

# DEVONSHIRE \\_\_\_/ PRIMARY ACADEMY

### The Best That We Can Be

Friday 29th November 2024

#### **Headteacher's Notice**



Hello Devonshire!

This week, we were visited by Ofsted for a two day inspection of the school on Tuesday and Wednesday. Although the visit was an extremely rigorous examination of our standards, I was enormously proud to share with the inspectors our ambition for the pupils of Devonshire. The team looked carefully at our curriculum, our quality of teaching and many more areas. I couldn't be prouder of all of our pupils who were polite, courteous, welcoming and eager to talk about our fantastic school. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the staff who continue to work tirelessly for our children to provide them with the best possible education and experiences. A final thank you also to all of our parents and stakeholders who were very supportive of Devonshire. Ofsted's report should be published in the New Year and I look forward to sharing it with you all.

On Thursday, the children were treated to a Christmas Craft afternoon. Every year group was given a Christmas 'theme' and the classes spent time designing and making a variety of Christmas decorations to display around school. This morning, the children arrived at school to find the buildings had been transformed into Christmas Wonderlands; it was so lovely to watch the surprise and excitement on their faces as they arrived. Thank you to all the Christmas Elves (staff) who stayed late at school last night to make the school look so festive.

On Sunday, Devonshire's Choir will be performing at St Thomas' Church's annual Carol Service and Christmas Tree Lighting event. This is always a lovely service and I'm looking forward to seeing pupils, families and friends there to start the festive celebrations. Thank you to our Chair of Governors, Reverend David O' Brien, for the invitation and to Mrs Page and Miss Sweeney for their hard work perfecting the performance.

I wish you all a very pleasant and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm Headteacher

## LET'S SEE WHATS BUZZIN

Preschool have been focusing their learning on the book, 'The Little Red Hen'. The children discovered how bread is made and that they KNEAD to follow a recipe to make their own. WHEAT a great week!



Year 1 have been SEAzing the day, looking at impressionism art. They created colour SPLASH base and tints using shades of blue for their beach inspired art work.



1H have been learning all about space, Neil Armstrong and his acc omplishments. Mrs Davies even shared her experience of what she remembers about the event when she was just 10 years old! Certainly a CRATER day than others!







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Today we learnt about the moon landing. We discussed who the astronauts were and worked out that it took place less than convers ago. Mrs Davis remembers that day in 120°2 and came and told us all about it!

1S have been learning about the French artist, Georges Seurat, and his post-impressionist work. Children used a paint programme on the iPads to create poppies using dots.







<u>Blackpool School Nursing Team are here to support</u> <u>you and your family.</u>

The School Nurses are based at Moor Park Health Centre, South Shore Primary Care Centre, and Whitegate Drive Health Centre.

Contact details:

By telephone: <u>01253 951740</u> Monday to Friday 9am

to 4.30pm

By email: <u>bfwh.blackpoolschoolnurses@nhs.net</u>





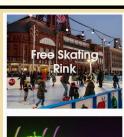


#### **Attendance Incentive**

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, Blackpool Tower's Festival Headland has been transformed to a magical Christmas village, perfect for family fun! Experience a winter wonderland with an outdoor skating rink, simulated snowfalls, cosy log cabins and giant Christmas light installations. Enjoy this festive outdoor experience from noon to 9pm daily. Plus, free Christmas ice skating until 8pm!







Christmas Tree Lighting Service and Choir Performance at St Thomas' Church

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

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



## 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: <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/blackpool-fire-stations-christmas-tree-service-tickets-1034948307247?aff-oddtdtcreator">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/blackpool-fire-stations-christmas-tree-service-tickets-1034948307247?aff-oddtdtcreator</a>

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDA
O1 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 Year 1 Nativity 09:30 Prechool Xmas Cheer, 8:45 & 14:00 Preschool Xmas Party, 9:45 & 12:30	12 Reception Nativity, 14:00 Year 2 Nativity 09:30 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
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Please see Class Dojo, Parentapp and Facebook events for more information.

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Class Attendance: 3H	
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Star of The Week		Star Citizen				
RG	Leo F	RG	Alfie S			
RM	Isaac E	RM	Timinia D			
1H	Rocky P	1H	Mckenzie H			
15	Nyla L	15	Nellie L			
2CM	Toby T	2CM	Miriam M			
2AM	Archie H	2AM	Riley H			
3P	Alissia M	3P	Indi-Rose O			
3H	Lottie P	ЗН	Freya-May B			
4МТ	Polly C	4MT	Jacob H			
<b>4</b> S	Keria F	45	Isak M			
5S	Fidan S	<b>5</b> S	Alfie B			
5D	Noah M	5D	Cieran C			
60	Mariam A-H	60	Bessie B			

Word of the week: Balderdash

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Friday 29th November: National Day of Listening



