

9th December 2022

Dear Parents / Carers,

We now find ourselves at the end of the penultimate week of the Autumn term, which has just absolutely flown by!

As we now approach the final week at school before the Christmas holiday, for your convenience please find the key dates for our upcoming Christmas events below. We'd also like to highlight for those that have not visited our on-line calendar, that school will be closing for the Christmas holidays on **Friday 16th December at 1:30pm** and children will return to school on **Wednesday 4th January 2023**.

- **Reception** Nativity – **December 12th** @ 10:30am & 2pm
- **Year 1** Nativity – **December 13th** @ 10:30am & 2pm
- Christmas Carol Performances (**year 2&3** @ 10am & **year 4, 5 & 6** @ 11am) **December 14th**
- Winter Fair **December 14th** 3:30pm to 5:30pm -
- **Nursery** Christmas performance **December 15th** @ 10:30 am
- International Dress up Day **December 16th**

For our **Reception** and **Year 1** nativities, which are always very well attended, please access the links below to secure your preferred time to watch the nativity, if you have not done so already.

Rec Link: <https://forms.gle/o8JCKW5MQWvVhaQj6>

Year 1 Link: <https://forms.gle/dubxIXxjrZGZAUGU9>

We hope you have visited our **Advent calendar**. If no, please do so now, it will certainly get you into the spirit! ☺
<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/advent-calendar/>

Our children this week have taken part in the **Rudolph Run** and thoroughly enjoyed running around our playground in their reindeer antlers. Thank you to all of the families that sent in donations that will all go to St Joseph's Hospice in Hackney. If you are unfamiliar with the work of St Joseph's Hospice please access the link.
<https://www.stjh.org.uk/>

Not only have we been raising cash to support a local organisation, our **Daubeney Choir** yesterday visited Homerton Hospital to spread some joy and Christmas spirit with their angelic voices and classic Christmas carols. Thank you to Mr O'Flynn and Kari (PCTA member) for leading on this.

Today, we enjoyed our **Christmas lunch & Christmas Jumper Day** which is always a wonderful day at Daubeney when the children are served their lunch by SLT and get to enjoy eating with staff members. It's also an opportunity for me to dig out one of my 'themed' from the wardrobe. I hope the suit brought a little smile to you or your child(ren)'s face ☺

Our penultimate **Golden Expectation and Word of the Week**, this year were 'Be honest and Responsible' and 'Compassion'. As always, we encourage you to use these as a discussion point at home.

This week our pupils also enjoyed their **RE day**. Below you will find the focus of your child(ren)'s RE learning this half-term. In our usual fashion we encourage you to use this information to facilitate home learning discussions.

Year 1	Christianity - How and why do Christians celebrate Christmas?
Year 2	Judaism - What values does Hanukkah teach?
Year 3	Christianity - What can we learn from the bible?
Year 4	Hinduism - How do those who believe build a relationship with God?
Year 5	Islam - What happened to Islam in the Middle Ages?
Year 6	Buddhism - How does being in a community help Buddhists to follow the Buddha's teachings?

As we bring this week's letter to a close, in addition to the events mentioned above, we'd like to remind you that we are offering a Winter Club for the first week of the Christmas holidays delivered by our community partner Apex Learning Hub (ALH). If you would like to register for this club please access this link- <https://forms.gle/pXjYCCtq5hk6UqZZA> and if you'd like more info before registering please see the poster below and do visit the ALH website via this link - <https://www.alh.org.uk/holiday-activities--food-programme.html>

Wishing you all a great weekend,



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WINTER FAIR

**DECEMBER 14TH
3.30-5.30PM**

THE HOP GARDEN

Chocolate Tombola

Elfridges

Raffle

Elf Face Painting

Beers & BBQ

Mince Pies & Mulled Wine

Crafts table

Guess the smarties

Name the Elf

Carol Singing

Festive photo booth

Jam Jar Shop

Second hand book sale

The Sock Game



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Winter Holiday **Club**

Ofsted
Registered
Childcare

Ages
6-11

Venue:

Daubeney Primary School
Daubeney Road, Hackney, E5

**Limited Space!
Book Early!**

DATES

19th, 20th Dec and 22nd, 23rd Dec

TIMING

11am to 3pm

Small Group Activities:

Arts & Crafts Drama & Theatre
Tuition & Learning Multi-Sports & Well-Being



For further details:

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