

Friday 1st December 2017



Value of the month: curiosity

Our value of the month this month is curiosity. Children will be encouraged to ask questions and find out about things they are interested in. Each phase will have an assembly to introduce the value and the certificates for the phases will be given out to children who are showing lots of curiosity.



Year 3 volcanoes

On Friday, Professor Jackson spoke to Y3 about volcanoes. He talked about his recent visit to an active volcano in the Congo and showed the Y3s photos and film clips of this volcano and others. Professor Jackson then had a Q&A session with the children. When asked if they wanted to be a scientist like Professor Jackson, nearly everyone put their hands up! Thanks for coming in!



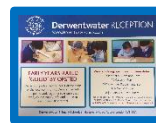
Christmas plays

All children across the school are busy rehearsing their Christmas plays. Please note that Reception will be doing the play as a whole year group with two performances. This year we are also inviting Maples and the Garden Nursery to watch the Reception dress rehearsals! Years 5 and 6 will be performing to the whole school at St Mary's Church on 11th December and will perform for their parents and carers on 18th and 19th December.



School Meal debt

Please ensure that you do not have any school meal debt. If you have any debt, your child will not be fed a hot meal. All children from Reception to Year 2 are entitled to Free School Meals. However, some children in Years 3 - 6 may also be entitled to Free School meals. If you think your child may be eligible, please contact the school office and we can advise you how you can apply.



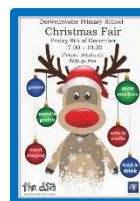
Prospective Reception Open Evening

On Thursday we held an open evening for prospective Reception parents for next year. Five of our Year 6 children (Rihaana, Nell, Lola, Cosmin and Mimi) volunteered to come back after school to give speeches to the parents. All the children wrote their speeches themselves and in every one of the speeches, it was lovely to see how much their love of the school shone through. The children were all so confident and they were a real credit to the school. We will be filming the speeches and putting them on the website and our Twitter and Facebook pages. Thank you so much to the children (and to their parents who brought them back) for giving up their evening to help out. Thank you also to all the other Year 6 children who also offered to come back and help.



Community coffee morning

On Friday, the DSA held a community coffee morning. It was fantastic to see so many parents attending from all different parts of the community. One of the things that makes Derwentwater special is our community and this was really shown on Friday. The home made samosas and cakes were particularly impressive! Thank you so much to the DSA for organising it. Look out for more community events in the future.

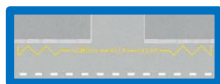


DSA Christmas Fair

Our hugely successful Christmas Fair is being held on Friday 8th December from 5pm to 7pm. This year the DSA are aiming to raise money to re-design the Key Stage 2 playground and the Christmas Fair will raise a lot of this. The DSA are still looking for volunteers to help on the night. You can sign up on the boards in the playground after school or on-line through the DSA website. They are also looking for donations for the bric-a-brac stall, adult tombola (bottles of wine, chocolates etc) and the cake sale (donations on the day please).

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Parking

For the safety of all the children in our community, please think about where you park. You cannot park on the zig zag lines outside the school for ANY length of time. This is becoming an increasing problem outside the gates on Newburgh Road. The zig zag lines clearly indicate that there should be no parking at any time. We all have a responsibility to keep our children safe so please do not park on the lines.



Last day of term

We finish at **2pm** on Wednesday 20th December. The children come back to school on Thursday 4th January 2018.



Girl's Football

Our Year 5 and 6 girl's football team played their first fixture on Monday evening against Berrymede. The girls did really well to play in what was a very cold, wet and miserable evening. They played really well as a team. We had two games, we lost one 1-0 and won the second one 2-1. Well done girls!



Winter weather

As the weather is getting so much colder, please make sure that your children have a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves for when they are outside in the playground.



WE Youth Summit

10 pupils from Derwentwater attended the WE Youth Summit at Berrymede Junior school to discuss issues around social change. They have come up with lots of ideas and we will be working with them to create an action plan in the new year.



Year 2 Traditional Tales Ball

Year 2 will be holding a traditional tales ball on Friday 8th December. Please could your child come dressed as a traditional tale character or other book character. Please could you bring fruit or juice as a snack. No cakes or biscuits please.



Dates for your diary

5th December - Parent Drop In 9am Junior Canteen

8th December - Year 2 traditional characters ball

8th December - DSA Christmas Fair 5pm

11th December - Whole School assembly at St Mary's

12th December - Somali Parent's Coffee Morning

12th December - Reception Christmas Play 2pm

13th December - Reception Christmas Play 10am

14th December - Year 2 Christmas Play 9.30am

15th December - Year 1 Christmas Play 9.30am

15th December - Christmas Jumper Day

15th December - Nursery Christmas party

18th December - Year 3 Christmas Play 9.30am

18th December - Year 5 Carol Concert 2.15pm

19th December - Year 4 Christmas Play 9.30am

19th December - Year 6 Carol Concert 2.15pm

20th December - Last Day of term. School closes at 2pm

4th January - First day of term

8th January - Prospective Reception Parents Open Morning 9.30am

9th January - PSA drop-in

9th January - Year 5 Science trip

11th January - Reception & Year 6 height/weight check

17th January - Arabic Speaking Parents Coffee Morning

18th January - Choir Winter Concert

24th January - 5 Neptune to West Twyford