



## **Learning, Laughter and Friendship**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Newsletter**

We have come to the end of a very long term in school. Throughout I have been very impressed with the commitment the children have shown to their learning and the progress the children have made. I always enjoy this term watching our youngest children develop from the naivety of initially coming to school and finding their way round, to knowing the school routines and beginning to read and write. I would also like to thank all the staff at the school for their commitment to the cause. Their efforts planning lessons and adapting work to enable all our children to engage is very much appreciated and a substantial reason why The Dingle is such a great place to be each day.

December is always a busy time in school and the children have done well to contain their growing excitement as the month progressed. We have all had a few late nights along the way at Nativities, carol concerts, and even a disco to fit into our daily routines. Year 1 and 2 brilliantly performed their production of 'Born in a Barn' – a seasoned Dingle nativity classic. Year 3 were fantastic singing carols at St Matthews Church earlier this week - always a crowd pleaser. Thanks to the PTA and resident DJs Mr Dowell and Miss Hancock for organising the Christmas Disco, and to Mr Griffiths and Miss Hadzik who organised Christmas Bingo and parties on Thursday. Today the term ended with a well-deserved finishing off and tidy up day, followed by good, old fashioned games of Twister and Buckaroo. It was lovely to see the children playing together and enjoying each other's company. Well done to all the pupils and staff for making it through in one piece.

We have also taken the opportunity to say good bye and good luck to 3 members of the team. Mrs Wilding is leaving us after 4 years to concentrate on her Master's Degree and we wish her every success in the future. Mrs Glover, our school cook, has decided to leave and take up a post in another school. She will be sadly missed by us all. Her knowledge of the children, their likes and dislikes as well as allergies, is second to none and leaves a high bar for our new caterers in the new year.

Lastly, we say good bye to Mrs Hayes. She came to The Dingle from Brereton Primary in 1997 and for the first half of her career she taught in the Juniors. She then took on the role of class teacher and SENCO, before becoming the school SENCO full time as the role has grown with the school. She has always put the children first in what she has done. She has championed the children on many occasions and fought tirelessly with the Local Authority, Health Service and anyone else necessary to ensure each child received the best outcomes. As a result, she has directly impacted and supported so many families associated with the school. Additionally, Mrs Hayes is very passionate about music and it is her endeavours and hard work that has enabled our Band and Choir to appear at so many

events each year in school and across Cheshire. She will be very much missed. We all wish her well in her retirement when she hopes to be able to give more time to her grandchildren, her music and to travel. Good luck Mrs Hayes and Thank You!

Thank you also to, Mr and Mrs Smith and all the regular PTA helpers for all their hard work this term. They have managed to raise a very impressive £3055, a record in recent times. I know that next term we will be launching a 'Challenge 25' competition for the children to enter and enjoy. Watch out for further information.

### School Dinners and Snacks

Due to Cheshire East no longer providing catering contracts to schools, we will have a new catering company, Chartwells, starting with us in January. However, **they will not be providing a snack or drink for children in the morning.** If your child requires a snack at breaktime, then please ensure they bring one in from home. New menus were sent out to parents earlier this week in preparation

### Dates:

#### January

- 6<sup>th</sup> INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
- 7<sup>th</sup> School re opens for pupils.
- 8<sup>th</sup> Road Safety Awareness Year 5 – nothing needed.
- 10<sup>th</sup> Miss Hancock's class starts swimming
- 20<sup>th</sup> Indoor Athletics tournament at Sandbach High School

#### February

#### March

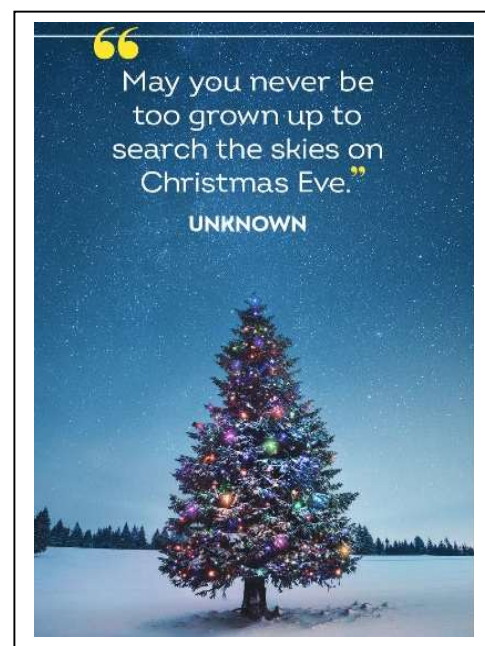
- 11<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Visit to Sudbury Hall children's museum

#### April

- 2<sup>nd</sup> to 4<sup>th</sup> Year 5 residential to Wales

#### July

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Sports Day: Juniors AM; Infants PM
- 11<sup>th</sup> Parents' and Grandparents' afternoon



To round this newsletter off and on behalf of all the staff at school, I would also like to express our thanks to all the parents and children who have been so generous, kindly giving us gifts today. From everyone at The Dingle we wish all our families a:

**Very Happy and Peaceful Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.**

Asda  
Cashpot  
£462.56

Scavenger  
Hunt  
£218

Christmas  
Disco  
£350.90



AUTUMN 2024  
TERM TOTAL  
**£3,055.31**

Bag2School  
£70

Hot  
Choc Hut  
£356.70

Your School  
Lottery  
£484.80

Christmas  
hampers  
£1112.35