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DE LACY PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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



DE LACY
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HEAD OF SCHOOL'S MESSAGE

The end of term has arrived very quickly! I have been made to feel very welcome by parents/carers and families. The children have been incredible and are very excited about the new changes taking place in school.

I think you will all agree that the Christmas productions were exceptional this year and I'd like to thank you all for your continued support for your children. The singing was truly sensational!

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy new year on behalf of myself, the staff and Pontefract Academies Trust.

As a school we aim to do our absolute best to ensure your children have the best possible learning experiences. Unfortunately, due to staff illness, we have needed to move some teachers around and employ some temporary staff. We are very happy to welcome some new teachers and will continue to endeavour to give your children the best education possible.

Staffing from January 2019

F1 Nursery: Mrs Haines and Mrs Jackson

F2 Butterflies & Caterpillars: Mrs Maguire, Miss Wild, Mrs Ward and Mrs Murray

Year 1/2: Mr Medlock

Year 3/4: Mrs Snodgrass

Year 4: Miss Winnett

ATTENDANCE

I cannot emphasise enough the importance of your child being at school everyday and arriving on time.

We aim to support any family who has difficulty ensuring their child is attending school each and every day.

I will be meeting with families along with our attendance team to improve attendance at De Lacy Primary school. This will include First Response phone calls and home visits as and when necessary.

We are planning some wonderful educational experiences including visits and visitors and it would be a real shame if your child misses out on these experiences.

WHOLE SCHOOL

ATTENDANCE

Caterpillars: 77.6%

Butterflies: 91.4%

Year 1: 84.5%

Year 1/2: 89.6%

Year 2: 94.8%

Year 3: 99.1%

Year 3/4: 95.5%

Year 4: 93.9%

Year 5: 88.3%

Year 5/6: 97.3%

Year 6: 100%



De Lacy Children singing carols
outside the cinema!

Cinema Trip!

Well done to all the children, adults and staff on representing De Lacy Primary on our visit to Cineworld! They were fantastic and thoroughly enjoyed The Grinch. The kind generosity of the benefactor will be remembered for weeks to come!

EYFS

This week, EYFS performed their Christmas Nativity. The children looked fabulous in their costumes, as you can see. They thoroughly enjoyed singing the songs and getting in to character. We are sure all the parents and carers were extremely proud; we certainly were.



Mary and Joseph searching for room at the inn!

Key Stage 1

Key Stage 1 have been super busy this week, doing lots of wonderful work on Stickman as well as rehearsing and performing their Christmas Nativity. It has been a marvellous Christmas week. We are so proud of all the children who have performed brilliantly in the Nativity. They have also created some gorgeous Christmas cards and calendars for families and friends!

Lower Key Stage 2

The lower key stage two performance reflected the hard work and positive attitude of staff and children alike. It was amazing to see so many proud faces in the audience and on the stage. We have been working hard to complete our current projects across the curriculum before embarking upon more festive activities. Look out for your Christmas cards.

Upper Key Stage 2

Building on from our work on Homelessness, children in Years 5 and 6 have been looking at lyrics in famous Christmas songs. They have been looking at the meaning and messages of songs as well as having a go at writing their own lyrics!

Ask some of the children about their Christmas raps and lyrics to 'Do they know it's Christmas?'

A huge well done to all the children on a fantastic term. We hope you all have an amazing Christmas and look forward to seeing you in the new year!

DE LACY PRIMARY'S STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1: Georgina

Year 1/2: Faith

Year 2: Kyran

Year 3: Robbie

Year 3/4: Hollie-Anne

Year 4: Summer

Year 5: Bradley

Year 5/6: C-Jay

Year 6: Ben