



# D'EYNCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

## Newsletter

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Hello! We have had another busy fortnight in school and firstly, we would like to thank parents for supporting the various fundraising events we have had on in school over the last few weeks, your support is very much appreciated and vital in making these events successful. Over the last few weeks, we have been celebrating Diwali and raising awareness during Anti Bullying week. It is clearly apparent with the latest news from Government, that Christmas this year will not be normal; however, we are determined to ensure the children receive an amazing experience, despite the various adjustments that must be taken. We have already made numerous plans to ensure Christmas in school is a truly memorable time.

We appreciate all of your efforts in keeping our school community safe and please be assured that we are doing everything we can in school

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Darby

### Attendance

The class with the best attendance last week was

**3/4T**

The class with the best attendance this week is:

**1/2B**

**Well done to everyone!**

### Dates for your diary

#### December 2020

11th– Christmas Dinner in school

17th—Christmas Parties in classes

18th—Break up for Christmas—Christmas jumper day—If you don't have a Christmas jumper, don't worry, just wear something red or green!



### Attendance

We have done well to get to this point in the year without having to close a bubble—this has only been the case because of the tremendous support of families, their amazing children, and the fantastic staff in school. Thank you to everyone!

Thank you to all families for sending their child to school in these difficult times. We understand that you are anxious, however the Government have made it clear that schools are to remain open, recognising that children's education is paramount and that they should not close schools again. This therefore means that school attendance remains compulsory. We once again want to assure you that we are regularly reviewing our risk assessments in line with changes and are following the DfE guidance as it is released. Our priority is to ensure the safety of all children, staff and families, these are very hard times to be in.

If your child is isolating due to Covid, you must keep us informed. This is regardless of who has symptoms in the home/bubble. It may impact on school and means the children need to access their remote education. Attendance marks when a child is absent due to Covid, DO NOT impact on your child's attendance mark. If your child is unwell for other reasons or are attending medical appointments, these do impact on attendance.

### Class Dojos



The winning classes for last week were **1/2G** and **5/6P**

The winning classes for this week are **Rec** and **5/6H**

### Class Dojo

We are using Class Dojo a lot more to keep you all updated with news from school. Keep checking you child's class page and the whole school story for the latest news!

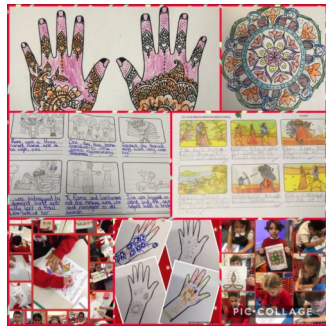




### Diwali

Last week, across school we spent the week learning all about Diwali and celebrating the Festival of

Lights. During the week, in their classes, the children listened to the story of Rama and Sita and created storyboards, coloured images and created some fabulous Rangoli designs and Mehndi patterns. In class discussions, we heard



about how our families celebrated Diwali differently this year due to Covid. We hope you had a very Happy Diwali!



Check Class Dojo and Twitter for pictures!



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### Year 1 Phonics Screening

Since the full opening of schools in September, the DfE have announced that children in Year 2 should undertake the Phonics Screening Test during the second half of the Autumn Term. This is a test that usually takes place at the end of Year 1 but did not happen due to Covid19. The children in year 2 have been completing this check during the school day and they will continue to over the next couple of weeks. We will let you know the outcome of your child's assessment in due course.

The Y1 information PowerPoint is available on our school website—please visit <https://www.deyncourtprimary.org/parent-meetings-autumn-term/> for more information.

### D'Eyncourt Care Club

As the national restrictions are being lifted across the country, we are planning to open our D'Eyncourt Care Club from Monday 7th December 2020. It will be held in our wonderful new building.

Our club hours are:

Breakfast: 8am - Start of the School Day

After School: End of the School Day - 5.30pm

For dropping children off in the morning, please use the path down to the school office and round towards the exit gate. A member of staff from Care Club will meet you at the gate. For pick up after school, please use the path down to the school office again and go to the exit gate. There will be a bell to ring and a member of staff will come and open the gate for you. As we are now completely cashless in school, all payments must be made using SimsPay.

For those of you who already booked a place previously, we have emailed you directly to ask for confirmation that you still require the place.

If you are interested in a place for your child and you haven't yet contacted us, please contact the school office for further details by phone or email at

[office@deyncourtprimary.com](mailto:office@deyncourtprimary.com)



### Anti-Bullying Week

Last week, we had an important week completing activities for Anti-Bullying week.

During PSHE lessons, the children have been learning about different ways to be kind to one another, discussing what makes a bully and helping Monty the Manatee find friends!



We discussed what bullying meant and how we can deal with bullies face to face or online.

On Monday, it was amazing to see so many children in odd socks raising awareness for this important cause.

Thank you for your support with this!

Please check Class Dojo and Twitter for some pictures of the week.



### Book Quiz 2020

Last week, the children in year 5 and 6 competed in the Game4Reading Book Quiz - this year the quiz was held via Microsoft Teams. After some extremely difficult questions, the team didn't quite get through to the next round—they missed out by one mark! However they performed brilliantly and have worked so hard over the last 6 weeks in difficult circumstances. We are very proud of them all.

The team this year was Veer, Harleen, Ashley, Ryan S, Lucky and Amber.

Well done team!



### Office Hours

Our office hours are: 8.00am-4.00pm daily



### Adults on site

Can we once again request that parents and carers stick to the drop-off and pick up times in school. We are trying hard to keep your children safe and part of this is keeping adults safe. Please try to leave the site as promptly as possible and do not gather so close to the main gates to talk to each other, this goes against what we are trying to achieve in terms of children's safety and social distancing. If you need to talk to one another can you do this safely and away from the school grounds. As the weather is becoming more wintry, it is more a benefit to you to leave the site as quickly as possible.

Well done to the children who are walking to their classes independently in the morning, this is reducing the number of people on site so thank you for your support with this.

### Keeping Warm

As the weather turns colder and more wet, please ensure that your children have appropriate clothing and footwear in school and that it is clearly named. We have the heating on, but are required to ventilate the classrooms and corridors, so you may find that your children will require extra layers.

Thank you for your support with this.

### Christmas Cards

With social distancing and quarantining etc. we have had to think how the children can send and receive Christmas cards closely. Please support us by reiterating the following. Please can children bring all of their cards in one batch, clearly labelled with the child's name and the class, any day from Monday 30th November until Friday 11th December. They will be able to put their cards into designated boxes in their classroom.



We will sort the cards following quarantine and deliver them to classes, where all of the cards will be given out on the last day of term. Please do not ask your children to give cards out on the playground or in class. Class teachers will upload a class list on Class Dojo for children to use to write their cards.



Thank you for your support with this.

### Photographs

On Thursday, the school photographer visited school to take pictures of the children who were not in school in September. If your child had their photograph taken, you can order the pictures online.

### Face Coverings

Thank you to everyone doing their bit and wearing a mask when coming onto the school site to protect our school community.