



10th December 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had another busy wonderful week full of cooking, rehearsals and taster sessions!

Pre School Stay and Play

A big thank you to those parents and children who came for our first 'Pre-school stay and play' there were Christmas crafts, stories and songs. The children had a lovely time. We are keen to run this session regularly in the new year so it would be lovely to see any many parents and 2-4 years olds as possible coming to join us.

Drama Taster Session

We were lucky to have Amy Neill in school to deliver some exciting performing arts taster sessions for our KS2 children. The children all enjoyed the experience. Amy will be running a performing arts club in the new year, we're sure it will be a very popular choice, more information to follow soon!

DT Days

The children have been busy cooking for their DT days and the school has been full of tantalising smells! We have been so impressed by their peeling, chopping, grating and overall cookery skills. In Donaldson class, they designed and made a tasty soup, Attenborough class made tasty wraps, Ennis Hill class made a Bolognese sauce and Hawking class even made a three course meal! Seacole and Luther King will be completing their DT days this week, look out for some tasty treats making their way home!

Top 3 Attendance scores this week

1st Donaldson: 98.2% 2nd Luther King : 96 % 3rd Seacole: 95 %

Well done to Donaldson for your fantastic attendance!

Nativity and Christmas Cracker Rehearsals.

The children have all been busy rehearsing their lines and songs in preparation for their festive performances. A reminder that the Nativity will have two performances; Monday 12th December, 10:30-11:30 and Tuesday 13th December, 1:30 until 2:30 (make sure you've got your tickets). Our KS2 Christmas Cracker will be held at Bethesda's Church on Friday 16th December at 9:45 -10:45. Please make sure that you have sent your child's consent forms back in and any ticket requests. Due to the size of the church, tickets are being allocated on a first come first serve basis. We can't wait to share these special performances with you all.

PFA Secret Santa Shop

Another big thank you to our wonderful PFA for organising and running the 'Secret Santa Shop' for our children. They all loved having the opportunity to choose and buy presents for their loved ones.

Warm wishes,

Mrs Akroyd, Vice Principal and Miss Horsfall, Principal.

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