

21<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents & Carers,

Today brings our Autumn term to a close. What an **eventful and successful term** it has been. What has been your personal highlight of the term, was it our successful Ofsted inspection? Was it our successful Windrush 75 in the Hall of Fame performance at the Hackney Empire? Was it our recent Christmas performances? Was it our Winter Fair? Was it supporting your child on one of their educational trips? Was it seeing your child start their first day at 'big school'? Was it your child moving up in their reading levels? Was it the positive feedback you received at your parent consultation? Or was there something else that you had you skipping with joy? If you're struggling to identify your personal highlight do access the link as an aide de memoire 😊

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

This week saw us wrap up our Christmas performances with our **Reception and Year 1 nativities** on Monday and Tuesday respectfully. Thank you to all the family members who attended, as I've said before you are the magic that make these performances special, without your attendance we'd simply have a hall full of disappointed pupils, so thank you for taking the time out of your busy schedules to support your children. A special mention must be made to members of our Daubeney Village namely, **Kari Stewart, Corissa Robinson, Lisa Smith, Sarah Dean, Tom Sheppard, Jules Kirby and Matt Daw** (to mention a few, apologies if I missed you out!) for the support you have offered us throughout this term in many forms!

Even though we break for the Christmas holiday, the **advent calendar** on our website is still operational for you to enjoy the countdown to the big day! 😊 <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/advent-calendar/>

If you have not done so already, please read **Mr Warren's end of term letter** and that of our Chair of Governors (CoG) **Will Emms**. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/811#sitelive-viewer/>

**Mr Emms, Mrs Annwen Johnson, Sam Cullen, Pandora Giles and Tom Smith's** roles as governors and the contributions of our Daubeney Village, as alluded to above, I hope demonstrates our ethos of working with parents as partners. We look forward to taking this from strength to strength when we return in January in line with our School Development Priorities (SDP's) – which as a reminder are:

**SDP1.** Continue to improve outcomes for the lowest attaining pupils (30%) across all core subjects

**SDP2.** Embed & implement a consistent approach to Curriculum Floor Books which exemplify our quality offer

**SDP3.** Continue the development of leadership at all levels

**SDP4.** Continue the development of our playground and outdoor learning opportunities

**SDP5.** Continue to develop parent partnerships especially for the lowest attaining pupils (30%) so outcomes improve



We eagerly look forward to continuing our work in 2024 alongside **Jules Kirby & Natural Neighbours** as part of our SDP4, please access the link below to support us with this drive and to learn more about this initiative.

<https://www.avivacommunityfund.co.uk/p/natural-neighbours-hackney>

When we return in January our **Y1 Parrot class** will begin their Forest School sessions. For more info about our **Forest School** provision or how to dress your Y1 child for these sessions, please access the link below

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/curriculum/forest-school>

As we break for the holiday, I'm certain you'll all be glad to know that we have **not** had any further confirmed cases of **scarlet fever** this week.

We now look forward to a **well-deserved break for all**, *'All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy!'*

At your convenience, please access our **online calendar** so that you are fully informed and aware of the events and many trips happening in the Spring term and beyond! <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/785#sitelive-viewer/>

Please note that **school resumes in the New Year on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2024**

Penultimately, for those who recall me informing you about Ms Shelina's recent hospitalisation, I'm certain you'll all be glad to know she is now at home and on the road to a full recovery! 😊

Finally, as we draw this letter to a close, we wish you all a great festive period, and we pray for a happy, healthy and prosperous 2024!

Yours sincerely,



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