

# Dudley House School

## Newsletter – 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Dear Parents,

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

#### Woolsthorpe Manor Visit – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Children in Key Stage 2 had a fabulous time at Woolsthorpe Manor where they were able to perform some investigations to prove some of the laws Newton had written. They also enjoyed a guided tour of the house and were all fascinated by the kitchen and Sir Isaac Newton's bedroom. The best was left until last when they made paper rockets and used a 'Henry Hoover' to shoot their rockets over the wall. Last week the children waxed lyrically to the Ofsted inspectors who were impressed at the learning they had remembered and linked to other parts of the curriculum.

#### Cheerleading Festival

Classes 3 attended a Cheerleading Festival on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 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.

#### Ofsted

Last week over 3 days, we had the opportunity to share our school and the work that it does with 3 Ofsted inspectors. Thank you for your support during this time and for completing the Ofsted parent survey and sharing your views with the inspectors. The report is in the process of being prepared. We will share the report with you as soon as it is published, which is likely to be in the new year.

#### Sea Changes Competition

Children in Class 3 have really enjoyed lessons about water this term – both rivers and oceans – and were inspired by the postcards in the book 'Sea Changes'. As a result, they were inspired to design and write their own postcards, which have been sent to the 'Sea Changes' competition.

#### Rogue Reindeer Trail – Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

For any of you who braved the cold and snow last week, you may have spotted reindeers dotted around the town. The reindeer we decorated – Dasher- was toasty and warm in the Savoy cinema.

### **Future Events**

#### Online safety question and answer session for parents - Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December from 6:00 to 7:30pm

The online space can feel overwhelming with new apps and trends, it can be hard to keep up!

Lincolnshire's safeguarding team wants to give you the information and tools to help you feel confident enough to protect your children from online harm. Dan Hawbrook, Lincolnshire's resident Online Guru, will chat you through different apps, online trends, parental controls and any other burning questions you may have! Sign up is required.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/ask-dan-anything-for-parents-of-primary-school-aged-children-tickets-717791562887?aff=oddtcreator>

#### Christmas Social – Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Tomorrow evening there will be Christmas social in the school hall from 5:30 until 7pm, where there will be seasonal activities and a variety of games for all the family to enjoy.

#### Christmas Concert – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6.00pm

This year we will be having a Christmas Concert & Christingle on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 6pm. Friends and family are welcome to attend.

All the children should return to school at 5:45pm. Children should not arrive before this time. They should enter through the main front door and go to classroom 1 and 3 to prepare. Parents should enter the building through the church front door and then sit in the church auditorium.

Afterwards, please join us in the school hall for refreshments.

### Swimming – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December

There will be no swimming lessons on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December, so children should come to school in their normal school clothes.

### Carol Singing – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December

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

### Christmas Party - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

Our Christmas Party for the children will be on Wednesday 20<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 Wednesday 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

Sadly, Mrs Teixeira is moving down south before Christmas and so will be unable to continue providing music lessons after Christmas. She has been a valuable member of staff over the last few years, but we wish her and her family all the very best as they relocate.

We are delighted that Mrs Carrington will be joining our staff team after Christmas,. She will be popping in before then to start getting familiar with the school. From January we will be splitting class 3 into two classes.

We are planning to have:

- Year 3 and 4 in Class 3.
- Year 5 and 6 in Class 4.

### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – End of Term

School finishes on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at 3:30pm. There will be no afterschool club that day.

We look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024.

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

Jenny Johnson (Headteacher)

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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| • Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December   | - Christmas Social 5:30 to 7pm  |
| • Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December  | - Christmas Concert 6pm         |
| • Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December    | - No Swimming                   |
| • Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December   | - Carol singing at Martin Court |
| • Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December | - Christmas Parties             |
| • Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December | - End of Term                   |
| • Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January   | - Start of Term                 |