



What's happening week commencing 4/12/2017



Our Value this week is 'HOPE'.

Things you might need to know about the timetable for this week:

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Y5 PE – Narwhal Lunchtime Homework Club After school Drama Club	Y4 PE - All classes (Scorpion and Fennec) swimming this ½ term Y3 PE - Orca and Starfish	Y6 PE – All Classes Homework due in for all children	Y3 PE – Stingray and Dolphin swimming this ½ term Y5 PE – Penguin	Y5 PE – Caribou and Puffin Homework set for all children After school Multi-sports Club
Please make sure your child's reading book and journal are brought into school every day.				

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Monday 4th December – Decorations afternoon - pm

Wednesday 6th December – St Nicholas Breakfast – 8.30 am

Thursday 7th December – Yr 5 Harry Potter Day

Friday 8th December – Penguin Class Learning assembly – 2.40 pm

Wednesday 13th December – Family 'Christmas' Café – 9.00 – 10.00 am; Lower School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December – Upper School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 14th December - Friends' Christmas Disco – lower school: 5.00 – 6.00, upper school 6.15 – 7.15

Friday 15th December – Christmas Services at the Church: Ys 3 and 5 = 10.00 – 11.00; Ys 4 & 6 = 1.30 – 2.30 (these dates are different to those in the children's journals)

Monday 18th December – Charity Hour 1.45 – 2.45 pm; Christmas Jumper/Top day

Tuesday 19th December 10.00am – Year 4 'Treasure Island' Performance; SCHOOL CLOSSES AT 3.15 FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY

Dinner Menu

Autumn/Winter Menu

Week beginning

4/12/17 – Week 1

See website for menu

LAST WEEK'S BEHAVIOUR AWARDS AND HOUSE POINTS AWARD WINNERS

10 – Freya Parker-Rawson, Bethany Saward, Einoras Paulikas, Holly Thompson, Macaulay Hudson, Amy King, Elsie Biggs, Summer Bullock

25 - Charlotte Brown, Leo Marsh, Callum Rix, Skye Briggs **50** - Sebastian Heron, Abi Goodwin-Nelson, Emily Tullett

150 - Annabel Collier

200 – Keaton Rogers, Ayko Andreescu, Eva Freeman, Max Nelson

250 - Jayden Saunders

350 – Darren Wiseman

Behaviour Awards: 25 – Chrysander Cooper, Ellie-May Knights, Ella McKenzie, Calum Virk, Jake Hurst, Imogen Guymer, Lacey Bonner, Milana Paulikaite, Lucas Trollope, Samantha Higgins, Charlotte Brown, Leo Marsh, Noah White

Behaviour Awards: 50 - Vanessa Heron, (5) Summer Harker-Foster, Lily Watson, Yasmin Taylor

MESSAGES AND REMINDERS

Christmas Lunches – On the day when your child is not having a Christmas lunch, (13/12 for yrs 5&6 and 14/12 for yrs 3&4) the only school lunch option is burger and chips. If you do not want your child to have this, they will need to bring a packed lunch.

If you do not wish for your child to have a Christmas lunch on their day, they will require a packed lunch from home.

The deadline for ordering a Christmas lunch has passed.

Getting home – We have had two instances recently where children have not returned straight home after school as they should do. This has caused considerable concern for parents and staff involved. Please make sure that your children remember to return home straight from school.

Christmas Cafe – Please keep an eye out for your second Christmas Café letter that will be coming out this week. It is very important that you bring the attached slip with you as this will allow you entry when it takes place on Wednesday 13th at 9.00 am.

Christmas Services – Please note that the Christmas Services are different days and times to those stated in the children's journals. Both will take place on Friday 15th December with Years 3 and 5 being 10 – 11; and years 4 and 6 being 1.30 – 2.30. Please come and join us.

This Week's Top Attenders – Whole School = 95.65% Lower school = Stingray Class with 98.75%; Upper School = Jaguar Class with 96.92%

St Nicholas Breakfast – Don't forget our St Nicholas Day breakfast is on the 6th December from at 8.00 am. Please bring your breakfast ticket/token that you should have already received as that's proof of your bacon buttie purchase!

Tesco bag Pack

On Saturday 25th November, 19 Year 6's went to **Tesco** and offered to pack people's bags for over four hours! The children were brilliant – they were polite, impeccably behaved and a credit to our school. They received many compliments.

We managed to raise a grand total of £320 for our **ELF** which means we can buy some seating and various other items to improve the area. A big thank you to the children, parents and staff who gave up their Saturday.



Positive Potions and Quick Quills

This half term, **Year 5** have been living all things Harry Potter. The corridor has been transformed into Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, complete with Hogwarts house banners, quidditch hoops and our very own Whomping Willow!

We have learnt how to write effective newspaper reports about a troll breaking into Hogwarts, investigated reversible and irreversible changes using troll bogies and separated mixtures found in Snape's potions laboratory using filtering, evaporation and magnetism.

We will finish our topic with a Harry Potter dress up day on Thursday 7th December where we will put the things we have learnt to the test and try and to pass our OWL (Ordinary Wizarding Level) exams.



Children in Need 2017

Recently, Dereham Church of England Junior Academy held a fundraising drive for the Children In Need Charity. This is an Annual event that the children look forward to enormously. This year it was arranged by the student school council, under the supervision of Mrs C Bodiam.

On the day, children enjoyed dressing up 'bright and spotty'. Some children came dressed up in onesies, others in pyjamas and the odd Pudsey costume!

The kitchen staff prepared cookies for sale at break time and then in the lunch break members of the School council ran a super fun-filled half hour of games such as hoopla, pin the bow on Blush, guess the number of smarties and the weight of the cake and colouring and drawing competitions. Additionally this year, there was a collection of old round pound coins

Altogether, the event raised £660 for Children In Need.

We would like to thank everyone for their hard work and support of our fund raising.

Carla Mendes and Dexter Speed (Year 6)



Our Amazing Autobiographies

In **year six** we have been learning about Autobiographies and are now writing our very own. Dexter Speed exclaimed, "This is my favourite topic!"

Children have spent time talking to their families about what they were like as babies, recapping fond memories and jotting down lots of interesting moments in their lives so far. We have also managed to have quite a lot of fun with some cracking baby photos along the way. Having looked at examples, learnt about making notes, made a plan and practiced some sentences, we are now ready for the first draft. Final publications of our Autobiographies 'The Early Years' should be hitting shelves by the end of next week!

Hopefully we will then be able to use these skills to write some excellent Biographies about Macbeth.



Getting to know the Learnpads

Dolphin class in Yr3 having been getting used to the Learnpads. Learnpads are similar to iPads or note-books. The children are learning to log on and use the programmes on the Learn pads. We have been exploring the internet. Some children have used them for Mathletics. We are hoping soon to learn to save our work, make short films and take photos.

A great benefit is that there are no trailing leads and they can be stored and charged over- night.



Year 4...AARRRRRHHHHH!

Our Year 4 children have really been enjoying learning the story of Robert Louis Stevenson's *Treasure Island*. The swashbuckling adventure has captured the imagination of many of the youngsters.

During our English sessions, we have focussed on character and setting descriptions where the children are really beginning to get creative with their vocabulary choices.

Our Topic work has concentrated on the themes of sound (think theatre sound effects!) and electrical circuits. The children will be creating their own 'shoe box sets' with electrical lighting. **Any shoe box donations gratefully received!!**

We would love to invite the families of the year 4 children to join us for their **performance of Treasure Island on Tuesday 19th December at 10am.**

A big thank you for all the support you give the children with their homework; we've had some wonderful pieces!

