

## Danson Primary School Newsletter



### Head Teacher's Notice Board

Dear Parents, Carers and Children,

I would like to wish you all a very good Christmas.

It was a joy to welcome our new Reception and Nursery children at the beginning of this term, they have done exceptionally well and are making great progress and growing up very quickly. It has been wonderful for Achilles and I to have been invited in to join them in their lessons and they have all been so proud to recite stories that they have remembered and showcase dances and songs they have learnt. I was also particularly impressed when I visited their phonics lessons and realised how much they have learnt in such a short time.

We have also had new children coming into other year groups who were all made to feel very welcome by our existing pupils and I thank them all for that.

Thank you all for attending our class assemblies and carol and nativity performances. I am sure you would agree how marvellous they were and how hard the children and adults worked to put them together for you, being rewarded by a great turnout and very appreciative audiences.

As ever the children have worked very hard this term and have done well in their practise SATs Tests which gives us great confidence in what the outcome will be when they sit the real thing in the Summer Term.

I look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year. One focus of mine will be looking at ways to improve our overall attendance, which in turn will improve educational outcomes for all our children. I will be sharing with you some in-school incentives we are planning and will be seeking your support with this.

Kindest regards and a Happy Christmas and New Year,

Mrs Allen



## Christmas Hamper Raffle



We have received an amazing response to our Christmas Hamper Raffle. As always, a big thank you for your donations and generosity. Thank you also to Mrs Stephens and the School Council for organising. Congratulations to our winners this year:

<p><b>Nursery</b></p> <p>Butterflies – Ela</p>	<p><b>Reception</b></p> <p>Oak – Myrah Ash – Catherine Elm – Yevheniia</p>
<p><b>Year One</b></p> <p>Sparrow – Emilia Robin – Summer-May Owl – Lucas</p>	<p><b>Year Two</b></p> <p>Shackleton – Avaana Nightingale – Rae Pepys – Sasha</p>
<p><b>Year Three</b></p> <p>Kapoor – Zainab Barfield – Davyd Brunel – Faridah</p>	<p><b>Year Four</b></p> <p>Rowling – Bobby Dahl – Denny Blackman – Freya</p>
<p><b>Year Five</b></p> <p>Henry – Alicia Victoria- Elise Elizabeth – Krishna</p>	<p><b>Year Six</b></p> <p>Darwin – Kyla Hawking – Nuno Franklin – Scarlett</p>



## Danson's Library - Grand Opening!

Last week, we held a very special event that has been eagerly anticipated by all involved... Our Pupil Leadership Group cut the ribbon and **officially opened our brand new Danson library!**



Pupils have had the opportunity to visit the library and explore the space this week with their class. Here are some of their reactions:

**“There was a big variety of books to choose from and wonderfully comfortable cushions to sit and read on.”**

**“The tree made us feel like we were in an enchanted forest.”**

**“There are so many books!”**

**“It is pretty, cosy and enchanting.”**



Behind the scenes, lots of members of staff have been working incredibly hard to make sure that the library is a beautiful space for everyone to enjoy. A huge thank you to Mrs Hunter for leading the whole project and thank you once again to everyone who was involved in the process.

When we return after the Christmas holidays, each class will have a regular weekly slot to enjoy time in the library and to borrow and return books. Every class has also been set the challenge to choose a name for the library. A name will be selected in January so watch this space!



Finally, are you up for a reading challenge this winter? If so, head to <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> where you will see the Mini Winter Reading Challenge! Can you read 3 books (or more!) between now and the 20th February? I hope you have a lovely Christmas break and enjoy your reading over the holidays.

Mrs Hickmott-Maurice

### Use of mobile devices/cameras

Mobile phones and tablets should not be used to take photos or videos when inside the school grounds without the prior consent of the Head Teacher to ensure the Safeguarding and Child Protection of our pupils. Use of such equipment contravenes Section 6 '**equipment and digital content section**' of the LGFL E-Safety Policy.

*'The recording, taking and sharing of images, video and audio on any mobile phone is to be avoided except where it has been explicitly agreed otherwise by the Head Teacher.'*

Failure to adhere to this may jeopardize attending any future school events or access to school site. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.



## Key Messages



### Morning Drop-Off

We are seeing an increasing number of children waiting for the school gates to open at the start of the day. Whilst we are pleased that they are eager to get to class, could we please request that you ensure your child safely crosses the school threshold and onto the school site.

### Safeguarding-E-Safety

Please note that there are age restrictions on social media sites. Whatsapp age restriction is 16 years old. Snap chat age restriction is 13 years old. Whilst there is no age restriction for watching videos on YouTube, users need to be 13 or older to have their own YouTube account. Please be aware of what your children are accessing and who they are contacting via social media/games platforms.



### School Uniform

Trousers are grey  
Skirts and pinafores are green.  
Oversized bows in hair are not permitted.

**Trainers are not permitted to be worn as a school shoe.**

### School Dinners

Please remember to contact the Office if you wish to change your child's lunch option. Changes can be made half-terminly only.



### Sickness

If your child has had sickness and diarrhoea they can not return to school until 48 hours after the last event.

### Scooters

Please ensure your child walks their scooters when on school site.

### Safeguarding-Medical Information/Medicines

Please ensure you inform the office of any changes to your child's medical information and complete all necessary paperwork/checks. Staff will not administer medicine unless this is done.



### Injury/Breakage

If your child has sustained a significant injury or bone breakage at home, they must be presented to the School Office with a parent/person designated by the parent to complete a Care Plan before they are reintegrated back into School. Failure to do this will result in your child not being able to attend School until this has been done.

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2023 – CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL**