



High Notes

Primary High Notes Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear Parents

This week began with an incredibly unexpected twist - a snow day on Tuesday! Derby hasn't seen snow this early in November for many years, and I think it caught us all by surprise. While it created a picturesque winter wonderland, the conditions also brought significant challenges.

Any decision to close the school is not taken lightly. The safety of our pupils and staff, both on the school site and travelling to school, is always our primary consideration when making decisions of this nature. Derby High has a large catchment area, with many of our pupils and staff traveling significant distances to reach school. On Tuesday, the road conditions in several areas became particularly challenging. While each school's circumstances differ, we made our decision based on the specific information for Derby High School.

I want to thank our parents, pupils and staff for their understanding and adaptability as we navigated this situation. It is a reminder of the strength of our community and our shared commitment to ensuring everyone's wellbeing.

The week ended on a high note with the wonderful Year 3 and 4 production of Rock Pool! last night. The singing and acting were fantastic, and it was a joy to see the hard work of our pupils and staff come to life on stage. It was also lovely to welcome so many parents, grandparents, and other family members to share in the celebration.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Year 3 and 4 Musical: Rock Pool!

Congratulations to Year 3 and 4 for their fabulous performance of Rock Pool! Last night the Senior Hall was full of parents, grandparents and siblings who were treated to this magical musical show, about teamwork and togetherness.

Thank you to all the staff who contributed to making this such a memorable evening, especially a huge thank you to Mrs Cooke for her musical and dramatic direction.

For more photographs please visit our Primary website site gallery by [clicking here](#). A recording of the performance will be sent to parents next week via HighPost.



Derby High U11 Match Report at OVS 7 a-side tournament

On Wednesday our U11 football team visited Willows for 7 a-side football tournament. It was fantastic tournament with great success for Derby High. The results were as follows:

Match 1: Derby High vs. St Wystans. Final Score: Derby High 4-2 St Wystans

Match 2: Derby High vs. OVS United. Final Score: Derby High 5-0 OVS United

Match 3: Derby High vs. OVS Athletic. Final Score: Derby High 5-0 OVS Athletic

Match 4: Derby High vs. OVS City. Final Score: Derby High 1-0 OVS City

Match 5: Derby High vs. OVS Rangers. Final Score: Derby High 2-1 OVS Rangers

Despite their only defeat, Derby High's earlier results had secured them runners-up by 1 point. The team's display of resilience and unity in this final match only added to their well-deserved success. The players should be rightly proud of how they played the game. Super team spirit, some wonderful attacking play and crucial defensive work.



Year 7 Scholarship Reminder

A polite reminder to all Year 6 parents that the deadline for Year 7 Scholarship applications is THURSDAY 12th DECEMBER. If you have viewed the “key dates” for Year 7 entrance on a mobile device please be aware that the date was showing last year’s deadline. This has now been resolved, we are sorry for any confusion this may have caused.

Supporting our Charity Collection this Christmas

Christmas presents are being collected from junior reception on Thursday the 28th November. Please do bring in any Christmas presents before then. Every single present will make a huge impact on a disadvantaged child in Derbyshire, who might otherwise not get a present.

Whole School Photo Reminder

As the holiday season approaches, Tempest wanted to remind you of a wonderful opportunity to order a keepsake that celebrates the Derby High School community — the whole school group photograph taken this September.

This very special photo offers a lasting memory of your child’s time here and the friendships they've made along the way. You can view the photograph and place your order online by visiting the following link:

Whole School Group - <https://htmp.st/200095-59>

All orders will be shipped directly to your home (postage and packaging apply). To ensure your photo arrives in time for the festive period, please place your order by Sunday, December 1st.

Schoolblazer Flash Sale

[Schoolblazer](#) will be running a flash sale from Monday 25th – Tuesday 26th November 2024.

There will be 20% off ALL in-stock items online at schoolblazer.com during the sale period, while stocks last.

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Festive Holiday Courses:

Please note these are not ran by Derby High School

SoccerstarsUK Festive Holiday Courses at The University of Derby!

This Christmas, Soccerstars are running Festive Holiday Courses locally at The University of Derby. The courses are designed to keep the children active, make new friends & further develop their skills!

📅 Mon 23rd Dec, Thu 2nd & Fri 3rd Jan ⌚ 9.00am – 3.30pm ⚽ Indoor course / Football

👤 20% off if booked before 1st December 🍷 FREE spaces available for children who receive benefit related free School Meals.

For more information and to make a booking, please visit the following booking link:

<https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk/project/62232>

Free HAF Spaces

<https://bookings.soccerstarsuk.co.uk/project/62231>

Soccerstars are also running Festive Holiday Courses at the following venues;

- Ripley Academy
- Springwood Leisure Centre
- Kirk Hallam Community
- Pingle Academy
- Etwall Leisure Centre
- Melbourne Sports Park

Safety Notice

Parents and children are asked to please use the pedestrian gates, and not the vehicle gate, at the front of school when arriving or leaving school on foot. Thank you for helping us to keep our site safe.

Safeguarding Corner

Episode 23 – Tricky Subjects

This week we hear from Mrs McBride (Assistant Head - Pastoral, Primary) and Dr Evans-Bolger (PSHEE Lead, Primary). Today's topic is how we tackle tricky subjects and our approach to this in school. To listen to the podcast please [click here](#).



For further information on this subject please click the following link;

[How to talk to children about difficult topics | NSPCC](#)

Roblox- Updated Parental Controls

If your child uses Roblox, please check the following link for recent updates that will make your child's experience a safer one.

<https://corp.roblox.com/newsroom/2024/11/major-updates-to-our-safety-systems-and-parental-controls>

Dates For Your Diary

Wednesday 27th November – Year 1 and 2 full dress rehearsal

Thursday 28th November – Year 1 and 2 production to parents, 2pm refreshments in The Refectory, 2:30pm, Senior Hall

Thursday 3rd December – Primary Christmas Concert, 4pm refreshments in the Refectory, 4:30pm, Senior Hall

Thursday 5th December – Primary Learning Reviews

Useful Links

School menu week commencing 25th November - [click here](#).

Calendar (via the Parent Portal) - <https://derbyhigh.parents.isams.cloud/>