



Dale Hall Diaries

DALE HALL COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL



December 2022

A Christmas message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a lovely few weeks we have had!- filled with productions, nativities, Christmas jumpers, the Christmas Fayre and a LOVELY Christmas dinner. The children have worked so hard to produce some wonderful performances, thank you to those who were able to come and to all those that came for the Christmas Fayre. The PTA will be in touch soon to reveal the amount raised.

We have said goodbye to the lovely Miss Patel, who has left to work closer to home and we can now welcome Miss Cloud, who you may know from premier sport. She will be our new cover supervisor alongside Mrs Powell.

We have also just appointed Mrs Critchley as our new assistant head for key stage 2. She will be responsible for teaching and learning across the school and supporting staff with their professional development.

I have agreed to support Trimley St Mary Primary school as Headteacher on a Thursday for one more term. Mrs Spalding will be Head of school in my absence. We have been visited by the lead standards and excellence partner from the local authority, Gill Larkin and our new excellence partner, Gema Emiabata. They were very impressed with our school and will be working alongside us to help monitor and develop our school development plan. Due to the very busy term I will be holding our open evening next term where you can come and meet some of our staff leading on various elements of school improvement and ask any questions you may have. It just leaves me to say I hope you all have a safe, warm and happy Christmas break and we look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Mrs J Dediccoat



Christmas Dinner Day



**OUR SCHOOL CHRISTMAS DINNER WAS
SO LOVELY... THANK YOU TO THE
BRILLIANT COOKS...**



Hunter won Jenny the Giraffe this week. I was worried that she might be a bit cold as she only had a hoodie on. Hunter very kindly made her a Christmas onesie.
Such a lovely thought!

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"Learning together to challenge and achieve"

Reception have been busy little elves, crafting and creating Christmas hats, decorations and more! We have been looking at Christmas past, finding out about traditions and how it was celebrated compared to now.

Using our phoneme knowledge we have written independent sentences about the elf that comes to visit. Of course, do not forget about all the singing and practicing we had been doing for our play!



Year One



Year 1 have made us incredibly proud over the past few weeks. They worked so hard to learn their dances and perform confidently with smiles on their faces!

As well as preparing for the Christmas play, the children have found time to finish their Science learning about animal families focusing on the features of fish and amphibians. The Autumn term has been a busy one, however the children have amazed us with their growth hero attitudes towards their learning. Well done Year 1 - now for a well deserved rest!

Year Two

It has been an incredible term for Year 2 and we are all very proud of the journey this term. Over the last few weeks the children have worked so extremely hard to rehearse and perform a fantastic Christmas play. The children were so confident with their delivering their lines, singing and dancing. The children ended last week with some fun Christmas activities including an Elf arriving, Christmas lunch and telling Christmas stories.



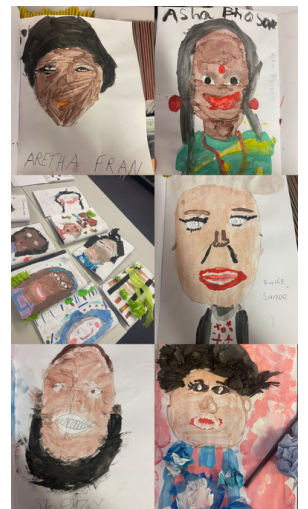
Year Three

As Christmas approaches, we have finished our POR text, Libba. The children have been writing some wonderful recounts of Libba's life as well as acting out her key life events. We have continued discussing slavery, Black Lives Matter, and diversity.

Year 3 turned into a festival of noise and enjoyment as we practised call and response with our drums. The children loved performing in front of the rest of the class.

We have been inspired by some famous black musicians, diving into their backgrounds (the children couldn't believe some of them were homeless before their careers!) and looking at how they shaped genres such as R&B and grime. We then had a go at drawing their portraits.

We have loved doing our kindness advent calendar every day. From being nice to a friend to picking up litter around the school, the children have shown what lovely young people they are.



You have all worked so hard this term and should be very proud of your achievements.

The Year 3 team wishes you an amazing Christmas and New Year!

Year Four

What a super end to the term, the classes have really shone. We have enjoyed exploring Inuit cultures, using mod rock in art to create animals from the habitat of the Arctic Tundra. In maths we have begun our journey on speeding up our times table facts, though we look forward to this challenge continuing in the Spring term.

In science we have explored the effects of too much sugar on our teeth. Hopefully this will help us with keeping them clean over the festive period.



We had a wonderful time at our panto at the Wolsey Theatre. Mr Glover had a very important part in the production!



Year Five

As we approach the end of our first term together in year 5, it's a perfect opportunity to reflect on the progress the children have made.

Every child has thrown themselves into their learning, whether that be dressing up as Tudors for our visit to Kentwell Hall, experimenting with the properties of materials, investigating fractions or creating beautiful artwork based on the work of Arcimboldo. We couldn't be prouder of their work ethic, determination and growth hero attitudes.

We have some really exciting topics coming up in the new year and we can't wait to see where the learning takes us!

The whole year 5 team wish you a happy and healthy Christmas and New Year.



Year Six

What a brilliant end to the term Year 6 have had! They have shown what perfect members of the Dale Hall community they are by truly displaying our 4 B's in addition to great resilience and maturity too.

We started the month with a trip to Queechwood and were blessed with a very cold but beautifully sunny day - just perfect for being outside. The children worked in teams to build shelters and create fires, learning new skills and demonstrating great teamwork. For lunch they prepared a healthy, hearty vegetable soup and cooked bread over the fire. It was such a great day!

This month has also seen the children working hard to raise awareness and collect donations for iHag and FIND. By providing flyers for the whole school and some of our local area, Year 6 have encouraged people to give food and personal hygiene items to support families in need this Christmas; we are so proud of their empathy, maturity and hard work.



Message from the Deputy Head

Well we have made it... it's time for the holidays and very nearly time for Christmas! This month has another busy one in school! I thoroughly enjoyed joining the hunt for Father Christmas in the KS1 performance and I loved learning all about a very clumsy angel in EYFS. The annual christmas lunch was such a lovely day and seeing our staff and children enjoying their food and making memories together.

Don't forget that, amongst the stress of wrapping presents and worrying if you've got enough food for everyone, it's the little things that matter most. Enjoy the precious family time and just be present.

See you all in January.

Shoe News

After Christmas we will be asking you to provide **outdoor shoes** from home to wear in the wet and muddy weather at school.

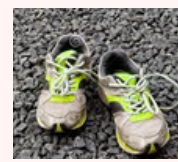
The children's black school shoes will be kept dry and warm in the classroom. Examples of outdoor shoes to wear travelling to school, in school and travelling home from school are...



Waterproof walking shoes



Snow boots



Old pair of trainers



from us all at Dale Hall