

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2017



### Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

It seems like only yesterday it was the start of the Autumn Term and back to school after the Summer Holidays. It has been a very busy term here at Derwentwater and staff and students have worked incredibly hard over the term. We would like to wish all of our families who are celebrating a Merry Christmas and wish everyone a Happy New Year and look forward to the adventures that 2018 will bring.



### Good Luck Miss French!

Miss French is leaving on Wednesday to have her baby. We wish her all the best with her new adventure. Hopefully, she will bring the baby in to visit. Good luck Miss French and we look forward to welcoming you back some time next year! 1 Sapphire will be covered by Mr Mitchell until the end of the Summer Term.



### Home Time

If you are unable to pick your child up from school, please let the office know who will be collecting them. Also, if you see a child that has not been collected, please do not take them home yourself. Please make sure they have gone to the office to let them know, even if the children are in Year 5 or 6 and have permission to walk home themselves.

### Year 5 and 6 Footballers

Our Year 5 and 6 footballers attended a tournament at Berrymede last Friday. Both teams played 10 games. The Year 6 boys won 6, drew 3 and lost 1. The Year 5 team won 8, drew 1 and lost 1 and were the winners of their league. Well done boys!



### Photography Club

We will be running a photography club for Year 5 and 6 children after school every Monday starting on 8<sup>th</sup> January. You can sign up via School Money.

### Whole School Assembly

On a very cold and wet Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, we took the whole school to St Mary's Church for our end of term assembly. Year 5 and 6 sang some festive songs and the whole school joined together to sing We wish You A Merry Christmas. We also gave out our certificates for the boy and girl in each year group who the teachers felt best embodied the Derwentwater values. Congratulations to the following children:

Reception - Siyana and Oscar

Year 1 - Yasmin and Aarav

Year 2 - Kastiano and Layla

Year 3 - Dhyaan and Diana

Year 4 - Anji and George

Year 5 - Yousif and Barbara

Year 6 - Mohid and Hanse



### Christmas Shows

It has been lovely to watch all the Christmas shows this year from Nursery right up to Year 6. It is lovely to celebrate the acting, musical and dancing talent we have in the school. It is always a pleasure to see children have the confidence to perform in front of their year groups and all the parents. Thank you to all the parents and carers who showed up for their performances; it means so much to the children to perform for their loved ones. A huge thank you to the staff for all their hard work. A special thanks as well to the parents who bought and made the costumes for the Reception show.



### DSA Christmas Fair

A huge thanks to Emily, Lizzie and Ruth who organised the Christmas Fair and their teams of volunteers who helped organise the fair. It was a great evening and raised £2650 which will go towards refurbishing the KS2 playground.

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### No Parking

It is illegal to park on the yellow zig zag lines outside school for any amount of time. We would also request that you do not park in the cul-de-sac on Shakespeare Road as it is very dangerous to be manoeuvring vehicles whilst children are crossing. Please can you ensure that children are only walking on the pavements and not down the middle of the road. Thank you for your help in keeping everyone's children safe.



### Black History Month

Thank you to all the children who entered into the Black History month competition. All entries were displayed in the foyer at parents' evening. Congratulations to Mimi, Kane, Kieron and Dom who were the winners of the competition.

### House Points

We have tallied up the house point winners for this term. The points are as follows:



Rowling - 2599



Dahl - 2779



Donaldson - 2528



Walliams - 2588

Congratulations to Dahl house!



### Harrisons Catering

Please make sure that you are up to date with your school meal account with Harrisons. If your child's account is in debt, they are unable to have a hot meal until the debt is cleared. It is your responsibility to ensure that your account does not go into debt.



### Dates for your diary

**4th January** - First day of term

**8th January** - Prospective Reception Parents Open Morning 9.30am

**9th January** - PSA drop-in 3.20pm in the Infant Canteen

**9th January** - Year 5 Science trip

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

**11th January** - Somali parents' information session

**15th January** - Last Parent gym session

**17th January** - Arabic Speaking Parents Coffee Morning

**18th January** - Choir Winter Concert

**23rd January** - Year 5 Science trip

**24th January** - 5 Neptune to West Twyford