



# Dowson Primary Academy

## PROUD PRINCIPAL'S POST

### IT'S BEGINNING TO LOOK A LOT LIKE CHRISTMAS

After 13 performances (not to mention many a rehearsal), 8 lots of parties, card and calendar making, a Christmas Fair, Christmas jumper and dinner days, a visit from Santa AND a pantomime trip, we are definitely in the festive spirit and ready for a rest and a few mince pies.

Thank you to everyone who has helped to organise, join in with and come and share in all of our events and performances. I am sure you will agree, the children, as always, did us proud and showed themselves to be the superstars they all are. I for one, will be smiling at the memory for the rest of the festive season at least!



### CARE FOR OUR COMMUNITY!

Those of you who came to the performances heard me talk about the difference your support can make to our own families who are in the most need of help this Christmas time. Thanks to your generosity, we have been able to provide 10 families with a Christmas day food hamper and on behalf of Team Dowson and those families, thank you for making their Christmas easier and happier.



Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity



This half term, you've raised over £300 for Children in Need, nearly £300 for Royal Manchester Children's Hospital on our Christmas jumper days and, from the donations at all of our performances and the raffle to help our families, raised over £800 to provide those Christmas day food hampers and some food bank items for the local community. Your generosity is amazing and there will be many families so grateful for this as we all celebrate with ours this holiday. Thank you! I'm sure you'll agree that through these amazing causes, together, we are showing our children what a difference they can make whilst also raising their awareness of just how lucky they are! Thank you for your contributions and support.



### CARE FOR EACH OTHER

The Reception children have really enjoyed their Year 5 'Big Friends' coming to watch their Nativity and it was heart warming to see their giving of Christmas cards a book as a gift to their little friends for Christmas.



Year 5 have done a great job of helping Reception children to settle into their first term of school. Well done Year 5!



### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS

Sporting achievements this term include our tag rugby team qualifying for the Tameside Finals and the girls' football team coming runners up in the Tameside Pokemon Cup competition.



Our hockey team were highly successful too, winning all of their games at the Tameside Festival!



Fantastic work: a huge well done to all of our sports teams who continue to set a great example of sportsmanship.

## PEACE AND GOOD WILL TO ALL MEN

Today, in our final assembly of the term, as always, our Peace Prize winners from each class were announced and all awarded a certificate and a book in keeping with the theme of the award. Our Peace Prize is awarded to those children in class that teachers feel promote positive friendships, keep the peace, are kind and caring to others and try to resolve conflict in calm and peaceful ways. Last year's winners passed the light of hope and peace to them during the assembly. They are now the proud owners of our peace prize badge—a dove—for their tie and will continue to shine the light of peace throughout their years here and beyond I am sure. Well done to our winners and keep doing your great work as ambassadors of peace.

That just leaves me on behalf of myself and all the staff at Dowson to send warm wishes for a very peaceful and magical Merry Christmas with your families and loved ones and that 2023 brings you much health and happiness.

With Kind Regards,



Mrs K L Thornburn

Principal



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## Dates for the Diary

Come and join us!	Other dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>18<sup>th</sup> October – Parent Consultation Day</li> <li>21<sup>st</sup> / 25<sup>th</sup> November – Tour for prospective parents</li> <li>5<sup>th</sup> December – LS Nativity (2.15)</li> <li>6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December – LS Nativity (9.15)</li> <li>13<sup>th</sup> December- Upper School productions (am &amp; pm) at the church</li> <li>14<sup>th</sup>/15<sup>th</sup> December- Reception Productions (times will be given for family groups)</li> <li>12<sup>th</sup> / 13<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery Productions (times will be given for family groups)</li> <li>7<sup>th</sup> March – Parent Consultation Day</li> <li>12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Show</li> <li>27<sup>th</sup> July- Year 6 Leavers' assembly for parents</li> </ul> <p>Events with dates TBC:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Class Assemblies- You will be invited in to watch your child perform in a class assembly</li> <li>Class cake sales will make a return!</li> <li>Sports Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>23<sup>rd</sup> September Jeans for Genes dress up day</li> <li>7<sup>th</sup> October individual photo day</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> November- Nasal Flu vaccinations</li> <li>14<sup>th</sup> November- Odd Socks Day</li> <li>18<sup>th</sup> November- Children in Need</li> <li>8<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Dinner/Jumper Day</li> <li>12<sup>th</sup> December – Reception and Year 5 party</li> <li>13<sup>th</sup> December – Year 2 party</li> <li>14<sup>th</sup> December – Year 1, Year 4 and Nursery party</li> <li>15<sup>th</sup> December – Panto for years 1-6</li> <li>16<sup>th</sup> December – Year 3 and Year 6</li> <li>1<sup>st</sup> February – Young Voices Concert</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> March – World Book Day</li> <li>17<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day</li> <li>21<sup>st</sup> March – Class Photo Day</li> <li>9<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 SATS Week (8<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday)</li> <li>12<sup>th</sup> May – Robin Wood '15</li> <li>22<sup>nd</sup> May Eco Week</li> <li>3<sup>rd</sup> July Big Me day</li> <li>17<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 Activity Week</li> </ul>

We will endeavour to stick to these dates wherever possible but due to the nature of being a busy academy, there may be unforeseen reasons why these may need to change. When this is necessary, we will inform you of this as soon as possible.