**Newsletter** Autumn Term 2 Week 5 Friday 6th December 2024 www.dentonprimaryschool.co.uk

# Kind Resilient Respectful



It was so special to watch my first Nativity at Denton. The children in Reception and Nursery were amazing. We are all so proud of how far they have come. Thank you to everyone who attended the show.

Our performances continue next week for KS1 on Wednesday and KS2 on Friday. Doors will be open for the audience to arrive 20 minutes prior to the start time.

As was shared in our letter from earlier in the week, we have received our Ofsted report and I am delighted to inform you that **Denton continues to be a good school**. You can read the full report here.

Have a lovely weekend! Matt Doody



## The Denton Choir - ON TOUR!

On Tuesday the choir performed at the Mayors Christmas Carol Service at St Michaels' church. The children sang beautifully at the service which was attended by the mayor and a representative of King Charles! There was no time to rest as on Wednesday the choir moved onto the main event - One Voice at the Brighton Centre. The children performed as part of a huge choir of primary school children in front of a sold out audience. What a magical experience for all our children. A huge thank you to Mr Kettle for all his hard work and leading the school choir.



# Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 18th December

In support of Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day we invite the children to wear their Christmas Jumper or themed top to school on Wednesday 18th December which coincides with our Christmas Lunch. Children should also wear their school uniform. If you would like to make a donation to Save the Children then please get your child to bring this into school.

# Year 6 Greek Day

The children in Whales class enjoyed a day of Greek culture as part of their topic learning on Thursday. The children had a wonderful time cooking a traditional Greek salad, creating their own chef hats including their name in Greek writing and learning all about Greek culture. Thank you to Mrs Tsaparrelli and her family for putting on such an interesting day for the children.

Our attendance this week:

Whole school: 95.7%

Reception: 93.9%

Year 1: 97.0%

Year 2: 97.5%

Year 3: 91.4%

Year 4: 97.5%

Year 5: 90.9%



Year 6: 98.2%

#### Girls football tour of the Amex

On Thursday some of our girls who attend our lunchtime football club went for a very special visit to the Amex for a tour. The person giving the tour said the children were "the most respectful group" he had ever met. Thank you, Mrs Buss, Miss Thornton and Mrs Woodcock, for taking the children.



## **Key Dates**

Wednesday 11th December – Year 1 & 2 Christmas Performance 9:30am & 1:45pm

Friday 13th December - Year 3 to 6 Christmas Performance 9:30am & 1:45pm

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Lunch Day & Christmas Jumper Day (+ school uniform)

Friday 20th December - Christmas Panto - funded by the FADS

Friday 20th December – last day of term 2 (closing at 1:15pm)

## **Term Dates**

Christmas holidays are Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> December to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> January

**Term 3**: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February February half term: Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February

**Term 4**: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February to Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March – INSET day Easter Holiday: Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 18<sup>th</sup> April

**Term 5**: Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May May half term: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May

**Term 6**: Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July – INSET day Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July – INSET day

All INSET days have now been set for this academic year.



If you are having a clear out of items before the Christmas season please could you consider if they would be suitable to donate to school as part of our OPAL playtimes.

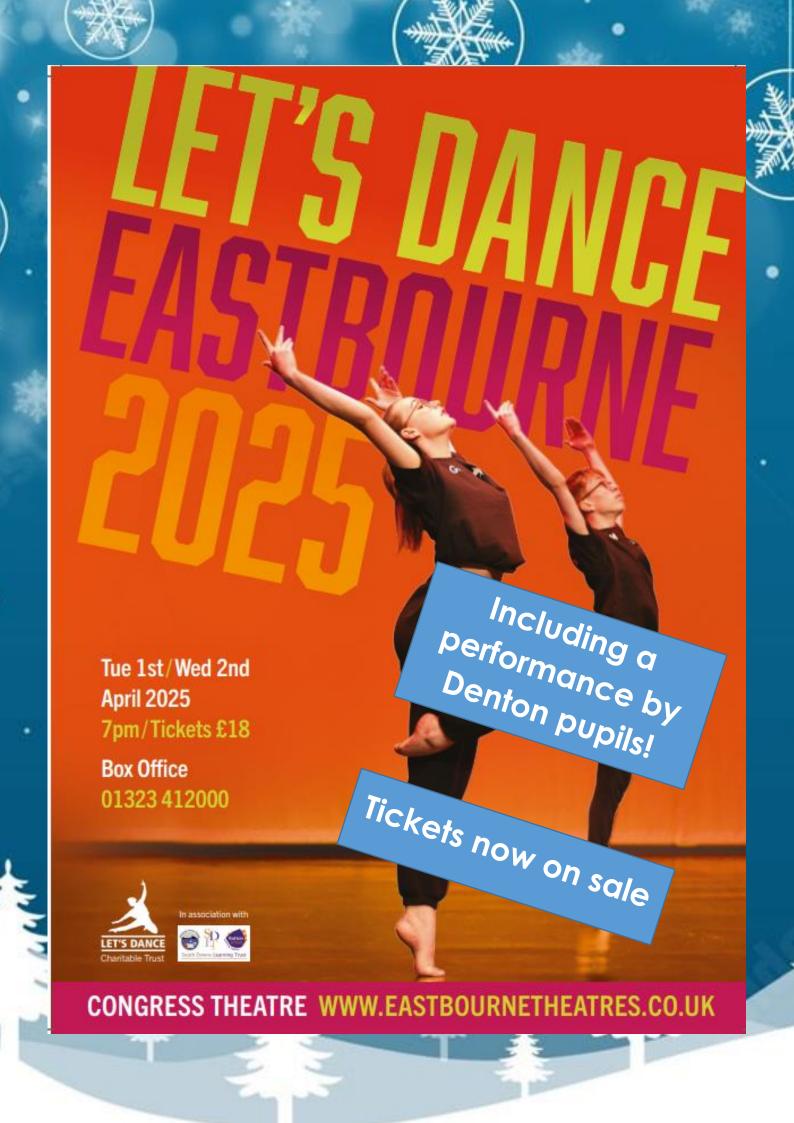
We are interested in any of the following:

- Small world items lego / duplo / plastic figurines / building blocks / teddies / small toys
- Suitcases of any size and type
- Tools like spades, trowels, brooms and buckets for our sandpit
- Tubes of various sizes and various materials
- Nets and ropes
- Keyboards/torches/laptops/calculators that are no longer working
- Fabric (large sheets/brightly coloured fabric/saris/curtains)
- Foam sheets / body boards
- Guttering / Pipes
- Scaffold boards
- Noodles (the type you use in the swimming pool!)





Please bring any items to the front gate in the morning where a member of staff will gladly take them off you're your hands. **Thank you for your support!** 





School Health Service

The School Health Service takes over from the Health Visiting Service when a child is of school age.

Our nurse-led friendly team can help with:

- sleeping problems
- emotional health and wellbeing
- · wetting the bed and day wetting
- · healthy eating and healthy weight
- worries and troubles including changing schools
- self care and hygiene
- referrals to other services for more complex health needs.





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