



ORCHARD PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2019

All of the staff wish all of you a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing you all back at school on Tuesday 7th January 2020.

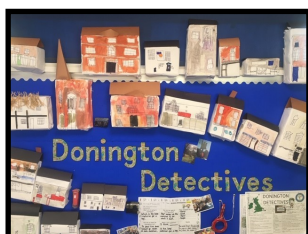
Best wishes

Fiona Shields & the Orchard Team

CREATIVE CURRICULUM UPDATES

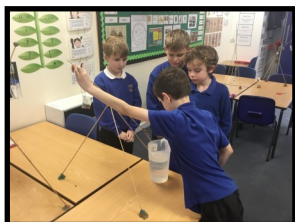
EYFS pupils have impressed us greatly with their super social skills, high levels of concentration and sheer enthusiasm! They have been very busy writing letters to Santa, building Santa's sledge and making Christmas cards.

Key Stage 1 have thoroughly enjoyed their 'Donington Detectives' topic. As well as making a number of visits to the village, they have also been treated to a presentation by Kevin



Padmore, from Donington Race Circuit. They were very excited to learn about where their House Team names have originated from! They have also produced some lovely artwork inspired by buildings in the local area.

As well as mummifying tomatoes (!), Classes 4, 5 and 6 have been very busy designing and making Egyptian jewellery, making a shaduf and writing Egyptian time portal stories. They will be treated next week to a performance of 'The Curse of the Mummy' by Hobgoblin Theatre Company, and will take part in a drama workshop.



The wartime poetry unit has truly inspired Y5 and 6 pupils, and has enhanced some excellent work completed in History. Pupils have particularly enjoyed researching their own family history, with some incredible stories being un-earthed. They are currently mastering sewing skills as they 'make-do-and-mend'.

SPORTS AMBASSDORS LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Eight of our Year 5 pupils accompanied Mrs Godsell to the North Charnwood Sports Leadership Conference. This conference is designed to support pupils in developing their leadership skills to grow and enhance their school sport offer to all young people. Over the next six months the children will be given a timeline to complete certain activities and challenged to deliver a physical activity, health and well-being club within the school. This will result in them achieving the Sports Leaders UK Primary PlayMaker Award. We were very proud of them and they were excellent role models for our school.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CAKE SALE

Well done to School Council for organising our Christmas themed cake sale. A fantastic £129 was raised. Thank you so much to all those who donated items or bought cakes. It is really appreciated.

PTA EVENTS

Thank you to our wonderful PTA for organising another superb wreath making evening. It has proven to be a great fundraiser which is excellent news for our children.

SPRING TERM A - CLUBS

After Christmas, pupils will have the opportunity to participate in the following after-school clubs, which can be booked online:

- Monday—KS2 Football
- Tuesday—Choir & EYFS/KS1 Football
- Wednesday—KS2 Hockey
- Thursday—Y2-6 Dodgeball
- Friday— EYFS/KS1 Multisports & KS2 Cross Country

Staff will also be continuing to run a range of clubs at lunchtimes.

CHRISTMAS FOOD BANK COLLECTION

If you are coming to watch one of our school performances and would like to donate items to the local branch of the Long Eaton & Sawley Christmas Foodbank Collection, please bring them into school to deposit in our collection box. Thank you.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS ...

Monday 9th December - non-uniform day for pupils in return for donating items for Christmas Family Night (tombola items, chocolate, 'bottles').

KEY STAGE 1 NATIVITY PERFORMANCES

Tuesday 10th December: 2.00pm (Doors open 1.45pm)

Wednesday 11th December: 2.00pm (Doors open 1.45pm)

Thursday 12th December: 9.30am (Doors open 9.15am)
A letter has been circulated regarding booking tickets.

CAROL SINGING - Tuesday 10th December 5.00-6.00pm (a letter has been circulated to members of the choir).

PTA CHRISTMAS FAMILY NIGHT - Friday 13th December 6.00-8.00pm.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY/CHRISTMAS DINNER DAY

We are inviting pupils to wear a Christmas jumper/ cardigan/top to school on **Wednesday 18th December** to celebrate Christmas lunch day. (Pupils should wear their usual school shoes, trousers, shorts, skirt etc.)

CHRISTMAS CHURCH SERVICE - Monday 16th December St. Edwards 10.30am. Parents/carers welcome.

EYFS NATIVITY - Tuesday 17th December 1.30pm. Tickets have been sent home with pupils.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES (AFTERNOONS)

Classes 4,5 & 6: Monday 16th December

EYFS & KS1: Wednesday 18th December

Classes 7,8 & 9: Friday 20th December

Pupils may bring in party clothes to change into.

PANTO & ICE-CREAM /LOLLY SALE

Pupils will be treated to an 'in-school' performance of Wind in the Willows by the Hobgoblin Theatre Company on Thursday 19th December. We will be selling ice-creams and iced-lollies for £1 as a pre-theatre treat. If you would like your child to have one, please book online via School Money by Friday 13th December.

DIARY DATES FOR THE NEW YEAR

Monday 6th January - INSET Day

Tuesday 7th January - School opens to pupils

Thursday 16th January - Y6 & EYFS Height & Weight check

Friday 17th January - World Religion Discovery Day

Friday 31st January - Phonics Meeting for Y1 parents 9.40am

Tuesday 4th February - Safer Internet Day

Monday 10th February - Parents' Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Wednesday 12th February - Parents' Evening 5.00-7.00pm

Friday 14th February - School closes

17th - 21st February Half-Term

Monday 24th February - School opens

Thursday 5th March - World Book Day (dressing up for EYFS & Key Stage 1 pupils)

Thursday 12th March - Shakespeare Day (themed day for KS2—more info to follow)

Friday 13th March - Sports Relief fundraiser

Friday 20th March - PTA Mothers' Day Tea

Friday 27th March - Spellathon & PTA Spring Disco

Monday 30th & 31st March - Y3 Beaumanor Residential

Friday 3rd April - School closes

SPORTING NEWS

We are so proud of all the children who have taken part in the recent tri-golf tournaments.

Both the Y3/4 and Y5/6 teams did exceptionally well, with one of the Y3/4 teams coming in first place. (They will now go forward to represent Charnwood in the School Games Final). Moreover our pupils' behaviour was exemplary and they took part with wonderful team spirit.

TERM DATES

We have published confirmed term dates for 2020-21 on the website. Dates for 2021-22 will be published in the next month after consultation with other local schools.