



D'EYNCOURT PRIMARY SCHOOL

Newsletter

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So we are approaching the end of a very strange year for us all. No-one could have predicted what was going to happen and we've had to adapt to the many changes we've seen. The pupils here at D'Eyncourt have accepted these changes incredibly and as parents and carers, you should all be very proud of your children - we are.

Next year, when hopefully things start to normalise, we can move back to the way things were at D'Eyncourt although there are some things that we have implemented this year which have been beneficial to the D'Eyncourt community. We will all continue to work together for the benefit of the children of D'Eyncourt. Let's keep everything crossed that 2021 will be a much better year than this one.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to everyone for what has been a challenging term in unprecedented times and we wish you all a very happy and safe Christmas.

Mrs Darby

Attendance

The class with the best attendance last week was:

3/4T

The classes with the best attendance this week are:

1/2G and 3/4B

Well done to everyone!

Dates for your diary

December 2020

17th—Christmas Parties in classes (see next page)

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! No donation needed.

Please note there is no After School Club on this day

January 2021

4th— INSET DAY - School closed to pupils

5th—Children return to school



Class Dojos



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

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

Retirement News

We have some rather sad news to share. Unfortunately, we are saying a very fond farewell to Mrs Pettifer who leaves us at the end of this term. As you will be aware, Mrs Pettifer has not been in school recently due to ill health and she has made the decision to retire. Mrs Pettifer has been at D'Eyncourt for over 20 years and numerous parents and children have been taught by her when they attended D'Eyncourt. We will all miss her very much and thank her for all her hard work and dedication over such a long time. We wish her the very best in the future. We are making a memory book for Mrs Pettifer, if you have any memories/ messages that you would like to share, then please email office@deyncourtprimary.com by the end of January please.

PE next term

There are a couple of changes to the PE days next term. Some classes PE will remain on the same day but others will change due to different classes having the Wolves coaches. The days will be as follows:

Monday - 1/2G 1/2F 3/4T and 3/4C

Tuesday - 5/6H

Wednesday - 5/6P 5/6K and Reception

Thursday - 1/2B

Friday - 3/4B

Christmas Dinner



Today, we enjoyed our slightly different Christmas lunch in school. As we were all in our classes, we listened to Christmas music and enjoyed our festive turkey roll with all the seasonal veggies! It really got us into the Christmas Spirit! Thank you to the cooks!

Christmas Parties



Next week in school we will hold Christmas parties for the children in their classes. This will be an opportunity for the children to let their hair down and have some Christmas fun. Staff have planned some party games and school will provide some party snacks. On the day, Thursday 17th December, Children can come to school wearing their party clothes.

Track and Trace Over Christmas

Public Health England has agreed a six day window after the final day of teaching in which schools are expected to make staff available to help with tracking and tracing of contacts of Covid-19 cases.

The Department for Education's email to schools today says that this will allow enough time for positive coronavirus cases to be identified and confirmed by a test and for relevant contacts in the school to be traced.

This means that as we finish teaching on 18th December, no Covid contact tracing will be expected of school staff after 24th December.

The guidance says that, where a pupil tests positive for coronavirus, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours since being in school, the school should not be contacted. In this instance, parents and carers should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

For the first six days after teaching ends, if a pupil tests positive for coronavirus having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school, school is asked to assist in identifying close contacts and advising self-isolation, as the individual may have been infectious while they were in school.

At D'Eyncourt, we have set up an email account that will be active daily 9am until 3pm from Saturday 19th December 2020 until 24th December 2020. This email is for communication regarding positive Covid-19 cases only.

Please make a note of the email address-
covid@deyncourtprimary.com

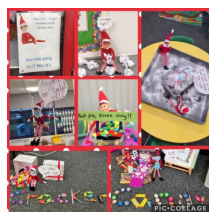
Please only contact us if your child tests positive for Covid-19 having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school as we will need to assist in the process of Track and Trace.



Thank you for your continued support.

Elf on the Shelf

As you may have seen on Class Dojo, we have some new 'pupils' who have arrived in school creating havoc for the children and teachers! The naughty elves have been getting into all sorts of mischief which has kept all of us entertained each morning seeing what they have been up to! Ask your child if their class has had a visit from the naughty elves at school.



Gardening

You may have noticed that the raised beds beside 3/4T and 3/4B have been spruced up over the last week. Mr Taylor and his team of gardeners have tidied the whole area, laid new gravel and planted some beautiful plants and bulbs. Thank you so much to Mr Taylor for sorting!

Thank you also to the families who donated the plants, it is much appreciated. Mr Taylor is now hoping to buy some bird and insect boxes to put on the wall behind the beds to encourage more wildlife onto the school site. If anyone has any bird or insect boxes they could donate, that would be amazing!

Remote Learning—Reminder

If your child needs to self-isolate, school work is set online, available from the D'Eyncourt website at www.deyncourtprimary.org and it will match what we are delivering in school.

Whilst we appreciate that working from home can be difficult, it is important for your child that they complete the work set and we have a duty of care to follow this up. There is an expectation that children complete work set while isolating and we will be emailing/ messaging on Class Dojo or ringing to check how families are and how they are managing with access to schoolwork.

We are always here to help.