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# The Dasset News - 10th January 2025

**This Week:-** Leaves have been awarded to the following children. The certificates will be given out in assembly on Monday morning. Well done all of you.



| Hedgehogs<br>( Reception ) | Squirrels<br>(Year 1/2) | Bears<br>(Year 3/4) | Badgers<br>(Year 5/6) |
|----------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|
| Evie                       | Thomas                  | Harrison            | Eve                   |
|                            | Eliza                   | Ted                 | Hetty                 |



**Reception**— The children have settled back into the routines of school like they have never been away! When the children returned, they were very excited to see the amaryllis had grown – it is growing very fast and we have been measuring it every day with cubes and wondering when it will flower! In phonics, we have recapped previously learned sounds and tricky words. In maths, we have been looking at pre-



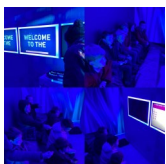
sents, exploring their shapes and noticing what is the same and different. We have been practising counting out amounts to match a numeral and putting amounts in a 5s frame. Our story this week is Whatever Next! By Jill Murphy and we have started to think about the differences between night and day. The children enjoyed winter themed Funky Fingers activities – using scoopers to fill pots to make snowmen! All have new Rhino Readers books and moving forward books will now be changed on a Tuesday, so can reading diaries be in school on this day. Thank you very much to Barbara who was our first mystery storyteller of the term, the children, especially Clemmie, thoroughly enjoyed it!



**Year 1/2**— Happy New Year Everyone! It has been a great week in Squirrels Class. We have done some lovely work around our new topic book “The Lighthouse Keeper’s Lunch” where we have started to build our own character descriptions of Mr Grinling. In art, we drew portraits of each other looking at perspective and sketching techniques. We started our new PSHE topic based around dreams and goals. In maths, we continued our work on using and applying our number facts to related questions. The children have enjoyed spending time with their school friends again after the Christmas Break.



**Year 3/4**— Back into the New Year with some PSHE about Hopes and Dreams (from resolutions to bigger goals and dreams). Our week however started with a visit from Severn Trent's interactive Waterbus, which proved very popular and informative to children about their work and the role we play in using water sensibly. In English we have been familiarising ourselves with the story 'Charlotte's Web' and are about to predict and write our own endings for the story. In maths, we have started to look at written methods of multiplication and will continue with these methods over the coming week. Geography lies at the root of our new studies about Rocks, Relics and Rumbles - essentially a topic about geological processes from plate tectonics to their impacts witnessed as volcanoes, earthquakes and volcanoes. To engage the children, but also to give them an appreciation of life in certain areas of the world, they have already seen short videos showing the aftermath and devastation caused by these natural events. Dance with Dani is mirroring this work with a unit for the term entitled 'Extreme Earth'. PE wise, we have also commenced netball. In science, we have started work investigating forces (pushes and pulls) and in RE we have started to look at Buddhism as worldview.



**Year 5/6** - Straight back to lots of exciting learning this week in year 5/6 with lots of new units of work being started. In English we have started studying an animation named The Piano. The children have worked in groups to rewrite the narrative of the story. In maths we have begun our fractions work and have been focusing on finding equivalent fractions using fraction walls and calculation methods. We've had two science lessons this week as we finish of Earth and Space before starting our new unit next week. We looked at why we have day and night and modelled this using a globe and a torch for the sun. We then looked in more detail at the moon and discussed the different moon phases. In computing we had a really interesting debate about apps that use location tracking with lots of detailed discussion about the pros and cons of this. In PSHE ,we set some achievable goals we'd like to achieve this year - a school based one and a non-school based one. We also had a visit from the Severn Trent water bus. We got to try the equipment they use to detect underground leaks, sorted what should go into toilets from what shouldn't (into actual toilets! It was all very hygienic I promise!) and learnt about the different things Severn Trent do with our water infrastructure.



## **Staff Update—Year 1/2 Teacher**

Miss Baillie has joined us this week and says

“It has been lovely getting to know Squirrels Class this week. The children and the staff have been very welcoming. I’m really looking forward to working with everyone over the next few weeks”.

## **Onside After School Football Club for years 2-6**

From Friday 10th January, Onside will be running a football club after school for children in years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6. The Club starts straight from school and finishes at 4.30pm. Please see attached information on how to book a place.

## **Abacus**

**Duck Race** We are holding our Duck Race on Sunday 26th January 2025. The first race will be at 11am in the field behind the Fenny Compton shop. If you would like to buy a duck number they cost £3 for 1 number of £10 for 4 numbers. Please either look on our Abacus Facebook page or contact us at Abacus (01295 771050).

Refreshments, a few games to play and lucky duck numbers can be bought on the day. We hope to see you then.

## **The Standards & Testing Agency**

On Monday 6 January, The Standards and Testing Agency updated all outstanding parent leaflets for assessments in the academic year 2024 to 2025.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-information-for-parents>

## **Warwickshire County Council**

Warwickshire County Council are holding a free on line safety workshop for parents of school aged children. Please see attached flyer on how to register.

## Clubs

All school led club acceptance slips will be sent out on Monday.



## Warwickshire Family Information Service

The online courses are designed to increase the confidence of parents-to-be, mums, dads, grandparents, and carers. NHS experts and parents have developed them through an evidence-based model known as the Solihull Approach.

All the courses can be completed flexibly, at your own pace. Each of the course modules takes around 15 to 20 minutes to complete. Each course contains several modules.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/parentguides>

All the courses are FREE for Warwickshire residents using the access code **BEAR**.

There's also a selection of other online and face-to-face [courses for parents](#), covering a wide range of topics.

## Presto Music

Please see attached information from Presto Music who are based in Leamington Spa. They specialise in musical instruments for purchase and rental, accessories, repairs, sheet music, as well as offering string lessons for young children.

*Happy New Year— from Miss Corry and All at The Dasset*

## Dates for Diary

### Next Week

Thursday 16th January—Special Jungle Menu. Choose from Explorer's Big Brunch with Safari potatoes (sausage, hash brown and baked beans) or Jungle Vine Noodles with Sweet 'n' Sour Quorn served with Broccoli Trees. Dessert is a choice of Rainforest Crunch Cookie or Jungle Jelly with Snakes Eggs (Jelly with grapes). Can be ordered on the day.

### Coming Up

Wednesday 29th January—Chinese New Year menu. Children can choice from Chinese Sticky Citrus Chicken with Rainbow RICE OR Stir Fry Plant Balls with noodles served with peas and sweetcorn or apple salad. Dessert is a choice of Oriental Pine-apple Cake with custard or Mandarin Jelly with mini ginger cookie.

**Wednesday 12th February**—International Charles Darwin Day—Special Menu—Details to follow.

**Monday 1th February**—Friday 21st February - Half Term

**Monday 24th February**—Inset Day

**Tuesday 4th March**—Pancake Day. Dessert will be pancakes with choices

**6th March**—World Book Day menu—details to follow

**Monday 10th March**—Class Photographs. All children will be photographed with their class/team. If you do not wish your child to be included please let your class teacher know.

**Friday 21st March**—Red Nose Day. Dessert will be a serving or Red Nose Biscuits.

**Tuesday 25th March**—Parents' Evening— please note- this is a new date.

**Wednesday 26th**— Parents' Evening— please note- this is a new date

**Wednesday 9th April**—Easter Lunch—Details to follow.

**Friday 11th April**—Break up for Easter Holidays.

Other dates will be added.