



DEVONSHIRE DISPATCH

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3rd December 2024

Devonshire Diary

Mon 2nd – Fri 6th Dec –

Chestnut swimming

Mon 2nd, Tues 3rd and Thurs
5th Dec – PSA Santa's grotto

Mon 9th Dec (2pm)/Tues
10th Dec (9am) – Y1
Christmas show

Weds 11th Dec (11am) –
Nursery Christmas play and
stay

Weds 11th Dec (2pm)/Thurs
12th Dec (9am) – Reception
Christmas show

Thurs 12th Dec (2pm)/Fri
13th Dec (9am) – Y2
Christmas show

Mon 16th Dec (1.45pm) –
Y3 and 4 carol service at
Christ Church

Tues 17th Dec (1.45pm) –
Y5 and 6 carol service at
Christ Church

'Stay and be creative'
sessions for Reception
parents/carers 9 – 10am
(Swans- Mon 16th
Dec/Sparrows – Tues 17th
Dec/Robins Weds 18th Dec)

Weds 18th Dec – Christmas
dinner and Christmas
jumper day

Last day of term (school
closes early (1.20pm - Rec,
Y1 and Y2 and 1.30pm – Y3
– 6)

Ambassadors for Devonshire

This month:

- Reception have visited Sutton library.
- Year 1 have visited Christ Church to support their RE learning and will be returning before Christmas.
- Year 3, Cherry and Chestnut class have had their swimming lessons at Tadworth leisure centre. They have all made very good progress with their swimming and been complimented by the staff at the leisure centre on their behaviour.
- Year 5 have been to the British Museum to support their work in history.
- Many Year 6 children have completed bikeability sessions, where they were taught how to safely ride their bikes on the road. The bikeability teachers complimented the children on their behaviour during the sessions.
- Year 6 returned from their residential to High Ashurst, all having had a great time and the opportunity to try new things and learn new skills. The instructors working with the children complimented the children on their behaviour and positive attitude.
- Year 6 children who did not go on the residential took part in a variety of activities in the local area and in school.
- Our Top of the Form team demonstrated excellent general knowledge and worked well as a team, winning their first match and moving through to the next round. Well done to the children in the team, we look forward to round 2!
- A group of Year 6 children represented Devonshire at the Belmont remembrance parade, with Rii and Shourya laying the school's wreath at the war memorial.
- Our School Council visited the Houses of Parliament to learn about the work of Parliament. Their exemplary behaviour was commented on by staff at the Houses of Parliament.

Our children are always excellent ambassadors for Devonshire when they are out and about, regularly receiving compliments about their behaviour. They make us very proud!

Anti-bullying week

Children have focused on anti-bullying week in their PSHE lessons; reminding themselves what bullying is, the impact of behaviour that constitutes bullying, why it is not acceptable and who to talk to if they feel that they are being bullied. If your child is upset because of the actions or behaviour of others, please encourage them to talk to an adult who will help them. Anti-bullying week highlights these key messages about bullying but we have reminded the children that they apply throughout the year. Bullying is not acceptable.

Attendance news

Our whole school attendance is currently 96%, which is exactly what our whole school attendance target is. Larks class have the highest attendance of 98.3%. A special mention must go to Cherry class, who recently had 100% attendance for the week – every child in the class was in school every day for that week. Currently, there are 399 children with 100% attendance – well done to these children!



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Sutton United

Last week, we welcomed Steve Morison, manager of Sutton United, to Devonshire. He spent time with our Year 4 children, talking about his career and answering their questions. The children thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the life of a football manager, and someone so linked to the Sutton community.

Children in Need

Many thanks for your kind donations to Children in Need. The children looked very colourful and 'spotty' on Children in Need day and enjoyed Pudsey coming to see them. Together, we raised £625.05 for Children in Need.

Chess news

Devonshire chess players have been busy representing the school.

On Wednesday 20th November, a team of chess players from Year 6 (Shourya, Rii, Alex and Lucas) represented Devonshire in the primary school team chess challenge regional qualifier. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience of competing with other schools, played exceptionally well against some very highly rated players and were wonderful ambassadors for themselves and Devonshire. On Friday 22nd November, Maylin and Lucas competed in an online chess blitz.

Thank you to the children who played in the team, their parents/carer for supporting the team and Mr Buckley, our chess teacher for co-ordinating the team.

PSA Updates

School Lottery

To be in with a chance of winning £25,000 join yourschoollottery.co.uk and select Devonshire as your chosen charity.

Bags2School

An amazing 490kg of clothes were donated to our collection this month, raising money for our school and supporting the environment. Our next collection will be on Wednesday 5th March 2025.

Disco Success

A huge thank you to everyone who supported the school discos earlier this month. The children had an amazing time, dancing and playing games with DiddiDisco.

Thank you to the parent volunteers; Asha, Diksha, Laura S, Dan, Emma, Katy, Caroline, Hajar, Rashi, Kate and Laura M as well as all the staff volunteers; Miss Sumner, Miss Chadwick, Mrs Sweeney, Mrs Rose, Mrs Kuziola, Mrs Porter, Miss Oastler, Mrs Herd, Mrs Elsey, Mrs Attrill, Mr Gardner-Cliff, Miss Dourado, Mrs Scrivens, Mr Ramsay, Miss Byfield, Mrs Byfield, Mrs Mackinlay, Mrs Love and the school office team.

ASDA Cashpot for schools

Thank you to everyone who signed up to the app and has been spending in ASDA. It looks likely that we will receive over £400 next year to put towards our vital fundraising work.

We need more parent volunteers in order to run future events. If you can spare a little time to support us, please get in touch at psa@devonshireprimaryschool.co.uk

Governor news

November has been a busy month for the governors, with many of the link governors coming into school to meet with staff who lead on key statutory areas of the school's work: safeguarding, attendance and inclusion.

This month we have welcomed our new parent governors, Kat Johnson and Emily Catling, to the governing body. At the end of November, we had a change in Chair of Governors, with Emma Lavery stepping down as a governor and Colin Iddles, an existing governor, taking over the role of Chair of Governors. We want to say a huge thank you to Emma for everything she has done as a governor over the last 6 years.

Uniform reminder

Please support us with our school uniform by ensuring that your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Children from Year 3 upwards should be wearing a tie with their shirt. This is part of our winter uniform. There are currently a number of children not wearing a tie when they should be. We have also noticed that some children are wearing boots to school. Boots are not part of our school uniform; the children should be wearing shoes.

Lost property

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. Please ensure that your children's school uniform is named so that if they do lose it, they can find it or if found, it can be returned to them.

Christmas dates

A reminder about our Christmas dates:

Nursery activity session– Wednesday 11th December (11.00am)

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

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

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

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

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

Reception parents'/carers' - 'Stay and be creative' sessions for Reception parents/carers 9 – 10am (Swans- Mon 16th Dec/Sparrows – Tues 17th Dec/Robins Weds 18th Dec)

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 please do put the dates and times in your diaries.

Christmas Dinner

We are looking forward to a festive Christmas dinner on Wednesday 18th December 2024. Please email the school office(office@devonshire.sutton.sch.uk) if you DO NOT want your child to have a school dinner on his day.

The Education Well-Being Service

The Education Well-Being service is hosting an online introduction to the service for parents to help support their child's well-being and mental health on 4th December. There will be 2 sessions available – 10 – 11am and 12.30 – 1.30pm.

Parents/carers can sign up to the sessions by clicking on the following link or by scanning this QR code.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/introduction-to-the-education-wellbeing-service-3799213?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

They are also offering lunchtime and evening webinars across the year, to help parents/carers support their children's well-being and mental health. You can sign up to any of these, using this link.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/cc/primary-parents-nhs-wellbeing-workshops-682309?utm-campaign=social&utm-content=creatorshare&utm-medium=discovery&utm-term=odclsxcollection&utm-source=cp&aff=escb>

If you are interested in 1:1 parent sessions with our attached well-being practitioner (Maddie West) on helping your child's worries or anxieties or supporting challenging or tricky behaviour, please do email Mrs Carter-Hodge (office@devonshire.sutton.sch.uk) who will put you in touch with Maddie.

Holiday Activities

Attached to this newsletter is a leaflet with information about holiday activities that our families can access. Places are allocated on a first come first served basis, so please book them quickly to ensure a place!

School photos

You will have received the proof of your child's school photo. If you wish to have free delivery to school, orders need to be placed by Friday 6th December 2024. You can order after this time but you will need to pay delivery charges to your home address.

