



Autumn Term - Christmas Newsletter 5 15th December 2017



Dear Parents & Carers,

We were delighted that so many of you were able to join us for the Infant Nativity which was a wonderful performance that really conveyed the true message of Christmas. A very big thank you to all who were involved in preparing the children and to parents for providing the fantastic costumes. It was lovely to hear so much positive feedback about the change of format for the Infant concert.

The snowfall at the weekend created a challenge for us all in ensuring that we got the children safely across to St. James's for the Carol Service on Monday, but thanks to Mr Millar's sterling efforts school was up and running as usual and his shuttle service in the mini-bus enabled us to get the children safely to the church. A special service as always and our last to be led by Reverend Jane Mortimer. We wish her well in her retirement. Despite the appalling weather conditions it was lovely that the service was so well attended by parents and governors alike.

The Year 6 parent fundraising committee did a fantastic job of making the Bazaar a great success despite the worsening weather curtailing the time that they had. The children thoroughly enjoyed visiting the Bazaar and having Santa in school for the day.

Compliments to the Chef and his team for a delicious Christmas dinner this year and a very festive atmosphere with staff and children coming together to celebrate Christmas lunch in the main hall.

It has been a very busy last couple of weeks to the term and, thanks to the hard work and efforts of all of the staff the children have had a wonderful start in school to the Christmas celebrations.

On behalf of myself and all the staff I would like to say thank you for your cards and gifts. I wish you all a very peaceful and joyful Christmas!

Mrs Dear

Communication and School Base App

We are continually trying to improve methods of communication and will be making a few changes from the start of the new term. I would urge you to check the portal regularly for letters and information as the office staff and teachers are often dealing with queries about information that has already been sent to but not read. In order to make this information more accessible we now have access to an APP which you can download to any mobile device giving you more instant access to an information notice board where we will post alerts about important news. In order to install the APP, simply search SchoolBase in the APP store and use the following login details for our school

School ID Code - 7381

Domain name - Daiglen

Username and password - as for online log in

Absence Reporting

Also in an attempt to improve communication we are changing procedures for absence reporting as there are some flaws in our current system. At present you report absences either by e mail or telephone direct to the office. The office staff are not always able to pass on these messages immediately to teachers as they can be busy with other duties, in turn resulting in you possibly receiving a text query when you have in fact sent a message. In order to avoid this we ask that you report all absences directly to your child's form tutor before 8.30am using their individual school e mails as follows.

Nursery: jdavis@daiglenschool.co.uk

Reception: ldoig@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 1: shamid@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 2: hlamont@daiglenschool.co.uk & sstanley@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 3: jbond@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 4: cholden@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 5: jjurkiw@daiglenschool.co.uk

Year 6: rsutcliffe@daiglenschool.co.uk

Using this new system will ensure that form tutors have all the information that they need, first hand in order that they can complete registers accurately and should avoid you receiving unnecessary texts.

Uniform Reminders

Please ensure that your child has their Daiglen black school coat with them on school every day when we return in January. All children should be in full school winter uniform, including ties, with the exception of games days.

Staff News

A very warm welcome back today to Miss Daltrey who has returned to us following her maternity leave. Miss Daltrey will resume her full time post as Assistant Head and Early Years Co-ordinator at the start of the Spring Term. Miss Doig will remain in post as Reception class teacher in order to maintain continuity and consistency for the children.

Diary Dates

STAFF TRAINING DAY Friday 5th JANUARY 2018

TERM OPENS FOR CHILDREN ON MONDAY, 8TH JANUARY 2018

PLEASE CHECK THE SCHOOLBASE CALENDAR FOR EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR NEXT TERM