



Dovedale Primary School

'Imagine, Believe, Achieve'

Diary Dates—Below are some key dates:

December

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

January

Monday 7th—School re-opens at 8.45am

Friday 11th—Swimming starts for Y5

Friday 25th—KS2 discos

February

Friday 1st —Year 1 Learn and Explore 9.10am

Monday 4th — Reception Stay and Play 2pm

Thursday 7th—Y4 PGL meeting at 3.30pm

Friday 15th—School closes at normal time for half term

Monday 25th—School re-opens at 8.45am

March

Tuesday 5th—Y6 parents' evening

Wednesday 6th —Y6 parents' evening

Wednesday 6th—Y4 to PGL for 3 days

Thursday 7th —Y6 parents' evening

Thursday 7th —World Book Day—whole school event

Tuesday 12th—class photographs

Wednesday 13th—class photographs

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.

The Christmas Fair was a wonderful event with every part of the school bursting with people! A special thank you to the PTA committee for preparing, organising and running the whole fair; it is greatly appreciated. This event raised an impressive £4000.

We also had our Reception and KS1 discos which were a hit too. Reception and KS1 enjoyed dancing and a special visitor—Santa! KS2 will be having special New Year discos on Friday 25th January.

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.

Lost Property

We have so much lost property that we are getting to the point when we are going to have to re-cycle it. Please can you have a look through all the lost property and claim anything which is yours.

Please write or label all your child's clothing so if it does go missing it can be easily given back to them. Lost property can be found in the plastic shed opposite the school office.

Swimming

Swimming will be for **Year 5** which again will be on a Friday starting on **Friday 11th January** at Garston pool. The children will be transported by coach to and from the pool. 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.