

# DE LACY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

*"Working together as a community to enable all our children to develop as responsible citizens"*



DE LACY  
PONTEFRACT



## HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE

Amazing News!!



The school has received a substantial cash donation from an anonymous benefactor! The staff have decided to spend the money on a Christmas treat for the children.

Children in Years 1 to 6 will be going to the cinema on Friday 21st December at 9.00am, the treat will include entrance to the cinema to see The Grinch and a snack box containing: popcorn, a drink and chocolate! For lunch that day the children will have a packed-lunch provided by the kitchen. Those children who already bring a packed-lunch should bring one as usual. Children in EYFS who will remain in school, will have a movie and party treat with lots of fun and exciting games! This treat is instead of the usual Christmas party on the last day of term. Children should come to school in their uniform as usual when going on a school trip.

On behalf of the children, staff and the trust, we would like to thank the person who has very kindly donated the money with the specific intention of giving the children a treat!! I am sure they will have the most wonderful time and we all very much appreciate such a kind and generous gesture.

Sharon Daly, Head of School

## E-SAFETY

Early use of digital technology has been shown to improve language skills and promote children's social development and creativity. But it's not without risks for young children, who may come across inappropriate content or begin to copy what older children do online. As a school, we will be doing more work on supporting our pupils with staying safe whilst using technology. Further information for parents can be found at [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

### WHOLE SCHOOL

## ATTENDANCE

Caterpillars: 86.9%

Butterflies: 91.4%

Year 1: 88.3%

Year 1/2: 87.5%

Year 2: 83.6%

Year 3: 95.6%

Year 3/4: 94.2%

Year 4: 95.6%

Year 5: 98.3%

Year 5/6: 93.7%

Year 6: 97.4%

### De Lacy School Choir

Our school choir have been incredibly busy rehearsing songs and dance moves for their forthcoming Young Voices concert at Sheffield Arena. Mrs Hopwood, Miss Clarke and other school staff have been very impressed by the children's attitudes and dedication. We have taken our choir to the local care homes to sing Christmas carols and the children were a fantastic credit to the school and their grown-ups.

Well done to everyone involved!

Mr Duncan

## Mornings

Children arriving at school at 8.45am and coming straight into class, without lining-up, has been a great success! They are arriving in class with basic skill tasks such as: spellings, times tables, comprehension, maths tasks or reading to do. This really does enhance their learning and get them ready for the day. Please aim to arrive on time so your child does not miss this vital part of the day.



## EYFS

The children from Upper Foundation had a fabulous time making a Christingle with their parents at All Saints Church, Pontefract on Wednesday afternoon. Father Mark told the Nativity story to the children and we all sang some wonderful Christmas carols.

## Key Stage 1

The children in year Key Stage 1 have been busy rehearsing their Christmas nativity this week. They have been working incredibly hard, learning lines and practising songs to make sure they have a wonderful performance ready for everyone on Tuesday 18th December at 9.00am.

## Lower Key Stage 2

Children in Year 3 and Year 3/4 entertained parents and pupils with a fantastic music assembly. They confidently performed well rehearsed songs and were a pleasure to watch. It was wonderful to see so many family members in attendance. Well done to everyone involved!

## Upper Key Stage 2

Our project this term has been, "What is a global citizen?" and this has seen the children look at the effects of plastic in our oceans, humanism as well as including learning about the devastating effects of homelessness. Children in Year 6 have even written a letter to our MP Yvette Cooper about this issue. We are looking forward to receiving her reply.



## DE LACY PRIMARY'S STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1: Emmie

Year 1/2: Ronan

Year 2: Layla

Year 3: Jamie

Year 3/4: Tristan

Year 4: Daniel

Year 5: Cameron

Year 5/6: Grace C

Year 6: Saskia & Jamie-Lee

### De Lacy Christmas Productions

EYFS Nativity: **Wednesday 19th December**  
10.30am and 2.00pm

KS1 Nativity: **Tuesday 18th December 9.30am**  
LKS2 Nativity: **Tuesday 18th December 1.30pm**

Each child will have two tickets for grown-ups to come and watch them in their production. Any pushchairs should be left outside, not blocking fire exits. Parents will need to enter through reception and sign in with their child's name.