



Dovedale Primary School

'Imagine, Believe, Achieve'

Diary Dates—you will have received a calendar of events for the whole academic year. Below are some key dates:

December

Thursday 21st—School closes at **1.30pm** for the Christmas break

January

Monday 8th—**SCHOOL CLOSED INSET DAY**

Tuesday 9th—School re-opens at 8.45am

Friday 12th—Swimming starts for Y4 and Y5

February

Friday 2nd—Year 1 Learn and Explore 9.10am

Monday 5th—Reception Stay and Play 2pm

Thursday 8th—Y4 PGL meeting at 3.30pm

Friday 9th—School closes at normal time for half term

Monday 19th—School re-opens at 8.45am

Tuesday 20th—Y6 parents' evening

Wednesday 21st—Y6 parents' evening

Thursday 22nd—Y6 parents' evening

March

Thursday 1st—World Book Day—whole school event

What a busy term! I can't believe that it is Christmas already, it seems no time since we started back in September.

Our Reception children have settled brilliantly into Dovedale and are making wonderful progress. Last week we were treated to two nativities from our Reception classes which were magical and definitely brought a tear to many an eye.

Year 3 also entertained us this term with their production of 'Lights, Camel, Action!' Again the children performed brilliantly and it was wonderful to see so many parents, grand parents and relatives supporting their children.

We have held many fundraising events this term which you as parents have so generously supported.

Macmillan: £578.38 Read for Good: £300 Children in Need: £602.21

The Christmas Fayre was a wonderful event with every part of the school bursting with people! This event raised an impressive £3200.

We also had our Reception, KS1 and KS2 discos which were a hit too. Reception and KS1 enjoyed dancing and a special visitor—Santa! KS2 had a brilliant UV foam party which was lots of fun.

You also supported us in Mission Christmas to provide presents for families in our City who cannot afford to buy them.

So a HUGE thank you for all your support this term; it is greatly appreciated.

WOW

In January we are launching a new scheme 'Walk Once a Week'. As a school we would like you and your children to walk to school more often. We appreciate that lots of people need to drive but we would encourage you to 'park and stride' even if this is just a couple of streets away. Each day children in Y1-Y6 will record how they travelled to school. For those children who walk once a week for a month will be awarded a special badge to recognise their commitment to walking. A more detailed letter will follow in January.

Swimming

Swimming will be for Year 4 and 5 which again will be on a Friday starting on **Friday 12th January** at Garston pool. The children will be transported by coach to and from the pool. The school funds this as we feel it is a vital life skill. Boys need tight trunks and girls a swimsuit, no bikinis. Swim caps can be bought from the school office.

It has been a very long and busy term with lots of exciting learning happening. I would like to thank all our school staff and governors for all their hard work and you as parents for your continued support. I wish you all a happy Christmas and New Year. We look forward to welcoming you back in the New Year.