



Dinglewell Infant School

Newsletter

January 2025

Message from Mrs Barby

A very warm welcome back to school, I hope you all had a happy and restful holiday season. As we welcome 2025, I want to take this opportunity to share our exciting plans for the coming months. Our school value this term is **creativity**.



The Look Who's Talking competition has put the spotlight not only on oracy but also the children's creativity. The Year One and Two teachers are enjoying choosing a 'star speaker' to represent the class in the whole school heat.

**LOOK
WHO'S
TALKING!**

Each year group started the new year with brand new topics:

Reception – Winter and 'Dinosaur Discovery'

Year 1 – 'Once Upon a Time'

Year 2 – 'Life Around the Lighthouse'

Curriculum overviews (and optional home projects for Key Stage 1) can be found on the school website www.dinglewellinfants.org First select the **About Us** balloon and then **Curriculum**, then scroll down until you find **Curriculum Overview for Parents 2024-2025**



Curriculum Overviews for Parents/Carers 2024 -2025



We have a performance of Jack and the Beanstalk to look forward to in the school hall on the afternoon of Friday 17th January. Please remember that your child will need a packed lunch on that day. The company will need access to the hall to set up ready for the performance so we will not be able to serve hot lunches.

Mrs Beer, our PE lead, has successfully reapplied for the afPE Quality Mark. This award is given for the strength and quality of physical education, school sport and physical activity in schools. We are thrilled to announce that we achieved the highest accolade; **Quality Mark with Distinction**.



Mrs Beer would like to thank our amazing teaching staff for all their fantastic PE provision and support with the extracurricular clubs, competitions and events that they help to host and organise. Mrs Beer is also very proud of Bo, Charlie and Lily who talked so confidently to the assessor about their experiences in these events over the last 3 years.

Attendance (Every Minute Counts)

Last term our attendance figure was 95.4% which was in line with the National average and just slightly behind the Local Authority figure. Our attendance for the end of December is **94.6%** which has fallen slightly due to the cold and flu virus that affected lots of our families in the last week of term. However, this now puts our attendance below both national and local authority figures.



The Christmas Concerts in December were a huge success. A big thank you to all the staff who worked so hard to make sure everything ran smoothly on the day and to our parents and carers for the wonderful costumes. A huge well done to all of the children who made their family and teachers so proud of them. The bucket collection for Winston's Wish raised £224.69.
Thank you



December's Book of the Month

This beautifully illustrated book is perfect for this time of year. It is a timeless fairytale telling of the disruption caused when King Winter invites his brother and sisters (Queen Spring, King Summer and Queen Autumn) to his birthday party.



Thank you to everyone that supported the Christmas Fayre; a total of £1,160.76, was raised. You can find information about events and meetings on the Friends of Dinglewell Infant School (FoDIS) Facebook page. Upcoming events include:
31st January - Bingo (adults only)
12th February - Children's disco

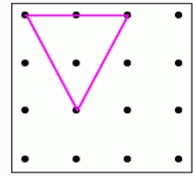
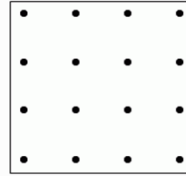
The FoDIS hold regular planning meetings at the Wagon and Horses, the next meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday 15th January at 7.30 pm**. It has been lovely to see some new faces at these meetings so please come along and join them.

Further information about the Bingo Night will be emailed nearer the time, but please note the date in your diary.

Maths Challenge: January 2025

This month's activity is Inside Triangles. How many different triangles can you draw on the dotted grid which each have one dot in the middle?

Here is a four by four dotted grid.



I have joined three dots on the grid to make a triangle which has one dot inside it. How many different triangles with one dot in the middle can you draw?
How do you know you have found them all?

Mrs Bishop would love to see your inside triangles, so please send her your solutions and they can be shared on the school website to celebrate maths at home.
ebishop@dinglewell-inf.gloucs.sch.uk

Our Numbots champions for December were **Class 1** with **50%** playing last month. Well done, Class 1, this is your third win in row.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Term 3 2024/25

Starts **Monday 6th January** **Ends** **Friday 14th February**

January

6th INSET day—staff only to attend
7th Children return to school
17th Performance of Jack and the Beanstalk in school – packed lunches please
29th & 30th Reception - NHS height, weight, vision screening
31st FoDIS Bingo (Adults only)

February

12th FoDIS Disco
14th Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds

Term 4 2024/25

Starts **Monday 24th February** **Ends at 12.30pm** **Friday 11th April**

April

4th iRock Concert
11th Non Uniform Day – donations to school funds
Easter Hat Parade
FoDIS Cake Sale

Term 5 2024/25

Starts **Monday 28th April** **Ends** **Friday 23rd May**

May

5th Bank holiday

Term 6 2024/25

Starts **Monday 2nd June** **Ends at 12.30 pm** **Friday 18th July**

June

2nd INSET day = staff only to attend
3rd Children return to school