



Aintree Davenhill Primary School Newsletter

Friday 29
November
2024

Christmas is Coming to Aintree Davenhill!

Over the coming weeks in school, we have many things to look forward to in the build up to Christmas, including...

Christmas Performances for Nursery, Reception, Years 1 and 2.

Christmas parties for each year group. There will be dancing, games and time to eat party food! (On party day, the children will eat lunch as usual. Please send into school a packet of crisps, a drink and a cake or biscuit in a named food bag for your child to eat during the party). The children can come to school dressed to party so school uniform does not need to be worn (sensible shoes are still a must!). Dates for each parties are in the diary dates of this newsletter.

Christmas lunch – Wednesday 11th December. The children can come to school wearing a Christmas accessory if they would like to!

A trip over to St Giles' Church for the **Christmas Tree Festival for EYFS** - Friday 6th December

Save the Children **Christmas Jumper Day** - Friday 6th December

We have decorated areas around school including each classroom!

Many of our children are excited to open their Advent Calendar for the first time over the weekend and some talked about their anticipation of a visit from a very mischievous Elf!!



Dates for the diary...

December

Wednesday 4th

Wonderdome Planetarium
Reception & Year 5

Friday 6th

Christmas Tree Festival at St
Giles for EYFS
Reception Nativity
Performance
Save the Children Christmas
Jumper Day
Nursery Christmas
Performance
KS1/KS2 Choir Performance
at St Giles 3:30

Wednesday 11th

Christmas Lunch

Thursday 12th

Year 2 Nativity
Performance

Friday 13th

Year 1 Nativity
Performance

Monday 16th

Years 5 & 6 Christmas Parties

Tuesday 17th

Years 3 & 4 Christmas Parties

Wednesday 18th

Nursery Singalong for Parents
EYFS & KS1 Christmas Parties
Years 3 & 4 School Disco
3:15 - 4:00
Years 5 & 6 School Disco
4:15-5:15

Friday 20th

Finish 12:30

January

Monday 6th

School Opens

Christmas Performances

With our Nativity events not too far away and the return of our class assemblies after Christmas, we just want to remind parents that in order to safeguard all the children, **photographs and videos must not be taken at the events**. We hope that you will enjoy seeing your child perform 'live'. Please support us with this - we ask this for all of our children's safety. We will do our very best to take photographs of your children and put them on ClassDojo for you.

If you have childcare arrangements available, please make use of these rather than bringing younger children to the performances. If you do need to bring younger children to the performance, we would ask that if they become unsettled you take them outside the hall so that the children can concentrate on the performance. Many will be performing for the very first time!

Children and staff are excited to see you at the events!

It is important that you bring your tickets to the events and remember that only two adults per child are able to watch the performance. Out of fairness for all of our families, it is important that you follow this request.

Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day - Friday 6 December 2024

On Friday 6 December 2024, children can wear Christmas jumpers, t-shirts or own clothes to recognise Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day. We are aware of how generous you have been recently during what can be a very expensive time of year and in the midst of very difficult times financially.

We will not be collecting donations from the children for this event but instead will be doing a staff collection.



Before and After School

We would once again like to remind parents that children need to be supervised by an adult before and after school on the school playground.

Last week, a member of our school staff had to come out and speak to children who were standing on top of the table tennis tables.

Children know they should not even be sitting on this equipment because it isn't safe and it will be damaged after costing hundreds of pounds.

Girls' Football

Last Friday, our girls' football team participated in a Sefton Schools tournament held at Chesterfield High School. Throughout the afternoon, the girls displayed excellent teamwork and communicated brilliantly with each other whilst playing some wonderful football. The girls played six matches in total with four wins, one draw and one loss, and only conceded one goal all afternoon! The girls finished second in the group and were due to progress into the semi-finals but due to a fire drill, the semi-finals were unable to take place. We are extremely proud of how the girls represented Aintree Davenhill, showing excellent respect and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. A special mention goes to Ivy-Rose and Rylee who were both recognised by Chesterfield students for displaying the important sporting qualities of respect, passion and determination. Well done, girls!



Well Done!

Well done to Mia and Aleyah in Year 3 and 4 who performed last week in The Sound of Music as Gretl and Marta Von Trapp in Southport Little Theatre.



Well Done!

Well done to Matilda in Year 3 who attended a Celebration Gymnastics Award on Sunday 17 November 2024. At the ceremony, Matilda performed on the vault and also demonstrated a floor routine. Matilda was able to meet Beth Tweddle and she enjoyed chatting to her.



Bikeability

Last half term, children in Year 5 completed their Bikeability training. The children all successfully completed the sessions, had fun and learnt about how to be safe on the roads on their bike.

"I like the fact that I now feel I can confidently ride my bike on the road. I found the training pretty easy and enjoyed it all." James

"I really enjoyed riding on the roads around school." Oliver

"I liked it when we had to use our hands to indicate which way we were turning – it was really fun. I now feel much more confident about riding my bike on the road." Robyn.



Year 6 World War II Day

Last Friday, Year 6 enjoyed a World War II theme day in school. The children took part in lots of great activities that included singing and performing Vera Lynn's famous 'We'll Meet Again', baking and decorating gingerbread, creating fantastic artwork inspired by 'The Blitz' as well as making model Spitfires.

Many children dressed up for the day and we would like to thank all the parents/carers who helped the children look so fabulous!



Mobile Phones

We would like to remind parents that only those children in Year 6 who have permission to walk to and from school without an adult, are allowed to bring their mobile phone into school. This must not be used once the children are in the school grounds and must be handed to their class teacher.

We are dealing with a growing number of incidents caused by children in other year groups who have brought their mobile phone into school. As per the new Government guidance for schools on the use of mobile phones, we will consider a complete ban on children bringing mobile phones into school if this situation doesn't improve.

If your child has a mobile phone, please check that they do not bring this into school with them unless they are allowed to.

Positive Footprints

During the Summer term in Year 6, the children participate in a project which focuses on raising aspirations. They have the opportunity to create a CV, take part in mock interviews and also meet professionals from a variety of industries.

As part of this, we would like to thank Naomi, Felisse, Aleyah, Ryley and Maisie for being involved in the new Positive Footprints video. They worked with the filming team to help create promotional material which will be used in schools across the country.

We cannot wait to see the final version.



Scholastic Book Fair

Last week we were thrilled that so many of you were able to come along to our Book Fair. The event was a resounding success, thanks for your support! It was wonderful to see so many of our children excited to come to come along to select a book (or two!) to take home and read. There was a real buzz in school last week with many of the children talking about the books they were hoping to see at the Book Fair.

The funds raised from the Book Fair will significantly benefit our school, enabling us to enhance educational resources in our class libraries. Your contributions will make a real and lasting difference in the learning of our children, and we are grateful for your support. A special thanks must also go to the adults in school who gave up their time after school to help run the fair.

We plan to hold another book fair in the spring term so that we can continue to expand our selection of books in school and more importantly, so that we can continue to foster a love of books and reading with all of our children across school. Don't forget that you can continue to raise funds for school every time you buy a book from Scholastic and name our school so that we receive the rewards to spend on books. Use the QR to find out more about how it works.

Click here to visit Scholastic's Online Book Shop <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/>



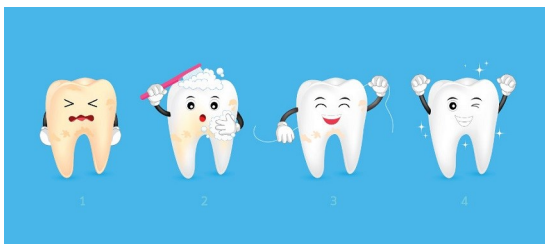
Reception Dental Nurse Visit

Last week, the children in Reception were visited by a team of dental nurses. The visit focused on promoting the importance of oral hygiene among young children and provided an excellent opportunity for interactive learning.

During the session, the children were educated about the significance of maintaining good oral health. The dental nurses conducted a practical demonstration, allowing our pupils to practise brushing model teeth as well as the teeth of toy dinosaurs. This hands-on activity not only captured the children's attention but also allowed them to understand the correct techniques for brushing their teeth effectively.

Each child received an information pack to take home, which includes valuable resources and tips on how to promote oral hygiene within your household. This pack is designed to empower both you and your children to establish and maintain healthy dental habits from an early age.

We encourage you to review this material with your child and incorporate the recommendations into your daily routine. Regular brushing, alongside visits to the dentist, is essential for ensuring your child develops a positive attitude towards their oral health.



FODS

Thank you to the FODS for their hard work today sorting the Christmas Hamper Raffle. We really appreciate how much of their free time they give to raising money for the school.

Thank you to you all for your kind donations of chocolate items!

We hope the winners enjoy their hampers!

FODS Raised £1,240.82



'Stars in Our School' Day

Today is 'Stars in Our School' Day! I would like to thank all our support staff who undertake a variety of roles within school which are vital to school life. They make sure that the school is safe for the children, we have the very best resources for the children as possible, that the children are well-looked after at lunchtimes and they help parents with any queries.



Team Around the School

Janie Cowley, an Early Help Worker and Denise Higgins, a qualified social worker, will be in school every Wednesday. If any parents would like to drop in and ask for any help or support, Janie and Denise would be more than happy to speak to you.

If anyone would prefer to speak to Denise via a phone call, her number is 07816116160 and her working hours are 9:00-5:00.

House Team Competition

This week, the winning team was **VALLEY**! Well done!



1. **VALLEY** (3527 points)
2. **ROSE** (3429 points)
3. **ABBEY** (3318 points)
4. **MILL** (3268 points)



Home Reading Challenge

Week 18.11.24 - **3N** won our Home Reading Challenge!

Week 25.11.24 - **2M** won our Home Reading Challenge!

Well done!

Please hear your child read as often as you possibly can.