



Dinglewell Infant School

Newsletter

December 2024

Message from Mrs Barby

As we approach the end of 2024, I would like to extend my thanks to our parents and carers for your support throughout the year. Your involvement, together with the dedication of our wonderful staff, help to make our school a nurturing and inspiring place for our children.

We are sending our best wishes to Mrs Etheridge who is recovering from a surgical procedure and to Mr Bishop who is sadly unwell at the moment.

Attendance (Every Minute Counts)

Last term our attendance figure was 94.5% which was below the National and Local Authority average.

Our attendance to the end of November is 95.4% and is now in line with national figures and only slightly behind the county figure of 95.5%. Please remember that every minute counts.



Cross Country Championships

We are incredibly proud of our cross country team: **Freddie, Charlie, Dexter, Effie, Amelia** and **Lily** who represented Dinglewell in the Year 2 race at the Cross Country Championships in November. Huge congratulations to the whole team for their amazing performance. Freddie came 4th and Dexter came 2nd in the boys race.



Our Numbots champions for November are **Class 1** with **54%** playing last month. Well done Class 1.



Thank you for supporting Children In Need last month. The children looked amazing in their spots and Pudsey jumpers and we raised a total £263.00



November's Book of the Month

The children have really enjoyed November's Book of the Month, '*Bothered by Bugs*' by Emily Gravett. It's a great reminder about the important role that the tiniest creatures play in our world. It's written in rhyming prose and the stunning illustrations provide lots of small details to observe and discuss. Look carefully and you'll see that it's a story, recipe and information book all in one!



Maths Challenge: December 2024

This month's activity is 'Christmas Elves'. Father Christmas has given his elves some new clothes: red, green or yellow jackets and trousers. The elves have fun mixing up the jackets and trousers. How many different ways can they wear the jackets and trousers?



Mrs Bishop would love to know how many variations you found, so please send her your solutions and they will be shared on the school website to celebrate maths at home.

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Preparations for our concerts are now underway.

Reception Monday 16th December 9.15am and 2pm "The Giving Snowman"

Year 1 Tuesday 17th December 9.15am and 2pm "The Christmas Story"

Year 2 Wednesday 18th December 9.15am and 2pm "Christmas Carols and Songs"

You should already have received a letter with information about the costumes/clothing your child will need for their concert. Reception and Year One costumes should be sent into school by Monday 9th December, Year Two clothing should be sent into school on Monday 16th December.

You should also have received a letter explaining how to get tickets for the concerts. There will be two performances by each year group; if you attend the afternoon performance you may collect your child(ren) from the classroom door straight after the concert. We will be making a collection for Winston's Wish after each performance.

Thursday 12th December is Christmas Jumper Day when the children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper in exchange for a donation to 'Save the Children'. **Please do not send cash into school**, donations should be made via Parentpay. As the children are still involved in key learning each day, please can we ask that they wear non-uniform clothing and Christmas accessories only on Christmas Jumper Day, Party Day and Non-Uniform day.

Thursday 19th December will be Christmas party day, the children can wear party clothes and should bring a party packed lunch, there will be no school dinners that day. Coats and sensible shoes will still be needed as the children will go outside for playtimes.

The children will be able to bring in Christmas cards for their school friends as usual this year. There will be a post box in each classroom and the children can post cards for their class mates from **Monday 9th to Friday 20th December**. Cards for children in other classes should be given out before or after school. Please label the envelopes with the recipients full name and please do not include any chocolates or sweets in the card as we have several children with allergies.

Please note that school closes for the Christmas holiday at **12.30 pm** on **Friday 20th December**.



A huge thank you to our wonderful Friends of Dinglewell Infant School for organising the Christmas wreath making workshop last month. It was a really enjoyable evening of creativity and laughter which raised £252 for school funds and created 23 unique Christmas wreaths.

The next event is the Christmas Fayre on **Friday 6th December**. If you can spare some time to help, please contact the Chair, Vicky, by sending an email to Dinglewell-Infants-PTA@outlook.com

Please come along and support the event, Father Christmas has promised to join us in our Winter Wonderland grotto. Santa and Raffle Tickets will be available to purchase after school from Monday 2nd to Thursday 5th December and at the Christmas Fayre itself.

On Friday 6th December, the children can come to school in non-uniform in exchange for a tombola prize:-

Reception classes - chocolate tombola donations
Year 1 and 2 - bottle tombola donations

Many thanks

The Friends of Dinglewell Infant School hold regular planning meetings at the Wagon and Horses, the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 15th January 2025 at 7.30 pm. It has been wonderful to see a couple of new faces at these meetings so please come along and join them.

There is a Friends of Dinglewell Infant School (FoDIS) Facebook community where you can find updates and information about events and meetings.

Upcoming events include:

Bingo (adults only) – Friday 31st January

Children's disco – 12th February



DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES

Starts **Monday 4th November** **Ends at 12.30 pm** **Friday 20th December**

December

6th FoDIS Christmas Fayre
12th Christmas Jumper Day
16th Reception Christmas Concerts (1 morning, 1 afternoon)
17th Year One Christmas Concerts (1 morning, 1 afternoon)
18th Year Two Christmas Concerts (1 morning, 1 afternoon)
19th Christmas Party Day – packed lunches needed

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
29th & 30th Reception - NHS height, weight, vision screening

Term 4 2024/25

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

February

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