



# DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Best That We Can Be

Friday 15th November 2024

## Headteacher's Notice



Hello Devonshire!

Today, we have been taking part in fundraising for 'BBC Children in Need' and the children looked fantastic in their neon and brightly coloured clothing! The day began with a 'Pudsey' themed assembly and continued with a number of Pudsey activities. Your donations for 'Name Pudsey Bear' earlier this month and 'Children in Need' today have raised a total of £229. In addition to this, 14 incredible pupils raised a further £572.69 through sponsorship by taking part in 'Run Pudsey', which is an amazing achievement! This brings the final total to £801.69, which I believe is the most the school has ever raised for this event! Thank you so much to everyone for your kindness and generosity to raise money for such a good cause!

On Wednesday next week, we will be taking part in Switch Off Day and trying to reduce our carbon footprint by using as little gas and electricity as possible. Switch Off Day helps to raise awareness of how much energy we use daily and inspire discussions about how and why we can reduce our energy usage. Thank you to Mrs Hornby for organising this event.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have welcomed a number of visitors to school, all of whom have commented on the exceptional behaviour of our pupils. The children have consistently modelled the Devonshire Values and are a credit to the school and their parents and carers! Our children are polite, welcoming and respectful and I continue to be enormously proud of each and every one of them.

Finally, I'd like to thank all the parents and carers who have attended various parent workshops in association with Blackpool and the Fylde College. We are always pleased to welcome families to school and I hope those who attended found the training purposeful and useful. You can find information on all courses in our newsletters and on our online platforms.

I wish you all a pleasant and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm  
Headteacher



## LET'S SEE WHATS BUZZIN'

On Monday 11th November, Devonshire learnt about #RemembranceDay and why the Poppy is the symbol of Remembrance. Year 6 decorated the school for the event and the staff and children took part in a 2-minute silence at 11am.



3H have been learning about the American artist, Frank Stella, who was best known for his use of geometric patterns and shapes which the children emulated. EASLEy done, 3H!



Devonshire took part in #OddSocksDay this week. Odd Socks Day is a widely recognised event that takes place during Anti-Bullying Week. The children really pulled out all the SOCKS and had a TOEtally great day expressing their individuality!



### BBC Children in Need

Thank you to the 14 pupils who took part in Run Pudsey to raise money for BBC Children in Need. Through sponsorship, these children raised a collective £572.69 and will be rewarded for their efforts with medals!

Devonshire's total raised is an incredible £801.69!

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in donating towards BBC Children in Need.





Congratulations to the FUZZtastic winners of ‘Name Pudsey Bear’ competition: Khaleesi G (Emmett) & Lucy E (Charlie)! We always have an unBEARlievable amount of participation in our mini competitions and we thank everyone who took part!



1S have been NAVIGATING their way around the school site by using a map to identify certain characteristics and key features. A MAPsolutely great lesson!



**Christmas Tree Lighting Service and Choir Performance at St Thomas’ Church**

This year’s service will take place on Sunday 1st December 2024 at 4:00pm and everybody is welcome.

Refreshments will be mulled wine, hot chocolate and mince pies.

Run, run as fast as you can, you can't catch me, I'm the gingerbread man! Preschool have been reading 'The Gingerbread Man'; they decorated their own gingerbread men, pretended that they were the fox in the story and ate the gingerbread men!

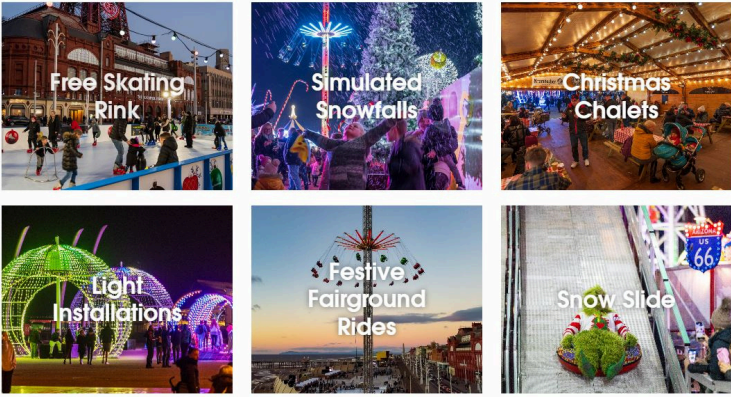


**Attendance Incentive**

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!

**Blackpool Fire Station Christmas Tree Service Tuesday 3rd December @ 6:30pm**

This event is free to attend but please book a place for each person attending using the Eventbrite link below: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/blackpool-fire-stations-christmas-tree-service-tickets-1034948307247?aff=oddtcreator>



**ASDA Rewards Cashpot for Schools**

Cashpot for Schools is really simple and easy to do! If you use the ASDA rewards app, please search for our school using our postcode FY3 8AF and link your Cashpot to 'Devonshire Primary Academy'. Each time you shop and scan rewards, ASDA will donate 0.5% of the value to our school without affecting your personal pot or rewards.

The scheme is running until the 30th November.

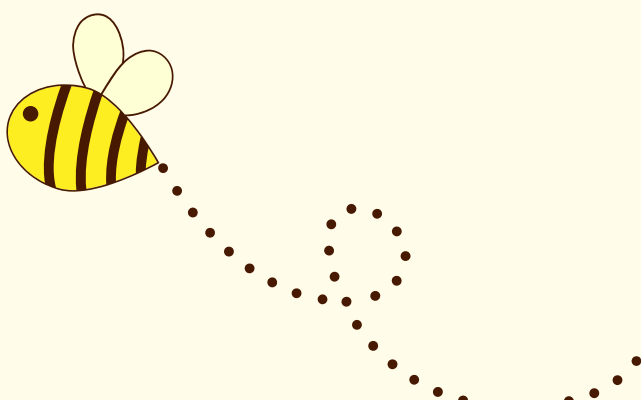
**COUNTDOWN TO CHRISTMAS 2024**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
01 Choir Performance at St Thomas' Christmas Light Switch On, 16:00	02 Whole School Pantomime - Snow White	03	04	05 Choir Performance at Abingdon Street Market, 16:40	06 Preschool Open Evening 15:30 - 16:00	07
08	09 Carols by Candlelight, 14:15	10 Reception Nativity, 9:15 Choir Performance at BMS Christmas Festival, 18:00	11 KS1 Nativity, AM Prechool Xmas Cheer, 8:45 & 14:00 Preschool Xmas Party, 9:45 & 12:30	12 Reception Nativity, 14:00 KS1 Nativity, AM Christmas Jumper Day (£1 Donation)	13 House Reward Afternoon	14
15	16 Y1 Xmas Party, 9:30 Y2 Xmas Party, 13:30	17 Y3 Xmas Party, 9:30 Y4 Xmas Party, 13:30	18 Choir Performance at local Nursing Home, 13:00 Christmas Bingo, 16:00 - 18:00	19 Y5 Xmas Party, 9:30 Y6 Xmas Party, 13:30	20 Christmas Dinner Reception Xmas Party School Closes at Normal Time	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

Please see Class Dojo, Parentapp and Facebook events for more information.  
[www.devonshire.blackpool.sch.uk](http://www.devonshire.blackpool.sch.uk)



# STAR OF THE WEEK



Class Attendance: 1S			
Star of the Week		Star Citizen	
RM	Ruby O	RM	Billy M
RG	Elijah C	RG	Lucy E
1H	Saniya S	1H	Lochlan W
1S	Theo B	1S	Nyla L
2CM	Elisha B	2CM	Johan S
2AM	Ivan N	2AM	Harry J
3P	Isaac G	3P	Skyla H
3H	Eden J	3H	Ava D
4MT	Britayley M	4MT	Harper D
4S	Logan T	4S	Millie G
5S	Ianis M	5S	Alexius C
5D	Mason D	5D	Emelia P
6O	Talula G	6O	Makiik M
6J	Rares S	6J	Sienna P

This week’s Makaton Sign:  
Drink

Friday 15th November  
National Recycling Day

### TUESDAY CHURCH

A SERVICE PARTICULARLY FOR CHILDREN AND THEIR PARENTS/GUARDIANS TO COME AND LEARN ABOUT GOD

IT WILL INCLUDE BIBLE STORIES, ACTIVITIES, PRAYERS, AND FOOD

EVERY TUESDAY IN TERM-TIME 3:30-4:30 STARTS ON NOVEMBER 7TH

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH, CAUNCE STREET, FY1 3NJ

### Toddler group

Come and join us as we play, do crafts, and hear stories

Thursdays (term-time only) 9:30-11am

St. Thomas' Church, FY1 3NJ

If you have any questions please contact the church office on 01253 399276

ADULT COURSES

**IT ALL STARTS ON YOUR DOORSTEP**

COMMUNITY COURSES NOW AVAILABLE AT DEVONSHIRE PRIMARY ACADEMY

- ✓ SHARING STORIES WITH YOUR CHILD - 19TH SEPTEMBER
- ✓ CREATING A CALM HOME ENVIRONMENT - 3RD OCTOBER
- ✓ PARENTS ARE PEOPLE TOO: THE IMPORTANCE OF SELF CARE - 17TH OCTOBER
- ✓ TIME MANAGEMENT FOR PARENTS- 7TH NOVEMBER
- ✓ CREATING MAGIC MOMENTS: STRENGTHENING FAMILY TIES - 21ST NOVEMBER
- ✓ BUILDING STRONGER FAMILY BONDS - 5TH DECEMBER

THURSDAY, 9.15 AM - 11.30 AM

STAY LOCAL AND IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS WITH A FREE COURSE\*

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