

15th December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

I'd like to start this week's letter by saying a massive **thank you to all of our Daubeney Village** who contributed to making last week's **Winter Fair**, a resounding success and arguably our best Winter Fair ever! After all the calculations we managed to raise a whopping, £2,500 from the fair and a similar amount from the auction. The winning ticket was number 289, **Laura Pavone**. Your prize, an Amazon fire 7 tablet, is awaiting collection from our office at your convenience.

Thank you to all the parents and family members who attended the various **carol concerts** this week, each one was packed to the rafters and the performances were fantastic there was even audience participation! A massive commendation must go to **Mr O'Flynn** and **Kari Stewart** (Daubeney Village member) for their efforts in supporting both our choir and musicians to perform so wonderfully.

Next week will bring us to the final days of the Autumn term. If have you not accessed our **advent calendar** on our website, why not? 😊 <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/advent-calendar/> We now look forward to enjoying our **Christmas lunch** today (in our winter/Christmas jumpers) and our **Reception and Year 1 nativities** next week, please access our **online calendar** so that you are fully informed and aware of timings for the remaining events this year, and for the Spring term! <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/785#sitelive-viewer/> Please note that **school will close at 1:30pm on Thursday 21st December**.

As we prepare for the holidays, families who are entitled to **Free School Meals (FSM)** will receive an email regarding their vouchers (£35 per child) today. If you do not receive an email please come and speak to our office team on Monday.

For those who would like to do something different (and free!) this weekend, one of our community partners, **Hidden Planet**, will be hosting a **free Santa's grotto** with free face painting and free hot chocolate for kids from 1-4pm on Sunday 17th December. <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/santas-grotto-at-a-small-triangle-tickets-776228780177?aff=oddtcreator>

In our usual fashion, as we draw this letter to a close, we usher you towards our **highlights page** to see a snapshot of the great teaching & learning here at Daubeney, including the staff panto (oh yes it does!).
<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

Yours sincerely,



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