

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

# The Best That We Can Be

Friday 8th November 2024

## **Headteacher's Notice**

Hello Devonshire!

It's been another busy week in school!

On Wednesday, our Junior Leadership Team gave a guided tour of the school to several visitors who were attending a board meeting that we were hosting. I was enormously proud of our JLT as each one of the dignitaries commented on how polite, helpful and respectful our pupils had been. I was also very proud to hear that the visitors were hugely impressed with "the quality of teaching, pupils' attitudes and behaviour and the classroom culture". A huge thank you to our JLT and to all the wonderful staff who work so hard for our pupils and our school.

Also on Wednesday, the Football Team took part in the second fixture of this year's football league. It was a nail-biting encounter with Blackpool Gateway Academy, who brought a very strong team. I'm delighted to announce that Devonshire won the match 7-5; our first victory of the season! Well done to the players of both teams who showed exceptional effort and congratulations to Devonshire Football Team and their coaches, Miss Hayhurst and Mr Dodding.

This week, we have been selling poppies in school in preparation for Remembrance Day on Monday. Today, the children have spent some time learning about Remembrance Day and they have created some beautiful artwork that is now being displayed around school. Thank you to Miss Sutton for coordinating Remembrance Day activities and to Ms O'Hagan for organising the art displays.

Next Friday 15th November, we will be raising money for BBC Children In Need and this year's theme is 'neon'. Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform with an element of neon or colour in exchange for a cash donation. Throughout the day, the children will also be taking part in lots of exciting and fun activities. This year, we have also signed up to 'Run Pudsy', which allows children to ask friends and family to sponsor them for running the daily mile in the school playground every day next week. So far, we have 13 participants who have already raised over £200 and it would be great to see even more children taking part in this sporting challenge to raise money. Information about BBC Children in Need and Run Pudsy can be found on the

Finally, congratulations to Lucas M in 2AM, who won this week's £10 One For All voucher for 100% attendance and punctuality!

I hope you all have a pleasant and peaceful weekend.

Mr Simm Headteacher

Class Dojo main story page.

# LET'S SEE WHATS BUZZIN

Year 6 have recently TACKLED the Haka! Children learnt about the origin of the Haka and its meaning before learning the movements of the dance and sequencing them together. Don't SCRUM with this lot!



In Science, 1S had a STEELEY good lesson sorting everyday objects into groups depending on their material. The children identified objects made from metal, wood and plastic. They'll LOG that lesson in their memories!



Reception have been working hard in their Maths lessons, making FIVEulous number 5 dice arrays. Give yourselves a high FIVE!



Devonshire Football Team had a GOALorious match against Gateway Academy this week, winning by 7 goals to 5! Each and every player did our school proud! #TeamDevonshire



Hocus Pocus, it's time to focus! Preschool have been using recycled materials to create patterns with paint which emulate cauldrons! SPOOKtacular!



Devonshire's Maths Club started this week with some extra tricky problem solving! Hopefully, the children will soon be taking part in challenges with other Sea View Trust academies! We can COUNT on our children to give it their best!



#### 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.

To commemorate Remembrance Day next week, 'The Way I Roll' painted a beautiful red poppy on Preschool's front door. Thank you for the beautiful work you do to make the Preschool POP with colour; the community love to see your latest creations.

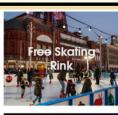




### **Attendance Incentive**

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, giant Christmas light installations, enchanting light projection shows and festive-themed fairground rides. Wrap up warm, grab a tasty Christmas treat or a unique gift from harming cabins and enjoy this festive outdoor experience from noon to 9pm daily. Plus, free Christmas ice skating until 8pm!



#### S ASDA Rewards Cashpot for Schools S

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.

This is a great initiative to help schools raise funds and we would love your support! Thank you!

Blackpool Fire Station Christmas Tree Service Tuesday 3rd of December @ 6:30pm This event is free to attend but families must book a place for each persons attending, using the Eventbrite link below: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/blackpool-fire-stations-christmas-tree-

service-tickets-1034948307247?aff=oddtdtcreator





#### **Dates for your Diary**

Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November - Anti-Bullying Week Tuesday 12th November - Odd Sock Day for Anti-Bullying Alliance (no donation) Friday 15th November - Children in Need (£1 donation - dress neon/colourful) Wednesday 20th November - National Switch Off Day

upcoming throughout November and December.

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

We will soon release our 'Countdown to Christmas' calendar which will list all the Christmas events

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Class Attendance: 1H

Star of the Week		Star Citizen	
RM	Christon J	RM	Amelia S-F
RG	Lola-Mae T	RG	Jaxson C
1H	Darcey W	1H	Grayson G
15	Jenson H	15	Charlie D
2CM	Lyna A-F	2CM	River L
2AM	Georgie-Mai W	2AM	Lucas S
3P	Evin S	3P	Steven D
3H	Ayda R	3H	Leon E
4MT	Leona M	4MT	Sophia C
45	Jacob C-M	45	Anna-Leigh E
5S	Harper S	<b>5</b> S	Noah D
5D	Maddie M	5D	Hunter A
60	Yavin R	60	Blake A



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<u>This week's Makaton Sign:</u> Sad

Alfie B

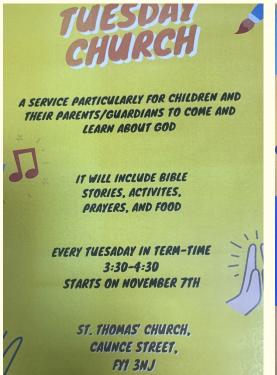
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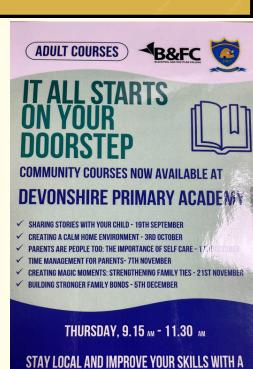


Friday 8th November
National STEM Day
(Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics)









**FREE COURSE\*** 

Harley H