



A word from our head... This week pupils have shown you the amazing things they are capable of at performances and successful recruitment events such as Unplug and Play. Thank you for all your support in making these events so brilliant. Pupils have also been out of school learning about their community and helping with the environment. It has been a pleasure to see how much they are achieving!

Dear Parents,

### Lighting up Literacy

This week you should have received an exciting letter to inform you about the poetry booklet the children have written. 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.

### Y5 visit to the Mosque

On Monday Year 5 set off to visit the Jamia Mosque in Derby. We had a very informative tour of the mosque and our guide gave us lots of information about the building itself and the Muslim way of life including prayer, the Qur'an and the Five Pillars of Islam. We then went to The Open Centre for an Asian food tasting. We tasted food from India, the Caribbean and China. In one of the activities, a blind tasting, we had to decide if the food was savoury or sweet and then we tried some exotic fruit. The children were brilliant at tasting all the food but not many were sold on the Jack Fruit!



### 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.

### School Pantomime

Well done to the Primary pupils who were in the pantomime last week. It was a joy to see them on the stage. A big thank you to Mrs Simpson for all her hard work!

### Unplug and Play

Mrs Wheat hosted our Unplug and Play event today. It was wonderful to see so many visitors in the Infants. The children enjoyed a morning of arts and crafts activities, S.T.E.M. building activities and even a trip into our Forest School outdoor classroom.





## Christmas

### Primary Christmas Show

Our week started with the Christmas Show and what a show it was! Congratulations and thanks to all our pupils from the Infants to the Sixth formers! It really felt like a DGS family affair.

A special thanks to Mr Coley, Mrs Davy and, of course, the woman who put it all together, Mrs Wheat. Thank you!



### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for your support! We all looked very festive.

### Carol Service

You will have received communication from Mr Hilliam about the Carol service at the cathedral. Children from the Juniors (Y3-6) will be performing in the service.

We welcome attendance from the Infants but do appreciate that it might be too late a night for little ones.

### Sport in the Autumn Term by Mr Smyth

We've had a wonderful Autumn Term of sport! Our early years pupils have thoroughly enjoyed developing their fundamental movement skills and ball skills, while our Key Stage 2 students have excelled at improving their health-related fitness, as well as their rugby and basketball skills, including running, catching, and passing. Well done to all those pupils in Year 5 & 6 who have represented the School during our rugby fixtures!

### 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.

### Holidays

If you wish to take your child out of school before the end of term, please write to Mr Logan to request permission. All our term dates are on our website. Please note that all school trips are costed on pupil numbers and unless you let school know when you are first notified of a trip, you will still be charged.





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# Primary Newsletter

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## 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.

## Key dates to add to your calendar

### **December**

11th Carol Service at Derby Cathedral Y3-6

15th Pantomime visit

### **January**

8th Staff INSET

9th Term starts for all pupils

15th Hockey Club starts

W/C 22nd All Primary Clubs commence