

The Dasset News - 6th 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)
James	Scarlett	Mylo	Kendall
	Benio	Martha	



Reception— With the start of advent and a new month, the children have now been at school 3 months – it’s flown by! We have continued to learn about the Nativity story with more characters, the shepherds and sheep, being added this week. Rehearsals for the Nativity have begun in earnest this week. In phonics we have learned the sounds ‘sh’, ‘th’ (as in moth) and ‘th’ as in feather. We have learned the tricky words we, me and be. In maths we have been looking at the rules of counting – Numberblocs Series 1 – How to count. We have planted two amaryllis bulbs this week and are looking forward to them growing and flowering after the holidays. The children enjoyed Team Colours day, working with other year groups to create a team shield.



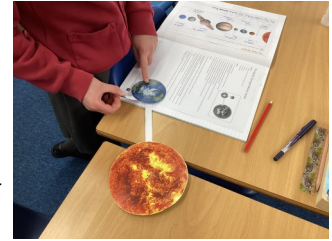
Year 1/2— In English this week, Squirrels class have been reading the Polar Express ahead of writing a diary entry about the boy’s adventure next week. The children have been exploring descriptive language and have been writing sentences using powerful language. In maths, we have been learning about shape and the children have been counting sides and vertices on 2D shapes. We have learnt about advent wreaths in RE and learnt more about the significance of Rosa Parks in history. We have spent lots of time practicing for our Nativity this week and will be continuing to do so next week ahead of our performances in the last week of the term!



Year 3/4— In English this week, we have been looking at the structure and language features of instructional texts ahead of drafting individual compositions with a Stone Age theme. In maths we have started to look at multiplication building and consolidating previous tables work in class and at home (via TT Rockstars). In computing we continued programming our race games and in music we had a Scottish theme and listened to Mendelssohn's Hebridean Overture and then learnt to sing the folk song My Bonnie Lies Over the Ocean. In RE, we looked at dance as an expression of religious ideas considering dance in Sufism and a look at the Hindu festival of Navarati in which dance plays a key role. In PSHE, we considered internet safety (online bullying and trolling) designing posters with simple key messages on. As part of our Design Technology studies, we examined the food packaging kindly brought in from home before going onto to construct our own 3-D shapes using paper nets (cubes, cuboids, triangular prisms etc.) PE (gymnastics), Whole Class Reading and Science have also taken place.



Year 5/6 - Back to a week of normal lessons after the excitement of science week. In English we have been rewriting the first chapter of Artemis Fowl but writing it from Artemis's perspective. Mrs Proudfoot and Mr Hackett have both been very impressed with the creativity and focus on what has been a lengthier piece of writing. In maths we have been working hard to become fluent in short and long division methods. Science has been looking at how the Earth moves around the Sun and the Moon orbits the Earth. We made a model of this and used model the different orbits and types of eclipse. In Computing we have started our e-safety unit and looked at things that help us keep safe online. In RE, we have discussed and studied how ancient religious stories can be interpreted in different ways by different people who have different worldviews. Our PSHE studies were based around distribution of power and how this can affect relationships with others.



Music Award

Well done to Eve for brilliant clarinet playing.



Travelling Book Fair



Thank you to all those who bought books. We sold £558.33 in books which meant we could get **£223.33** in books for our classrooms. So thank you again. The teachers all chose books for their classroom.

Christmas Post Box

The post box has now appeared in the foyer near to Mrs Boyle's office. Children may post their cards to each other here and the cards will be sent to classes. The last day for posting will be Wednesday 18th December.



Staffing

We are delight to welcome our new members of staff who have joined us this week. Mrs Melanie Garland and Mr Ben Smith. Mrs Garland has a wealth of experience and Mr Smith is joining us on an apprenticeship scheme.



I am very happy to have joined The Dassetts School.

My previous experience within education has been as an S.E.N teaching assistant, a Speech and Language Therapy Assistant and also school catering staff.

I live at home with my husband and our four children. We have a cocker spaniel called Rolo.

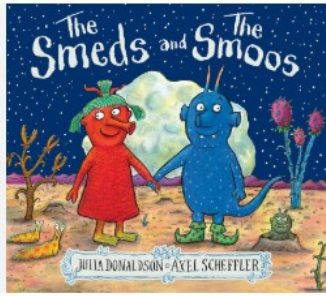
In my spare time I enjoy spending time outside with my family and I also like to go swimming.



I have recently started here as a new Apprentice, learning the role of Teaching Assistant, and I am already enjoying working with all the lovely and talented pupils. I mainly assist with year 5/6 who are a delight to help. I love to spend time with my friends and family and also enjoy working with children to help them improve their sports activities!

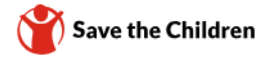
Next Week

Monday 9th December—Dance Assembly—Parents/carers of the cheerleading club and the afterschool dance club are invited to join us at 2.45pm for the children to perform



Wednesday 11th December—Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are going to Warwick Art Centre to see The Smeds and The Smoos.

Please remember to return your permission slip. If you need a replacement one please contact your class teacher.



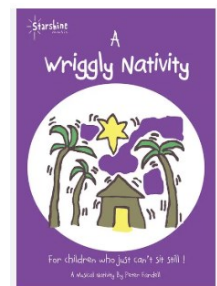
Thursday 12th December—Christmas Jumper Day. Christmas Jumper Day is Save the Children's annual event which raises money for the children who need it most. Children are invited to come to school wearing a Christmas jumper. A donation of £1—£2 is suggested for Save the Children.



Coming Up

Tuesday 17th December—Reception, Year 1 and 2 Production at 2.15pm—details for tickets have been sent out. Please return the slips by Wednesday 11th December.

Wednesday 18th December—Reception, Year 1 and 2 Production at 9.30am—details for tickets have been sent out. Please return the slips by Wednesday 11th December.



Wednesday 18th December—Christmas Lunch

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Thursday 19th December—Christingle Service at the church 2.15pm



Friday 20th December—Carols in the Hall at 2pm

Milk Every child under the age of 5 is entitled to free school milk. Every child over the age of 5 is entitled to milk at a subsidised cost of around £20 per term. Please see attached information if you would like your child to have milk in school.

The [School Food Standards legislation](#) states that **lower fat milk must be available for all pupils during the school day and should be offered free of charge for children eligible for benefits-based free school meals.** If this applies to you then please contact Miss Corry in the strictest confidence, to arrange.

Connect for Health Please copy and paste the link below for the latest newsletter from the School Nursing Team.

https://www.compass-uk.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/C4H-Parent-and-Schools-Newsletter.-December-2024_compressed.pdf

Wake Up Wednesday and Online Bullying

Wellbeing apps Please see attached information on 'What Parents & Educators need to know about mental health & wellbeing apps.' **Online Bullying**—In school, we teach children that online harassment and bullying is not acceptable. They learn that they should not say things online that they wouldn't happily say to someone directly. Year 3/4 have been learning about how it is important to not say unkind things to and about others online, so I thought this would be an opportune time to share some useful resources, so that you can continue this great work at home. The NSPCC has many useful resources to discuss this element of online safety with your children.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/search/?query=online+bullying>

Family Information Service This week's Family Information Service newsletter includes information about: Letters to Santa, together with Autism conference and the latest SEND newsletter. To see the newsletter please copy and paste the link below into your browser.

<https://mailchi.mp/warwickshire/family-information-service-newsletter-1219204-96fqcdqqps-8827251?e=d04d9d2ed5>

There is also a special edition. Welcome to the Christmas special edition of the Family Information Service newsletter. Read on to discover money saving ideas for the festive period, HAF programme, emergency support over the festive period, keeping safe this Christmas and more. Please copy and paste the link below into your browser.

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Is my child too ill for school? It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell.

There are government guidelines for schools and nurseries about [health protection and managing specific infectious diseases at GOV.UK](#). These say when children should be kept off school and when they shouldn't.

If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. If your child is well enough to go to school but has an infection that could be passed on, such as a cold sore or head lice, let their teacher know.

https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery

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Christmas Trees Warwickshire Christmas Tree Farm are once again gifting the school of your choice a 10% donation of the value of the trees back to school if you mention it at checkout. Please see attached information.

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

