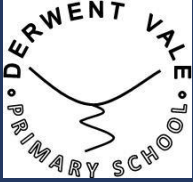
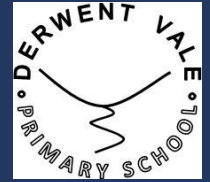


# Derwent Vale Primary & Nursery School



## Newsletter

15<sup>th</sup> December 2023



### ★ Star of the Week ★

#### Nursery & Reception

**Emilia** – for some wonderful Christmas crafts

#### Year 1/2

**Florence** – for a brilliant model of a 3D shape

#### Year 3/4

**Lily** – for a having a positive attitude at all times

#### Year 5

**Hope** – for being a great friend to everyone in the class

#### Year 6

**Sara** – for having a mature attitude this week

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

Now that the end of the autumn term is drawing near, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all families for your continued support to both myself and the staff team. Your help in continuing to create a successful and nurturing school community for our children is very much appreciated especially at this extremely busy time of year.

We have taken part in a range of festive activities and I hope that the children have enjoyed the opportunities and experiences that we have provided: visiting Whinlatter to meet Father Christmas and choosing the school Christmas tree, A Little Princess at Theatre by The Lake, a visit to Dove Cottage, Christmas lunch, parties, Christmas play, Carol Service, cupcake decorating and Christmas crafts. We continue to work hard on planning a range of memorable, engaging and fun experiences for the children to look forward to and to enrich our curriculum in the coming months.

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 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

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

### Highest Attendance this week:

Year 3/4 96.6%

### Nursery Applications

We are now accepting applications to our nursery for children who are due to start in January or April 2024. 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.

## Carol Service



# Achieving Together

## Whole School Attendance

**94.7%**

**Below target**

Our Local Authority target is 96%.

## Upcoming dates

### Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December

Year 5/6 Carol singing – Clarendon Grange care home

### Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

Christmas jumper/non-uniform day

1.30pm School closes for Christmas holidays

### Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024

8.45am School re-opens after Christmas holidays

Year 3/4 Handball

### Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January

Year 5/6 Hockey

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Nursery/Reception, Year 5/6 Yoga

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January

Year 3/4 team – Sports Hall Athletics competition

Year 3/4 Handball

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January

Year 5/6 Hockey

## Christmas Book Donations

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



## School Council Update

This term, we have been very busy on the school council. We have discussed what ideas we all have for the year going forward including some different events we would like to happen. We discussed our ideas with our parent fundraising team and started to plan some very exciting things. We have recently started to think of ideas for Valentine's Day and Easter and we cannot wait to share them with you! In Year 5 and 6 we recently finished a competition where we hosted a whole school event and our school councillors who took part cannot wait to put their event management skills into practice in the New Year! We would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and look forward to welcoming everyone back in 2024!



# Christmas

