

# Dudley House School

## Newsletter – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022



Dear Parents,

As we go into the busy run up to Christmas we are already starting our preparations for Christmas. There is certainly plenty for the children to enjoy getting involved in.

### **What's Been Happening**

#### Class 3 Assembly

Class 3's assembly about the Romans was certainly very informative, and very entertaining as well. Thank you to everyone for putting in so much effort.

#### Children in Need

Thank you to the School Council for organising a non-uniform day and cookie sale to raise money for Children in Need. They raised £56.40. The children all enjoyed preparing for the day, baking cookies and creating colourful doodles.

#### Cheerleading Festival

Classes 3 and 4 attended a Cheerleading Festival on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December at Priory Ruskin Academy. The children learnt a variety of stunts and routines, finishing the day with a routine to show off their new-found skills. All the children had a great time, developing their skills and working as a team.

#### Roman Feast

Today the children in Class 3 are developing their cookery skills whilst they prepare dishes for a Roman Feast!

#### Christmas Cards

We are very pleased that the wonderful Christmas cards made by the children have sold extremely well. We still have some packs available and these are available to purchase from the school office at a cost of £3.99 for a pack of 5 cards, or £10 for 3 packs of 5.

### **Future Events**

#### PTFA Meeting – Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December

Please remember that the PTFA will be meeting today at 7pm via Zoom. A link to join the meeting will be sent out separately.

#### Carol Singing – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December

The older children will be singing a variety of Christmas songs and carols to our neighbours at Martin Court on Thursday to spread some Christmas joy.

#### Christmas Play – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm

Our Christmas Play will be performed on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. The children have already started to prepare for this, learning plenty of new songs. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

All the children should return to school at 5:40pm. Children should not arrive before this time. They should enter through the main front door and go to classroom 3 and 4 to change. Parents should enter the building through the church front door and then sit in the church auditorium.

Afterwards whilst the children are getting changed, please join us in the school hall for refreshments.

#### Christmas Party - Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December

Our Christmas Party for the children will be on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December. Children can come to school in party / play clothes, but please make sure they have sensible shoes and a warm coat for playing outside.

We will be having a Christmas buffet lunch that day, so children will not need to bring their packed lunch, just their snack and water. We would, however, ask parents to sign up to provide party food items for everyone to enjoy at lunchtime. You will find the list on the school notice board.

We ask that all food provided is vegetarian. If your child has specific dietary requirements (dairy free, gluten free or vegan etc.) we ask that you provide something specific for them to enjoy, if they are unable to eat vegetarian food.

Food will need to be bought to school first thing on Thursday morning and put in the kitchen. If you sign up to provide a pizza or garlic bread etc, then just bring these and we will cook them at school just before lunch.

## **Information**

### **Staff**

You may have noticed Mrs Johnson and her parents have been sweeping the leaves up this term whilst our groundsman has been ill. Sadly, Mr Woolmer died after a very short illness. He was a valued member of our school family.

Regrettably, Mrs Cummins will be leaving us at the end of term as she will be relocating to York in the new year. A new administrator has been appointed and will start at the beginning of January.

I would like to thank Mrs Cummins for all her sterling work over the last few years, as she has been such an asset to the school and will be greatly missed.

### **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term**

School finishes on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 12:45. There will be no swimming that day, so children can come dressed in their normal school uniform.

Friday Club will be held as usual, finishing at 3.30pm. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

We wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year.

Jenny Johnson (Headteacher)

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- Carol Singing – Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December
- Christmas Play – Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm
- Christmas Parties – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December
- End of Term – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December (no swimming)
- Start of Spring Term – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> January