

DEVONSHIRE ___/ PRIMARY ACADEMY

The Best That We Can Be

Friday 20th December 2024

Headteacher's Notice



Hello Devonshire!

We have reached the end of a very busy and enormously rewarding term at Devonshire Primary Academy.

This week, the children have enjoyed Christmas Parties, a visit from Father Christmas and a whole school

Christmas Dinner! I would like to thank all school staff and staff at Blackpool Catering Services for making this week so festive and special for our children!

On Wednesday, the Choir performed a special Christmas Carol Concert! Thank you to the team at Westmorland Care Home for hosting us and to Mrs Page for organising the event. I was incredibly proud of our choir who were, as always, excellent and brought plenty of Christmas joy to the party!

Also on Wednesday, we hosted Christmas Bingo for Devonshire families and it was a great success! Thank you to everyone that attended and thank you to all the staff who gave up their time to support the evening. A special thank you also to Mrs Brownlie for organising the prizes, hampers and food – an amazing effort.

This Christmas we have, once again, received an unprecedented number of donations and presents from the wider community! We have been humbled by the generosity of many. I would personally like to thank St Thomas' Church, Mrs McQueen & Family, Blackpool Football Club, The Salvation Army, Blackpool Stanley Rugby Club and Ashleigh & Paula Archer for their kindness and support. The presents were donated to families at random and I'm sure they will put smiles on many faces this Christmas.

This week, we said goodbye to Mrs Kearns who has been a member of staff at Devonshire for almost 20 years! I would like to thank Mrs Kearns for all of her hard work and dedication to the pupils of Devonshire and wish her every happiness in her retirement.

A final thanks to all staff and stakeholders who continue to work tirelessly to provide the very best education and experiences for our pupils.

I would like to wish every member of the Devonshire family a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mr Simm Headteacher

LET'S SEE WHATS BUZZIN'

You SNOW the drill - it's Party Week! The children danced, sang, ate, CHILLed with their SNOWmies and even had a surprise visit from Santa Claus! That's a WRAP for another year of festive parties!









BINGO: where every night is a BALL! Especially here at Devonshire! We had a TREEmendous turnout and a lovey night. Thank you to everyone that came to support the event. Congratulations to our two hamper winners: Riva-Blu D and George A!



WOOD you believe it? In their DT lessons, Year 2 have been working towards building a chair for a soft toy. The children designed their chairs and then tested them! SIT BACK and enjoy these photos of their finished products!







Congratulations to our three Christmas Card Competition winners! The Wellbeing Warriors debated long and hard over all the entrants and have chosen:

> Christal M, Y1 Arla D, Y4 Isak M, Y4

We used these (<) designs for our Christmas Cards and delivered them to our community.

Staff and children were TREEted to a yummy Christmas dinner today!
Thank you to the catering staff from Blackpool Catering Services for your
hard work delivering over 400 BOWtiful meals!



St Thomas' Church welcomed some of their parishioners (some of whom are Devonshire parents and pupils) to their 'Scratch Nativity' this week. But wait, there's MYRRH! Families spontaneously and bravely took on roles and played parts in order to tell the Nativity Story to the audience. It was a very comedic performance and the Church hope to do the same thing next year.



The children really SLEIGHed their designs with CHILLed vibes and FROSTY details for our School Council Competition: Create a Winter Scene. The COOLest designs have been chosen and there are were 10 winners! Well done, everybody!



2025



Dates for the Diary

2025

January 2025

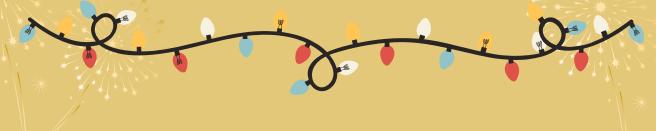
Monday 6th January - Return to School (normal time)

Monday 20th January - Coffee Mornings Commence (Mondays at 9:00am)

Monday 20th January - Blue/Happy Monday

Tuesday 21st January - Buddhism Event and Workshops

Friday 31st January - Pyjama Day in Exchange for Chocolate/Sweets Donations



Please see Class Dojo, Parentapp and Facebook events for more information.

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Class Attendance for the Half Term: 60

Preschool Stars: Mia G + Jaxon C

Star of The Week		Star Citizen		Presentation Star	
RG	Hughie C	RG	Noah T	RG	N/A
RM	Esmae W	RM	Bonnie A	RM	N/A
1H	Lochlan W	1H	Olivia G	1H	Grayson G
15	Serah T	15	Thomas P-B	15	Maddison M
2CM	Ellouise N	2CM	Sulaiman A-H	2CM	Johan s
2AM	Mason H	2AM	Adona E	2AM	Isabel W
3P	Kevin N	3P	Gracie P	3P	Olivia A
3H	Jayden J	ЗН	Star L	ЗН	Ava D
4MT	Britayley M	4MT	Lily-Mae B	4MT	Jake S
45	Kallum C	45	Hutton S	45	Meral A-A
5S	Chelsea O	5S	Freya M	5\$	Jana A-F
5D	Adon M	5D	Glory S	5D	Lilith M
60	Summer B	60	Blake A	60	Daniel D
6J	Connor C	6J	Bella-Rose S	6J	Lilly E

Word of the Week: Practice Previous Words of the Week



This week's Makaton Sign: Excited

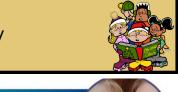




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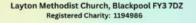
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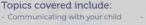
THURSDAY AT 2PM SUNDAY @ 10:30AM



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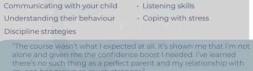


12.30pm –	Gatehouse Community Centre	Tuesday	Tuesday
2.30pm	29 Waterloo Road, FY4 3AD	21 st January	25 th March
10.00am –	The Place (previously The HealthWorks) 1 Clifton Street, FY1 1JD	Wednesday	Wednesday
12.00pm		22 nd January	26 th March
6.00pm –	Online using Google Meet	Thursday	Thursday
8.00pm		23 rd January	27 th March



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