

## DORRINGTON NEWS: 30<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### DORRINGTON DIARY - Dates for your Diary

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December - Teacher Training Day. School closed to pupils.

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Market.

- Christmas Jumper Day.

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December - Children's Christmas Parties, Rec – Year 6

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery and Reception Nativity 9.15am.

-Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity 2.15pm.

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December - Nursery Christmas Party

Further information to follow

### Christmas Holiday

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December – School Closes at **1.30pm** for the holiday.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 – School Opens at the usual time.

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### ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY FOR WEEK ENDING 23/11/2018

This week the top classes for Attendance and Punctuality were as follows:

#### Attendance

KS1	2A/2C	98.67%	KS2	5A	99.00%
REC	RJB	86.96%	Year 3	3D	97.33%
Year 1	1B	90.00%	Year 4	4B/4R	96.90%
Year 2	2A/2C	98.67%	Year 5	5A	99.00%
			Year 6	6S	98.67%

#### Punctuality

KS1 Winners	2C	1 LATES	KS2 Winners	3M	0 LATES
KS1 Most Lates	RW	8 LATES	KS2 Most Lates	4R	14 LATES

## Nursery

In Nursery this week we have been doing lots of counting. How many can you count to? Now we can line up objects (that always makes counting easier!) and touch each one as we carefully count. Next we find the number card to match. Parents, you may like to help your child to spot numbers in the environment and make the most of every counting opportunity. Also, pop in and see our beautiful Christmas tree bedecked with the gorgeous angels we have made this week. Christmas is coming!

## Reception

We have continued our theme on space this week. In Literacy, the children listened to a story, "Aliens Love Underpants." The children found this story funny and have had a lovely time accessing alien themed activities. In Maths, the children have been adding up, practically. They got two groups of cars and pushed them together to find the total. Thank you to all the children and parents who created a Christmas decoration for the tree. All of the decorations look wonderful.

## Year 1

This week in Year 1 we have been poets! The children planned their poem by using their senses and thinking of winter nouns and adjectives. Later in the week, the children used their plans to write a winter poem and performed them! In Numeracy, first we practised our subtraction skills. We drew the number of dots and then crossed some out before counting up the remaining dots. We then learned how to solve word problems by highlighting the important information, writing the number sentence and then solving the question using dots. In Science the children learned how to record results from our cress experiment. We discussed why some cress grew and some didn't. The children have been spending time learning songs for the Nativity, which is on 17th December. They would love you to come and see their hard work! As the weather is getting colder, please ensure that your child has a cardigan/jumper, coat and hat and gloves for breaktimes. If your child is not suitably wrapped up they will not be allowed to go out.

## Year 2

This week in Numeracy we began a new unit on Money. We found the total of a group of coins and made amounts only allowing the children to choose particular coins. In Literacy we started a new unit on Instructions and identified the 'bossy' verbs that were used. We thought about which adverbs we could add to make our work more interesting and also used conjunctions in our sentences. In IPC we learnt about the continents of the world and labelled a world map with the oceans. We continue to learn our Nativity songs in preparation for our performance later this term. Keep practising your singing at home!

### Year 3

This week in Year 3, we have moved on to looking at writing a recount in Literacy, with the aim of writing our own next week. In Numeracy we have been learning about perimeter and money. In Science/IPC we have moved on to exploring volcanoes and understanding how they are formed. Thank you to everyone who came in on Wednesday to have a look at the children's books. We hope that you enjoyed exploring through them! Also, Year 3 is very excited about the Safari Park trip on Monday!

### Year 4

This week, Year 4 has been working very hard. In Literacy, we have been focusing on creating a Tanka poem about Winter. They have looked at the structure including the amount of syllables in each line and different language features including similes and metaphors. In Numeracy, we have moved on to identifying different types of triangles and quadrilaterals and their properties. In IPC, we have been learning all about the different climates in countries within the Roman Empire and have planned our exciting investigation into human digestion ready for next week. Well done to everyone in Year 4; keep up the hard work!

### Year 5

We have had a very busy week in Year 5! In Literacy we have been learning how to write a persuasive letter using superlative adjectives and ambiguous vocabulary. In Numeracy, the children have been learning to convert between mixed numbers and improper fractions. During Science lessons, the children have been learning about the effects of water resistance and streamlining by designing and making their own boats. We are looking forward to racing them next week. Keep up the hard work!

### Year 6

This week, Year 6 has been learning all of the different elements of BODMAS/BIDMAS - the order of operations. We have even been applying this to reasoning problems where children have constructed their own questions or completed calculations with missing numbers of operations to gain specific answers! In literacy, we have been looking at balanced arguments. So far, we have identified the structural and language features and have been discussing potential points for both sides of the argument - whether or not children should be allowed to take a year off school to go traveling around the world. Just like Michael in Kensuke's Kingdom.

**PERSONAL DETAILS UPDATE**

It is important that you notify the office of any change to your child's personal details or your own eg telephone number, address or medical needs. Thank you for your cooperation.

**REMINDER – LATE CHARGES**

For each child entering the late area, the parent will be charged an initial £5. For every subsequent 5 minutes thereafter, there will be a further £5 charge. For example, if a child in Key Stage 1 is in the late area at 3.30pm and is not collected until 4.00pm, this will incur a charge of £35. An invoice for the total amount will be sent to the child/children's home address within 7 days.

**PE KIT**

Now that the colder weather is here, please ensure that your child has jogging bottoms and top or a track suit in school for PE. Thank you.

**DINNER MONEY**

Dinner money should be paid into school on Monday morning for the week to come.

It is important to notify the office if you wish to change your dinner choice, giving one week's notice, as dinners are ordered in advance into school and have to be paid for.

Once a choice of dinners or sandwiches from home has been decided upon, then your child should keep daily to this decision. Failure to do so may result in some children not having the hot meal they have paid for.

Thank you for your cooperation.

*“Together we are stronger”*