearsals

Highest Attendance this week:

Year 3/4 90.9%

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.



Everyone had a great time at the after school Christmas Movie Night last night. The children watched The Grinch and enjoyed eating popcorn while staying cosy in their pyjamas. Thank you to our staff and parent fundraisers for organising the event.



Christmas Play Tickets

After watching the dress rehearsal of the Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Christmas play today, we can't wait to welcome you into school to watch it next week as it was amazing! We do still have some tickets left for the performances and these can be bought on Lunch Shop.

Please could tickets for the Years 3-6 Christmas play be bought on Lunch Shop by Thursday 15th December as we will be offering any spare tickets for sale on that date.

There is also an option to buy photo magnets and keyrings of your child in their play costume. These can also be ordered and paid for on Lunch Shop. Thank you.

Support for Families

Cumbria County Council has committed 'Household Support Grant' funds to support families experiencing Food and Utility hardship. Families can access the information on the support available through the council 'Ways to Welfare' website:

<https://www.cumbria.gov.uk/costofliving/default.asp>

Achieving Together

Whole School Attendance

89.63%

Below target

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

Upcoming dates

Monday 12th December

1.30pm Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Christmas Play

Tuesday 13th December

5.30pm Nursery/Reception, Year 1/2 Christmas Play

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Dinner Day

Christmas Jumper/Non-Uniform Day

Thursday 15th December

am - Nursery/Reception Christmas Party

pm - Year 1/2 Christmas Party

Friday 16th December

pm – Years 3-6 Christmas Party

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

Scarlet Fever/Strep A

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) is reporting an increased number of cases of Group A streptococcus (Strep A) compared to normal at this time of year.

Scarlet fever is caused by bacteria called Group A streptococci (Strep A). The bacteria usually cause a mild infection that can be easily treated with antibiotics. In very rare occasions, the bacteria can get into the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS).

Strep A infections can cause a range of symptoms that parents should be aware of, including:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- A fine, pinkish or red body rash with a sandpapery feel
- On darker skin the rash can be more difficult to detect visually but will have a sandpapery feel

If a child becomes unwell with these symptoms, please contact your GP practice or NHS 111 (which operates a 24/7 service) to seek advice.

If a child has scarlet fever, they should stay at home until at least 24 hours after the start of antibiotic treatment to avoid spreading the infection to others.

If your child seems seriously unwell call 999 or go to A&E if:

- a child is having difficulty breathing – you may notice grunting noises or their tummy sucking under their ribs
- there are pauses when a child breathes
- a child's skin, tongue or lips are blue
- a child is floppy and will not wake up or stay awake.

The most accurate and up-to-date information can be found on the UKHSA website: [UKHSA update on scarlet fever and invasive Group A strep - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukhsa-update-on-scarlet-fever-and-invasive-group-a-strep).



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Theatre Trips

We have had two fantastic festive trips to the theatre this week. Years 3-6 visited Theatre by the Lake in Keswick on Monday to watch a very creative performance of The Borrowers and Year 1/2 enjoyed watching the Jack and the Beanstalk pantomime at the Carnegie Theatre on Tuesday. The shows were brilliant and we were also very proud of the way that the children behaved.



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Hampers

We are conscious of the current challenging financial situation and have decided not to have class hampers this year. Instead, you are welcome to make a donation to a school hamper and we will be selling raffle tickets for this at the Christmas performances. Thank you.

Christmas Parties

Children can come to school in non-uniform on their Christmas party days next week.

Santa's Visit

