High Notes

Primary High Notes Friday 6th December 2024

Dear Parents

What a truly magical evening we shared at the Primary Christmas Concert on Tuesday. The children shone brightly, captivating the audience with their confidence, enthusiasm, and sheer joy in performing. From the youngest voices to the more seasoned performers, their hard work and preparation were evident in every note and word. It is always such a delight to witness their talents blossoming, and the warmth of support from parents and families made the evening even more special. Thank you for being part of such a memorable event.

As we approach the end of term, we are very much looking forward to our Christmas Carol Service at Derby Cathedral on Monday evening. This is a highlight of the festive season, and it will be wonderful to welcome so many of you to join us. Our Primary choirs have been rehearsing beautifully, and we can't wait to hear their voices resonate through the cathedral, adding to the magic of this special occasion.

We are also looking forward to the EYFS Nativity on Wednesday morning. It is always such a heart-warming moment to see our youngest children take to the stage, sharing the Christmas story with their unique charm and enthusiasm. We are delighted to welcome parents and families of EYFS children beforehand for breakfast in the refectory – a wonderful way to begin what promises to be a truly memorable morning.

On Thursday, the whole school will come together for Christmas Jumper Day and our much-anticipated Christmas lunch – the very first in our fantastic new refectory! It promises to be a wonderful opportunity to share in the festive spirit as we bring this term to a close.

A reminder that there will be no Primary Extra Time or clubs on Friday 13th December, as we close for the holiday at the end of the school day.

Best wishes,

Amy Chapman

Head

Primary Christmas Concert

Well done to all the children who performed in Tuesday night's Primary Christmas Concert. The programme featured a range of ensembles across our Primary years from Year 1 to Year 6. It was an amazing concert full of festive music and beautiful singing. We are so proud of our young musicians who practised tirelessly to put on such an impressive show. For more photographs, please visit our website gallery; Primary Christmas Concert December 2024 - Derby High School

Christingle Assembly

A common myth is that there is no word which rhymes with orange! The primary children at Derby High know different. In the Christingle assembly on Wednesday they found out at least 3 (real) words that do rhyme with Orange and that the Christingle is so much more than that familiar round fruit. In 1774, in Germany, Bishop John introduced the Christingle to remind Christians of the real meaning of Christmas beyond the presents, holidays, chocolate and festivities. In their moment of reflection, the children had the opportunity to think that, no matter what our beliefs, or how dark times can be, we can all be a shining light of support to one another and to know that friends, family and teachers in school are there for them should they need them.

...and to find out the answer to what rhymes with orange... well... the children can tell you...

Christmas Jumper Day – Thursday 12th December

As part of our Christmas Celebrations, we will be having our annual Christmas jumper day on the same day as our Christmas dinner. We are asking for donations of £1 and will be raising money for Save the Children. By pulling on our Christmassy knits and donating, we will be supporting children in the UK and around the world to keep safe, healthy, and learning. We will be helping them fight for the future they deserve. Pupils are expected to wear their normal school trousers or skirts with a festive, decorated or sparkly top or jumper. We encourage pupils to reuse / redecorate an existing jumper rather than buying new. Christmas hats are optional extras! If you would prefer to donate online, you can do so via the following link. https://christmas.savethechildren.org.uk/fundraising/CJD230021200 The charity will also receive 25% extra funds through GiftAid.

Save the Children
CHRISTMAS
JUMPER DAY

Safeguarding Corner

Safeguarding Podcast, Episode 25 – PSHE in Primary

Today's podcast is brought to you from Mrs McBride and Dr E-B, who discuss how the PSHE curriculum is taught in the Primary School. To listen to the podcast please click here.

How can I find out more information about Jigsaw PSHE?

The best thing to do is to talk to your child's teacher about how Jigsaw is taught in school. To find out more, parents and carers are also very welcome to visit the Jigsaw website; Jigsaw Education Group - Leading provider of PSHE and RE education

Dates For Your Diary

Monday 9th December – Christmas Carol Service at Derby Cathedral, 7pm

Tuesday 10th December – Primary Learning Reviews (online)

Wednesday 11th December – EYFS parent breakfast and nativity, 8:30am in The Refectory, 9:15am, Junior Hall

Wednesday 11th December – EYFS theatre trip

Thursday 12th December – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper day

Friday 13th December – End of term, 3:30pm. No after school clubs or PET

Tuesday 7th January – return to school, first day of Spring Term

Useful Links

School menu week commencing 9th December - click here.

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