



A word from our head...It was a pleasure to go to the final Achievement Assembly of the term and to review some of our pupils' many successes and celebrate their efforts. Well done to them all. I wish you all a restful break, and look forward to an even more successful and busy Spring Term.

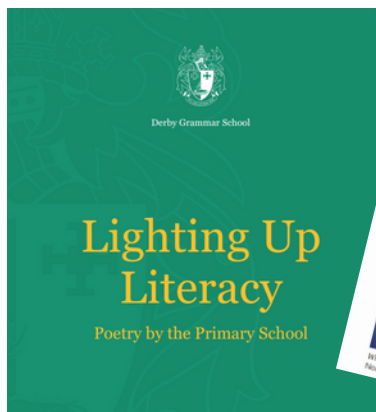
Dear Parents,

A message from the Primary Team

The Primary staff would like to thank our DGS family for all their support this term. From House events to supporting charities to homework, we are grateful for your support. We would like to wish you all a Happy Christmas and a peaceful holiday season.

Lighting up Literacy

Our poetry booklets have arrived! Every child in the Primary has a poem included. The cost of the book is £6 (to cover printing costs) and is currently limited to one per child. Please send the correct money in a named envelope if you would like one.



Sponsored Swim

The Primary raised a terrific £580 for the sponsored swim. Thank you to all who sponsored the children. This money will go towards the Tanzania project.

Maths Club

Maths club have been working hard with Mr Walmsley to make modular origami polyhedra! The children learnt how to fold up the basic unit, then, after they made six of them, they slotted together to form a cube. The same basic units can come apart and fit together to make bigger shapes. Everyone managed to get a cube made by folding 6 of the units.



Carol Concert

Thank you for your support in attending Monday's carol concert. We were really proud of the children. Their singing was beautiful. Thank you to Mrs Davy and Mr Coley for their work with them.



House Rugby Results

Y5/6	Y3/4
1st Derby	1st Atkinson and Derby
2nd Atkinson	3rd Blackton
3rd Blackton	4th Bemrose
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Shoebox Appeal

Thank you to those who donated to the Shoebox appeal. Rev Paul and Ms Sellors took these to the YMCA on Friday. Your generosity will make a real difference on Christmas Day.

Nancy and Emily's Charity Christmas Card

Nancy and Emily have been working hard with Mr Speight to produce a Christmas image that can be sent electronically instead of sending Christmas cards this year. If you would like to have a copy, please make a donation either via the office or to your child's class teacher and the image will be emailed to you. All donations will go to the Tanzania project.

Important Information for the Spring Term

As we transition into the spring term, we kindly request that students in Year 3 to 6 come prepared with shin pads and a gumshield for their hockey lessons. Additionally, we recommend bringing warm clothing, such as plain (navy) or school-branded hats and gloves, to ensure maximum comfort during outdoor activities.

After-School Hockey Club

Our after-school hockey club will commence on Monday 15th January and is open to all pupils from Year 3 to Year 6. Pupils will depart from school grounds by bus at 4:00pm and should be collected from our sports centre (Rykneld Sports Centre - DE22 4FB) by 5:30pm. In the interest of safeguarding, our Sports Centre gates will remain locked until 5:20 pm. Therefore, we ask that you arrive once the gates have been opened to minimise disruption to the surrounding area. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Dates for your diary

Monday 8th January - Staff INSET

Tuesday 9th January - Term starts for all pupils

Monday 15th January - Hockey Club starts

W/C 22nd January - All Primary Clubs commence