

The Dassett News - 20th December 2024

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 (Reception)	Squirrels (Year 1/2)	Bears (Year 3/4)	Badgers (Year 5/6)
Florence	Whole	Hunter	Dexter
	Class	Alex	Megan



Reception— The first term seems to have flown by! The start of term seems a distant haze with the children having grown so much in confidence and maturity. They took the Nativity performances in their stride, with euphonious renditions of the songs and lines being delivered with aplomb! The delicious Christmas lunch cooked up by Miss Warner and Miss Davies was very welcome after the final performance.



The children were ably supported by Year 6 to make their Christingles. The children have practised their cutting skills making Angel decorations for the Christmas tree. In phonics we have recapped the sounds learned so far and learned the trigraph 'igh' and the tricky word was. In maths we have been exploring 3-d shape. I would like to say a big thank you to those who have come to read with the children as our 'Mystery Storyteller' this half term. The children have loved listening to different grown ups read stories. If you would like to volunteer to read a story to the class on Friday at 3pm next term please let me know – it's not as scary as sounds! Very well-done Reception on completing your first half term at the Dassett, as the song goes "you're simply the best!". I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable festive break, Merry Christmas!



Year 1/2— It has been an extremely festive last week of term in Squirrels class! The children have put on outstanding Nativity performances and done themselves, and the school, very proud! In between getting costumes sorted and performing for you all, the children have been doing some Christmas themed activities. They decorated some lovely hats for their Christmas dinner and finished off their Polar Express diary entries in English. It has been such lovely week and I'm sure they are all feeling as festive as I now am. Thank you for a lovely term and I wish you all the very best for the new year!

Year 3/4— It has been a week permeated with Christmas festivities and religious celebrations: audience members to the KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal, Christmas lunch, Christingle Church Service, School Carol Service and (as a class) carol singing at the Northend Community Christmas lunch in the village hall. These events aside, we have completed our autumn term curriculum, by finishing our instructional writing in English and consolidating our times-tables in maths. In history, we looked at how the Stone Age came to an end with bronze metal-working and farming technologies brought in with the Beaker people. In PSHE, we concluded our work on celebrating difference with a look at how to challenge first impressions and prejudices. Similarly, in RE, we concluded our unit on art in religion, looking at religious symbols and their meanings. Finally, we have designed and made our food packages in Design Technology.

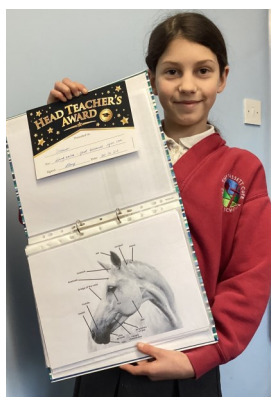


Year 5/6 - A very festive week in year 5/6 but still with plenty of education! On Monday we did a reading style lesson but using the Elf Asda Christmas advert to practice our retrieval and inference skills. In maths we used a compass and shape knowledge to draw a snowflake and then solved some Christmas maths mystery puzzles. For science we researched a planet of our choice and in computing we completed our Hour of Code activity. There's also been lots of singing practice ready for festive events at the end of term. Well done to the children for their efforts in learning their lines for the Christingle service. We were really impressed with your focus and devotion to the task. We hope you have a fabulous and well-deserved Christmas break and come back ready to work hard in January!

Computing - Hour of Code

This week year 3/4 and 5/6 have had a go at an Hour of Code activity to celebrate Computer Science Education Week. There are plenty more activities on their website and it's a great way to get coding and try out some different programming languages (please just review first as there are some activities that involve creating log ins or for something to be downloaded - but there are lots of activities

that can just be done in a web browser). <https://hourofcode.com/uk/learn>



Head Teacher Award

Well done Eleanor for working on an extra curricular project about your passion for horses. We can't wait to find out about your next chapter!



Music Award

Well done Eleanor in year 6 for her excellent progress, enthusiasm and love of music. Eleanor is an excellent music captain and shining example to others. She is a helpful and responsible member of recorder group. Well done Eleanor.



Year 1 and 2 after Christmas

As you know Mrs Griffiths is leaving after the Christmas break. We have been involved in a recruitment process this half term and we are really happy to report that we have offered the permanent position to one of the candidates that we interviewed this week, and they have accepted. The candidate is a very experienced Year 1/2 teacher who will be taking up the role at Easter. As soon as the necessary checks have been made, we will let you know the name of the teacher and we will organise for her to come into school before she actually starts, to meet with children and parents. Resignation windows deem that the teacher can only start at Easter. This does mean that we have the Spring term to cover in that class. We are working hard to address this gap and we are looking for the best possible solution for the children. As soon as we have any more news we will let parents know.

Onside After School Football Club for years 2-6

From Friday 10th January Onside will be running a football club after school. The Club starts straight from school and finishes at 4.30pm. Please see attached information on how to book a place.

Christmas Lunch

On Wednesday we had our Christmas Lunch with crackers. Thank you Mrs Warner and Miss Davis for a delicious lunch.



OFSTED School have received a draft report after the Ofsted inspection in October. This report is still being quality assured. When the final report is released we will share it with you immediately. This is no doubt going to be in the New Year.



Family Information Service

Please see link for the family information service newsletter this week. The newsletter includes information on keeping children safe at home over the Christmas break, becoming a childminder and mental health support.

Have a lovely weekend—from Miss Corry and All at The Dassett

