



# Dale Hall Diaries

DALE HALL COMMUNITY  
PRIMARY SCHOOL



## A message from the Headteacher

July 2022

Wow what a year! I have asked all of the classes to pick their highlight for the last Newsletter of this academic year. For me it would be impossible task because all of the children have overcome so many obstacles (including another term of Covid related absences) and achieved so much. I suppose my highlight has been watching how resilient, confident and adaptable the children are, how they have become independent learners, ready to take their next step.

For me it is the 'Good morning Mrs Dedicoat' and the smiles and skips along the corridor, the polite nature, the tenacity and the bravery when speaking up for what is right. It is the empathy for others your children show, the kindness and the sensitivity. It has been wonderful to watch them push through when times have been challenging, to watch them work as a team and learn how to support each other.

And finally it has been their ability to see mistakes as a chance to learn, to grow and to improve. To see them strive for the best and consistently demonstrate how they want to be the very best version of themselves.

We are all incredibly fortunate to work with such amazing children- this is something we do not ever take for granted. Thank you so much to all of the staff and governors for their hard work this year because without your commitment, modelling of our values and your unfailing optimism we would not be the wonderful school that we are.

And thank you to you, as parents and carers, for enabling your children, for supporting us as a school, for the last minute costumes, hats, fancy dress and tins of food. For talking to us when you feel something isn't right and for letting us know when we have done something well. Dale Hall is the school it is because of the people and the community we work with.

It just remains for me to say I hope you have a very relaxing break and manage to grab some time, or even a holiday together over the next 6 weeks. We look forward to seeing you all for our new term on Monday September 5th.

Mrs J Dedicoat



**We could of been anything that we wanted to be  
Yes, that decision was ours  
It's been decided  
We're weaker divided  
Let friendship double up our powers  
You give a little love and it all comes back to you  
You know your gonna be remembered for the things  
that you say and do**

Today we wave goodbye to our simply brilliant Year 6 pupils. They are so ready to take that next step and we want to wish them every success. They have been outstanding role models to the other children and we will miss them more than they will ever know.

Hello everyone  
I have had the most wonderful welcome back to work over the last couple of weeks and it has been so exciting to see the progress that the children have made whilst I have been on maternity leave. There is a real buzz around the school! I led both of the achievement assemblies on Friday and was very pleased to hear so many pupils nominated for having a Growth Mindset. I hope that you all have a brilliant summer and I am excited to see you all in September  
Mrs Spalding

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"Learning together to challenge and achieve"

# 2021-22 Highlights written by the children!

## Reception

Archie

I have enjoyed playing football, I have learned about adding up and my favourite story was the Bog baby. So two girls lied to their Mum and go to the pond in the woods and take the bog baby out of it. They feed it cakes and he feels sick. They decided to put him back in the pond. Their heart was broken. BUT when they went back next year they saw HUNDREDS of bog babies.



**I have enjoyed playing with my friends in the home corner playing Mums and Dads. I am always the Mummy and I tell my children to go to bed on time and the baby needs to sleep in his cot and stop crying so I sing him a lullaby and give him some milk.**

Eliza

## Year One... Mrs Dedicoat's question... what was your Highlight?



Nola

### The Christmas Robins..

by Ryder

**(Ryder:** Nola doesn't know about this because she had chicken pox when that happened

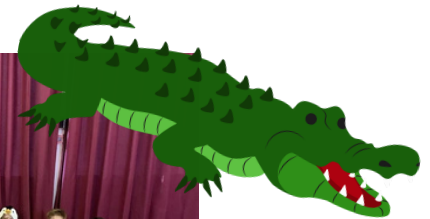
So we went like this (flaps and wiggles) and then we went like that (runs about my office) and then we did this (Ryder is now laughing) we sang a song...

I don't know what song..

**Nola:** I know! It was Christmas Robin bob bob bobbing along. My Mum showed me on her phone.

**Ryder:** We had to dress up and I had things beside me- I could flap for my wings

My favourite things we learnt about were animals like amphibians.. frogs- they can go on water and they are slimy. Mammals- they have hair- like cats, they give milk to their babies. Reptiles they have scales. My favourite animal is a crocodile.



**"I loved the Christmas show because I got to waddle like a penguin."**

Horatio

The Christmas play because it gave me joy and made me really happy.

Marcy



Seaturtles favourite memory from this year was their first ever school trip to Piper's Vale.



Leo

My favourite thing was the school trip because of the piggies (oink oink). We went to the food museum. The pigs were really noisy.



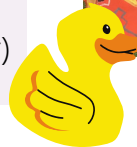
Ella Mae D

My favourite was the victorian school where Mrs Cattermole and Harry were acting. Mrs Cattermole was pretending to be very strict and so was Harry who was also the teacher. There was also a picture of Queen Victoria. The desks were wooden and there were little ink pots. They had pens that didn't work so they had to use ink.



In March the poet and author AF Harrold visited our year three classroom. The funniest poem he read was 'The things you find in a poets beard' because he added absolutely random things you wouldn't find in a beard for example a pencil! There was also a poem about jelly so he said my favourite type of jelly is ...." Duck! And then a duck came in Quack Quack Quack..." (Alex and Imogen are now squeaking with laughter)

**HILARIOUS HARROLD - OUR YEAR 3 HIGHLIGHTS!**  
BY IMOGEN AND 'I LIKE PURPLE' ALEX



My favourite memory was Roman day because you saw people you know dressed up which made them look different! Mr Catchpole was giving out Pitta bread during the Roman feast and there was honey on it. He gave me a spoonful of honey and I headbutted it (lots of giggles now) and the honey went all over my face and up my nose! The outfit I was wearing wasn't mine.... Mr Catchpole was interviewed and denied all responsibility (More giggles from Imogen)



## Hawks

Isla

I loved going to the pantomime and seeing Jack and the Beanstalk. It was really funny because they sprayed us with hand sanitiser but it was water instead. Miss Chloe got soaked.

Everything kept going wrong (maybe on purpose) one of the effects didn't work so they had to keep kicking the beanstalk.

## Year Four



## Eagles

By Amelie and Jacob

Alfie

**My favourite was world book day because we learned some poems and acted them out. We did the Jabberwocky and Nathaniel B (a rap) where we had to click. I like doing acting and I was a bird and had to jump around. I was the chubb chubb bird!**



I loved going to Rendlesham Forest because we got to do lots of team building stuff. Our power of reading book was 'Wild' so we learned all about survival skills. We found lots of markings on little twigs. We also learned how to keep safe in the wild- how to deal with living things. We made a fire with cotton wool and flint.

## Year Five

### OUR HIGHLIGHT FOR YEAR FIVE IS STOP MOTION ANIMATION BECAUSE...

It is linked to electronics and the kids and us, really like the catchy sound the tablets make when taking a photo for our mini clips. We all loved the experience, it was an awesome adventure, we would love to see more of it.

The small videos became our head gossip, everyone was so creative. We hope to do it next year in year 6.

-Natalia

Ella-Rae





## Year Six

### Megan and Jack

The Buggy Malone performance was the highlight of our year because we worked together as a team and it was wonderful to see it grow. The Year 6 came together as a team and we've kind of connected. We had something to accomplish, we kept working to perfect it and then we had a great result. That is what Mrs Critchley is really good at doing.

Hilltop also helped that.

We loved the celebration of it- staying away from home and spending time together.

### Josie and Henry

Hilltop was the highlight of my Year 6. I ended up sleep walking and talking nonsense and then sitting on Austin!

We learned to be responsible for each other's safety and to trust our friends. I loved all the challenges and I find heights really scary but I challenged myself and got over my fears. I will miss having fun every week at school and seeing all of my friends.

I will miss the opportunities we have been given like Hilltop. the production and making bronze statues.

First we had to make wax statues. We were asked to make the best version of ourselves. The wax then went hard and we sent it to the foundry. We then visited the foundry and saw how the bronze cast was made. They melted the wax out of it and then poured in the bronze.

It was then cooled. Then they got it out with an axe.

They were all attached to each other so they were filed down and then polished.

We have been given them to take home- so we can look back on our time at Dale Hall and remember the best version of ourselves.



Here are some of our bronze statues...

