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Daven Primary School Half-Termly Newsletter

Welcome to our half-termly newsletter. Read on to find out about what we have been busy learning this half term and upcoming events.

If you haven't already seen on newly refreshed website, take a look <https://daven.cheshire.sch.uk/>. On there, you will find information about what your child will be learning in their new year group.

Christmas Pantomime



On Tuesday 3rd December we had the opportunity to have a company come into school to deliver a Christmas pantomime to all children. The theme of the pantomime was Aladdin

and Princess Jasmine's Christmas Wedding. The children had a fantastic time cheering, booing, singing, clapping and smiling.

A huge thank you to our PTA for hosting a cake sale and to parents/carers of Daven for contributing towards raising funds to give the children such a brilliant experience.

Dance Workshops



On the 12th November all children had the opportunity to take part in a dance workshop. Each year group had a theme from a country and learnt a traditional dance. The following year groups learnt different dances:

Reception: Chinese

Year 1: Tango

Year 2: African

Year 3: Polish

Year 4: Australian

Year 5: South American Carnival

Year 6: USA Cheerleading

Christmas Concert



On 12th December, Daven welcomed family and friends to join the children Christmas songs around the Christmas tree. A huge thank you to Datastor who, once again, have been so generous in providing each child with a Christmas present! It was a fantastic event and was so lovely to see so many of you at the event.

Food parcel donation

We have been kindly donated a food parcel for each child in the school from Cheshire East Council. The delivery arrived just in time for Christmas so that families could enjoy the lovely treats included. A huge thank you to Cheshire East Council for their generosity.

Uniform reminder



It is great to see so many children wearing their uniform each day. It is so important that children feel part of the school community - uniform helps with this.

On PE days, children should wear a white t-shirt and blue joggers or shorts. **Please note Y1-Y6 all have PE on Wednesday.**

When it is not PE, children should wear a blue polo top and a navy cardigan/jumper. Children can wear charcoal grey trousers, skirts or pinafores. In summer months, charcoal grey shorts can be worn.

For safety reasons, and to avoid jewellery getting lost and broken, please only allow your child to wear plain earring studs when in school. Necklaces, bracelets and hooped earrings are likely to get broken.

My Child's Learning



Find out what your child has been learning this half term:

Rec class: *In reception we have been working really hard in English to retell the story of Stickman. We have learnt and rehearsed the story to be able to change the story to innovate it. In maths we have been working on our speedy eyes to see patterns of 5 along with looking at our numbers in depth to 5. We have started reading and writing CVC words and being able to write our names too. We enjoyed performing our nativity. We had to be so brave to speak and sing in front of so many grown-ups.*

Y1 class: *Y1 have had a very busy half term. In English we have been working hard in our phonics and writing journey stories. We have been using connectives to write recounts. In maths we have been looking at subtraction and how to write number sentences. Our art this term has focussed on how to create different textures using paint and other materials. In geography, we have looked at where the north and south pole are and what it would be like to live in a hot or cold place. We have discussing very deep topics in RE! Looking at how different faiths view God and why the Christmas story is important. However, I think our favourite lesson has been music and it is a real highlight of the week. We love singing and playing the glockenspiels. I hope everyone has a good rest and returns for lots more hard work in January.*

Y2 class: *In English, Year 2 have been writing our own version of the 'Snow Queen'. They have been using adjectives to describe settings and characters. In Geography, we have been learning about hot and cold places, looking at Kenya in particular. In Science, we have been looking at microhabitats and made this a particular focus during our outdoor learning too. In Art, we have been looking at painting through mixing our primary colours to create secondary colours; from this we have created collages with a variety of art medium. We have been working very hard this half term and look forward to seeing what Spring term brings.*

Y3/4 class: *In English Year 3/4 have learnt the story of 'King Midas', we have written character descriptions, setting descriptions and our own wishing tale based on King Midas. In geography, we have learnt about Antarctica, we have looked at the physical and human features of the continent, the tourists and researchers that visit and the oceans of the world. In guided reading, we have been reading The Abominables which we have loved. In maths, we have been learning about multiplication, division, subtraction and addition. In science, Year 3 have been learning about forces and space whereas Year 4 have been learning about electricity and circuits. We have thoroughly enjoyed this half term and are looking forward to the next!*

Y5 class: *Year 5 have had a busy half term! We started off with our English and an attack from Smaug the infamous dragon! Children explored different characters in the story of*

Smaug and then had a go at writing their own defeating the monster tales. We had great fun learning the model text using a story map and then describing the monster in our writing. In maths, children have been working hard learning about factors, multiples, prime and cube numbers. They then moved on to tackle multiplication and multiplying by 10, 100 and 1000 before looking at fractions. In Geography, children have been exploring what life is like in the Alps. They have been learning about the physical and human features of the Alps and discussing what it would be like to live there. In Science, we have been learning all about properties of materials and have carried out a number of investigations to explore the different properties. Our guided reading book has been Kensuke's Kingdom where children have set off on an adventure taking them round the world. We're all ready for the holidays and then the exciting learning when we come back in the new year!

Y6 class: *In English this half term, year 6 have been reading the books Holes by Louis Sacher. They have been looking at the setting and the characters and producing some writing based around this. They have also been able to watch the film to secure their understanding of the story. In maths, they have been furthering their knowledge about fractions, using metric and imperial measurements and completing some practice SATs papers. In geography, year 6 have been learning about how the population has changed over time and investigating the factors that influence this. It has been a very busy half term and all of year 6 have been working really hard.*

The Hive: *We have been learning about our continents in geography and have created Antarctic art work from this. In recent weeks we have had a Christmas focus where we have found out about the history of the Christmas Tree, created our own wreaths from materials in our outdoor area, made Christmas cards, learnt how to draw a reindeer, made Christmas crackers and solved maths problems on naughty elves. We have thoroughly enjoyed our swimming lessons this half term and particularly enjoyed our last swimming lesson which was a fun swim. As part of outdoor learning, we made two different types of bird feeders and hung them in our forest area.*



A message from the staff at Daven

Dear Parents/Carers

It has been an incredibly busy half term and it has been fantastic to see the children so engaged in all of their learning. There is a real buzz around the school, especially at this time of year, as children settle more into their classes and routines. We have had lots of exciting events taking place over the last half term and the children have represented the school values of Brave, Kind and Curious brilliantly!

We would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to all our families here at Daven for your continued support with your child's learning, we really do appreciate it. Wishing you a very happy and safe Christmas from all the staff here and we can't wait to welcome you back on 7th January 2025.

Attendance



The poster features a yellow background with a white circle containing a black warning triangle at the top center. Below this is a yellow banner with the word "ATTENTION!" in bold black letters. Underneath is a table with the title "Lateness = lost learning" and a subtitle "(Figures below are calculated over a school year)". The table lists five rows of lateness durations and their corresponding days lost. At the bottom, there is a bold statement: "Every minute matters! If you are struggling getting your child in, please reach out for support." The poster is decorated with yellow brushstroke-like lines radiating from the top and bottom.

Lateness = lost learning	
(Figures below are calculated over a school year)	
5 minutes late each day	3 days lost!
10 minutes late each day	6.5 days lost!
15 minutes late each day	10 days lost!
20 minutes late each day	13 days lost!
30 minutes late each day	19 days lost!

Every minute matters!
**If you are struggling getting your child in,
please reach out for support.**

Just as a reminder, the school gates will continue to open between 8:40 and 8:45. Children (unless someone directs through another door) should line up on the top playground where their class teacher will be there from 8:45 to meet and greet. Please use this time to handover any important information or to speak to a member of staff about any queries you may have. The children go into school at 8:50 to begin their learning.

For EYFS and KS1 pupils they start phonics every day at 9:05am. If they miss the start of 5 minutes this can really impact on their progress in both reading and writing.

KS2 classes start their maths at 9:00am so it is essential your child is on time everyday.

Dates for your diary



Monday 6th January - Inset Day

Monday 13th January - Swimming restarts for years 3,4,5 and 6.

Friday 17th January - Year 5 & 6 trip to the LIFE exhibition at New Life Church.

Thursday 30th January - Year 3/4 class assembly

Wb. 3rd February - Year 6 Parents Evening