

DEVONSHIRE ___/ PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Best That We Can Be

Friday 13th December 2024

Headteacher's Notice



Hello Devonshire!

It's been a busy but hugely rewarding week at Devonshire Primary Academy.

On Monday we held our Carols By Candlelight Service at St Thomas' Church. It was lovely event which the staff and pupils thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to Reverend David O'Brien and LJ for making The Christmas Story 'come alive' through a practical and interactive afternoon. Thank you also to Mrs Page for organising the service.

This week we have held our Christmas Nativities for both KS1 and Reception classes. Each year I am amazed at the standard of these Christmas productions. The children's singing, dancing and acting were superb – as were the costumes and props. It was also lovely to have so many families and friends attend who thoroughly enjoyed themselves. Thank you to all staff for their hard work.

On Wednesday the choir attended the Blackpool Music Service Christmas Festival at the Winter Gardens. It was a brilliant evening full of Christmas songs, carols and orchestral performances. Our choir were, as always, impeccably behaved and sang beautifully. Thank you to all the staff who gave up their evenings to attend and to all parents who came to support their children.

Next week is our last week before the Christmas break and there are still lots of Christmas events to come. Keep an eye on all our social media platforms for information on Christmas Bingo, dinners, parties and competitions which are all happening next week.

I wish you all a very pleasant and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm

Headteacher

<u>LET'S SEE WHATS BUZZIN</u>

Hark! The herald angels SING-A-LONG! KS2 took part in Carols by Candlelight at St. Thomas' Church this week. The children sung MISTLETOEtally perfectly and it was a very atmospheric Christmas event!



There's NOEL time like the PRESENT! Reception children performed their Christmas Nativity for their families this week. The children SLEIGHed it and we are very proud of them all!



Ready, set, GLOW! KS1 performed their Christmas Nativity for their families this week. The children played their parts SNOW well and had lots of fun showing off!



Preschool held their annual Christmas Cheer event this week! The children played their MERRY little hearts out with their families and friends! It was a wonderful event, FIR sure!





Are you FIR real?! Year 6 have been busy bees this week, painting their festive baubles ready to take home to SPRUCE up their Christmas trees!

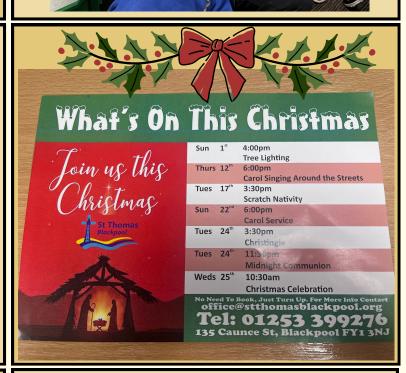


Class 60 had a <u>#YesDay</u> last week for their 100 jewel reward and YES, the children had an amazing day and YES, they asked for as much as possible!



MAPtastic! Preschool have been learning about where they live -Blackpool! The children have been using Google Earth to zoom in and zoom out of places they know.





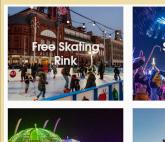


Attendance Incentive

This half-term we are trialling a new School Attendance Incentive. Children who attend school on time and without absence all week will be entered into a draw to win a £10 One4All voucher the following week. A voucher will be awarded every week for 8 weeks; the incentive will be reviewed after Christmas.

As you are already aware, regular and punctual attendance is vital for children to succeed in their educational journey. Good attendance supports learning, the development of social skills and friendships and building good habits that are essential for adult life.

Thank you for your support.













Christmas By The Sea!

From Friday 15th November 2024, Blackpool Tower's Festival Headland will become a magical Christmas village, perfect for family fun!

Experience a winter wonderland with an outdoor skating rink, simulated snowfalls, cozy log cabins and giant Christmas light installations. Enjoy this festive outdoor experience from noon to 9pm daily. Plus, free

Christmas ice skating until 8pm!



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Class Attendance: 1S

| Star of The Week | | Star Citizen | |
|------------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|
| RG | Skyler-Beth H | RG | Kiera-Maye S |
| RM | Ivie-Mae O | RM | Athena W |
| 1H | Everybody | 1H | Theo T |
| 15 | Meezab Q | 15 | Hebin S |
| 2CM | Everybody | 2CM | Lucas T |
| 2AM | Everybody | 2AM | Lucas M |
| 3P | Steven D | 3P | Ava M |
| ЗН | Riva-Blu D | ЗН | Aliza W |
| 4MT | Amielia N-S | 4MT | Jon Paul P |
| 4 S | Harley H-B | 4 S | Lola C |
| 5 S | Lilly-May S-F | 5 S | Khaleesi C |
| 5D | Amelia O | 5D | Maddie M |
| 60 | Raem B | 60 | Zac K |
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Word of the Week: Timid

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Charlotte C





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This week's Makaton Sign: Food + Biscuit



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