

4<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the Autumn 2 half-term. I hope you all had a great half-term break.

Upon our return on Tuesday, the children were over the moon to be back at school in their Halloween costumes and playing with their friends.

To start the term, our **Golden Expectation and Word of the Week** are 'Learn Brilliantly' and 'Different'. Our Jigsaw theme this half-term is 'Celebrating Differences'.

As mentioned above our children started the week by enjoying a **Halloween Dress-Up Day**, all courtesy of our PCTA. There were some very impressive costumes, made all the better with some wonderful makeup! We hope you also enjoyed the '**Festival of Lights**' celebration yesterday - thank you to all who attended and brought a dish to share, and thank you to our PCTA again for leading on this!

On Thursday, every year group also had the opportunity to enjoy a lesson outside of the 'traditional classroom' as part of **National Outdoor Learning Day**.

Before looking forward to the rest of this half-term, let's cast our minds back to last half-term when our **Daubeney Children's Centre** was inspected by **Ofsted**. The official report, which graded our provision as 'Good', is available for you to read via the link below and is on our website. I'd like to take the time to commend Mrs Suzanne Carmichael and all of the Children's Centre staff for the hard work that goes into an Ofsted inspection but moreover the wonderful and outstanding work that they do on a day-to-day basis when serving our community. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/616#sitelive-viewer/>

Talking of serving our community, please find below a link to an online panel discussion about the **support that the Council is putting in place to help residents during the cost of living crisis**. This will be held on Wednesday 9 November, 6.30 - 8.00 PM.

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/here-to-help-supporting-residents-through-the-cost-of-living-crisis-tickets-451686706097>

Next week on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>, we'll also be holding our virtual '**It Takes A Village...**' (ITAV) session from 5pm – 7pm. The themes for this year are **Belonging & Well-Being**. All of you would have received a letter via email last half-term, and some of you would have received a personal invite in addition this week. For easy access, please find the link below. We hope to see you **all** sections of our community there, but the parents of our Africana and African-Caribbean boys are key stakeholders that I implore to attend.



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Coming up shortly this term, in addition to all things Christmas, will be our **Parents' evening** scheduled for Monday 28<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November (3:30pm – 6pm). Please note these dates in your diary, we'll be sending out details to reserve your preferred time slot in due course.

We'd also like to inform you of our upcoming **book fair** which is a great opportunity to buy some amazing books to share at home - some of which are discounted! This also helps the school to earn rewards to spend on books for the school. The book fair will be cashless. Parents can pay by scanning the QR code on their phone and paying online by card. This will take place on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> November 3:30-4:30pm in the KS1 Hall.

On that note, please support your child to **read daily** at home and to record comments in their **reading records**. We'd also encourage you to discuss the reading stems and ask your child(ren) to explain why they are important skills for reading.

We'd also like to remind you that we are always taking **donations of toys etc for our OPAL initiative**. Keep your eyes peeled for our first **Stay and Play** session of the academic year coming your way on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November (3:30-4:30)!

As always, we urge you to explore the **highlights section of our website**.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

Also, please do visit the **news and letters section** of our website on a regular basis as well as our **calendar** to stay abreast of all things Daubeney.

Please enjoy a lovely weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday,

Yours sincerely,

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