



# DEVONSHIRE DISPATCH

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## Devonshire Diary

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December (9am)  
School nurse workshop on sleep

Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December - all children from Reception to Year 6 are seeing a performance of Aladdin in school

Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December (7pm)  
KS2 carol service at Christ Church – all Devonshire families welcome

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Jumper day and Christmas party day

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (3.15pm)  
PSA Christmas raffle

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term for Nursery

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – end of term (1.20pm Reception and Key Stage 1/1.30pm Key Stage 2)

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January – INSET day (staff training, school closed to children)

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January - first day of the Spring term for children

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February - INSET day (staff training, school closed to children)

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February – half term

## Attendance

Attendance is continuing on a downward path at 96.1% to 1<sup>st</sup> December 2017. Please support our attendance policy by sending your children in to school every day. Children need to arrive on time as lateness will also have an adverse effect on our overall percentage.

It would be awesome if, in the New Year, every child arrived on time!

**Remember – Every School Day Counts – Aiming for 96%!!**

Mrs Bartram

## Celebrating good attendance

This year, children who have had excellent attendance (100%) and punctuality will be awarded with a special red attendance badge instead of a certificate.

There are 3 badges to collect altogether. Blue for Spring term and Orange for Summer term. Children who have exemplary attendance all year will also receive an attendance medal at the end of the Summer term. I hope to be giving out lots of badges and medals this year. So don't give up if you don't get one this term.

There are still lots of days left of the academic year and 2 more badges to aim for!

## Devonshire baby news

Since half term, 3 members of our staff team have had some very exciting news. Mr Wells and his partner have had a baby boy, Noah. Also, Miss O'Mahony and her fiancé have had a baby boy, James, a fortnight ago. Mrs Logue started her maternity leave last Friday so we look forward to hearing her exciting news. Noah and James have visited Devonshire and are absolutely gorgeous.

Congratulations!

## Christmas productions

Last week Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 performed their Christmas shows. The children and staff worked so hard and each performance was thoroughly enjoyed by parents and family members who came to watch. The thing that stood out in each performance was the children's enthusiasm and obvious enjoyment at being part of the show. The children all knew their words, the song words and actions. Well done!

This year we had 2 performances of each show to enable more parents, carers and family members to be able to see the show.

## Lost property

If your child/children have lost anything at school, please come and look in lost property. Any clothes in lost property that are not claimed will be recycled.

### PSA

On Wednesday 30th November we had our annual AGM meeting. Our new committee is Hollie Pile - Chair, Kirsty Allen-Treasurer and Rebecca Herd- Secretary. We have a vacancy for deputy chair, if you are interested please speak to Hollie.

Thank you to everyone that supported and helped at our Christmas Winter Ball on Friday. The evening was a huge success and everyone had lots of fun!

Sadly this year we will not be having a Christmas fair, due to lack of volunteers. We are however having a Christmas raffle after school on Friday 15th of December from 3.15pm with a selection of cakes and drinks for sale along with some stocking fillers. If you are able to help on the day please email Hollie on [hollie\\_pile@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hollie_pile@hotmail.co.uk). If you need more raffle tickets they are available from the school office. Please note all tickets and money collected must be returned to the school by Wednesday 13th December.

Devonshire PSA team.

### Sight tests

Please take the Christmas holiday as an opportunity to get your child's eyes tested to make sure this is not a barrier to their learning. About 80% of teaching in school is presented visually. Being able to see clearly is therefore incredibly important in your child's progress and attainment. Don't forget, children under 16 get a free NHS eye test and glasses.

### Chess news

Children who attend chess club on a Monday after school have been participating in an internal tournament and the results are as follows:

Division 1

1<sup>st</sup> - Hayley, 2<sup>nd</sup> - Srot and Tanesha

Division 2

1<sup>st</sup> - Bharath

Players have been awarded with medals

Well done to all players this term!

### Snow

If it should snow heavily we will use our website as our means of communicating whether the school will be open. Obviously this will only be applicable if it snows heavily.

A reminder of our school website address – [www.devonshireprimary.org](http://www.devonshireprimary.org)

There is another website which you can use to check whether schools are open; we will ensure that Devonshire's status on this is kept up to date. The website is [opencheck.atomwide.com](http://opencheck.atomwide.com)