



DEVONSHIRE DISPATCH

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25th October 2024

Devonshire Diary

Mon 4th – Fri 8th Nov –
Birch class swimming

Mon 4th – Fri 8th and Mon
11th – Fri 14th Nov –
Bikeability course (Y6)

Weds 6th Nov – PSA Bag 2
School collection

Fri 8th Nov – PSA discos

Fri 8th Nov – school council
trip

Fri 8th Nov – Sparrows class
trip

Mon 11th Nov – Y1
parent/carer phonics
workshop

Tues 12th Nov – Robins
class trip and Y1 trip

Weds 13th Nov – Swans
class trip

Thurs 14th Nov – parents’
evening (school closes
early 1.20pm Rec – Y2 and
1.30pm Y3 – 6)

Fri 15th Nov – Children in
Need mufti day

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd Nov –
Ash class swimming

Weds 20th Nov – Y2 ‘Great
Fire of London’ dress up
day

Thurs 21st and Fri 22nd Nov
individual and sibling
photos

Fri 22nd Nov - Y5 trip

October has been very busy

Several year groups have taken their learning outside of the classroom:

- ✓ Nursery have been up to the Woodland area.
- ✓ Reception have had an Autumn Explorers session in the Woodland area.
- ✓ Year 2 have been on a local walk to support their geography learning.
- ✓ Year 3 have had Woodland Project sessions. Aspen class have had their swimming sessions (Ash and Birch will be having theirs after half term).
- ✓ Year 4 have been on a local walk to Cheam to support their history learning.
- ✓ Year 6 have participated in a Junior Citizenship morning and have had Woodland Project sessions

Together we have:

- ✓ Celebrated Black History month, and this week shared our learning about Black History in a whole school assembly.
- ✓ Celebrated harvest – donating food to Sutton Foodbank.

We have welcomed:

- ✓ Reception parents/carers to a Phonics workshop, to hear about how we teach phonics.
- ✓ 2 of our local police officers, who came to read a story to our Y1 and Y2 children.
- ✓ 50 parents/carers to our family support worker coffee morning. It was lovely to have so many different agencies in school, speaking to parents/carers letting them know how they support families.

Digital Leaders

Each Key Stage 2 class has 2 digital leaders who work with Miss Byfield on the importance of being safe and staying safe on-line. Our digital leaders have delivered an assembly to their classes about the age limits of social media apps and why these restrictions are in place. If you would like to know more about age restrictions of apps that are popular with children, especially social media apps, information can be found at <https://www.openvieweducation.co.uk/social-media-age-ratings/>

The NSPCC have ideas for home activities about staying safe on-line - <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/safety/activities-safety-kids/>

Thank you to our digital leader team for the work that they have done and will continue to do this year.

Travel Plan news

Look out for the banner that we will be proudly displaying on the school fence, celebrating our Gold Travel Plan status. Thank you for your support with our travel plan initiatives.

Remember the importance of driving and parking considerately and, most importantly, safely, particularly at the times where Devonshire Avenue and the surrounding roads are busy at the start and end of the school day.

Governor news

Do not forget to vote in our parent governor vacancy election. All parents/carers were sent an email on Monday 21st October, with details of how to vote. All votes must be submitted by midday on Friday 8th November.



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Attendance news

The whole school's attendance is 96.2%, which is in line with our target of 96%. 13 classes have attendance that is above 96% - well done!

After half term we will be sending out letters to parents/carers where their child's attendance is below 92% from the beginning of the school year, up until 25th October. These letters are not only to draw parents/carers attention to their child's attendance but also remind you that we are here to help, if you feel you need it.

Family Support Worker news

It was so lovely to welcome 50 parents/carers to our recent wellbeing coffee morning. We had very positive feedback. A reminder that Mrs Carter-Hodge is our Family Support Worker and is available to support all families. She has a wealth of knowledge and expertise in supporting families and can be contacted through the office email (office@devonshire.sutton.sch.uk). Maddie West, our attached Education Wellbeing Practitioner, is an important part of the support that we offer to our families. She is part of the Education Wellbeing team who provide support to families, through working with them directly or webinars that they run.

PSA news

Key PSA dates for your diary include:

- ✓ **2nd November** – Our first school lottery draw will be taking place with the chance to win up to £25,000! Tickets can be bought online at [Your School Lottery](#) for £1 each
- ✓ **6th November** – Our first Bags2School collection. Please bring your filled bags to the blue fieldhouse on the morning of 6th November (not before!)
- ✓ **8th November** – School Discos – Reception to Year 6. Tickets are selling fast at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/devonshirepsa>
- ✓ **29th November** – Christmas Jumper Sale. Please bring any pre-loved festive jumpers you no longer need (adults and kids) to the school office.

Don't forget..

ASDA – Cashpot for Schools. There is one month left of this campaign so please sign up to our cashpot on the ASDA Rewards APP. There is no charge and for everyone who signs up (even if you never buy anything in ASDA!) we earn £1 for the school.

Thank you in advance for all your support. If you have any questions/ideas please get in touch via psa@devonshire.sutton.sch.uk

Devonshire Avenue Nature Reserve

On Tuesday 5th November (10am), there is a community session at the Devonshire Avenue Nature Reserve, organised by Sutton's biodiversity team. Work will primarily focus on cutting areas of grassland and managing areas of scrub. If you would like to join a team of volunteers to assist with this work, please let Mark Featherstone (a member of the borough's biodiversity team) know - mark.featherstone@sutton.gov.uk, so that he knows how many tools to bring and can confirm arrangements with you.

The nature reserve is very popular with many of our families, so if you are able to give any time to this community project that would be very much appreciated, not only by the biodiversity team, but also the local community.

Christmas

Christmas seems a while off, but it will soon come round. We have planned the dates of our Christmas shows and activities, so that we have them in our diaries and parents/carers can put them in their diaries too. The dates can be found on our school calendar and are set out below too.

Nursery – Wednesday 11th December (11.15am)

Reception – Wednesday 11th December (2pm) and Thursday 12th December (9am)

Year 1 – Monday 9th December (2pm) and Tuesday 10th December (9am)

Year 2 – Thursday 12th December (2pm) and Friday 13th December (9am)

Years 3 and 4 – Monday 16th December (1.45pm) at Christ Church

Years 5 and 6 - Tuesday 17th December (1.45pm) at Christ Church

Christmas dinner day and Christmas jumper day - Wednesday 18th December

Class Christmas parties - Thursday 19th December

More details will be sent to parents/carers in due course, but for now put the dates and times in your diaries.

Lost property

Please remember to check lost property, if your child has lost anything. It currently has a lot of jumpers and cardigans in it, the majority of which are unnamed. At the start of the new half term, it will be emptied and unnamed items recycled into our spare uniform supplies. We cannot keep adding to lost property.