

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you are all well and looking forward to the weekend.

It's been another very busy week as you will notice by all the activities and the work that is going on in the academy.

We started the week learning about the Jewish festival of Hannukah. The children were told about the significance of the menorah and the eight candles, the Torah and what some of the Jewish traditions were. Ask your child what a dreidel or latke is!

Our breakfast club is starting on 5th January. We are really excited as it is a very first for Desmond Anderson. If you need a space for your child please let the office know.

I did write you to previously letting you know about the changes to our Christmas productions. In line with the current COVID status we will not be having any live performances for families. This decision has not been taken lightly. We are all disappointed and hope that things will get better soon. With the holiday season upon us, we must ensure that we all keep safe so that we can enjoy time with our families. However, the classes are practising their Christmas songs which they are recording for the other classes to listen to. Just the SSC classes will be having their open air performance for a small audience next Tuesday afternoon.

Thank you to all families who have sent in donations for our Crawley Open House Christmas appeal. We have extended the deadline to Monday 13th. You still have time to send in your items with your child or bring it into the office. Your donations will make someone very, very happy.

I hope you all have a lovely restful weekend. Please do keep safe

Mrs Powys











YEAR 5

Year 5 have been learning about reversible and irreversible changes in Science. This week Picasso Class investigated the chemical reaction that takes place when vinegar is mixed with bicarbonate of soda. The reaction was explosive! The gas that was created (carbon dioxide) quickly filled a balloon. We all agreed, Science is super!

Sports Update

Yule Yomp

Firstly, a massive well done to everyone who completed the Yule Yomp on Sunday around Tilgate park. This was a tough 2km race and it's been great to hear that so many children got involved in this. Special mentions to Riaan and Kashaf in Picasso who brought in their medals to show the class and also Adrianna in Van Gogh who sent in this lovely picture of hers!



Year 6 boys' football – Written by Lewis and Mason

Last week some of the boys from Year 6 went to the first round of the Crawley Schools league at Thomas Bennett. We played 3 matches and won one, lost one and drew one. In the first game we took in the lead with Wendell's goal (in the top corner) we were very unlucky to concede 2 goals later in the game and lose the game. Later on, in the second match, 3 quarters of the way through Lewis scored with a shot from the corner of the box to secure a 1 – 0 win. In the third match, we drew to Seymour school. We played well and passed the ball many times making the ball do the work. We were very unfortunate not to score a goal. Every minute of each game we developed as a team. In conclusion we are in a really strong position for the next round of the league. Mr Wretham said, "*I was really proud of the boys in not only the way they played, but also the way they worked as a team. They showed some excellent attacking play and really solid defending. They were respectful to the opposition after every game and their sportsmanship was first class. A superb performance!*"



Shirts 4 school

You may have seen last week that Reggie the Red Devil visited DAPA with a very special delivery! He has delivered football shirts to all the children in Year 1 as an extra special present!! A huge thank you to Crawley Town Football Club and Crawley Town Community Foundation!







Year 4 trip to Metro Bank

This academic year, our year 4 pupils have been taking part in workshops delivered by Metro Bank. These workshops were delivered in school and the children learnt all about how to manage money and the role of banks in helping with this. As part of this series of lessons, we were invited to visit the Metro Bank branch in Crawley town centre. Our year 4 pupils visited the branch on Tuesday and had a fantastic time! The children got to see all of the things they have been learning about in action. Amazingly, they visited the vault, had a go on the magic money machine and even met Metro Man!









CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

HERE ARE OUR STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done everyone!!

<u>KS1</u>

Van Gogh -AidenCezanne -SkyeMackintosh -LucaMatisse -ScarlettGardner -Sayhaan

<u>KS2</u>

O'Keeffe -Turner -Monet -Miro -Picasso -Dali -Hockney -Escher -Wiltshire - Isla Albie Isla Moses Gracie-Leigh Josh Lena Gabby Oliver

SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK

Year 6 Football Team

WELL DONE TO EVERYONE!!!





<u>Term 2</u> (7 weeks) Dec 2021 Friday 17th December

20th Dec – 3rd January 2022 Christmas Holidays

Break up from school at <u>**1.30 pm</u>** Christmas Holidays</u>

Term 3 (7 weeks) January 2022 Tuesday 4th January Wednesday 5th January

<u>Feb 2022</u> Friday 17th February Friday 18th February 21st Feb – 25th Feb Inset Day (School is closed) Term 3 starts (Spring Term) - Back to School

Break up from School - Feb Half Term (normal time) INSET DAY Half-term

Communication with Staff

If you would like to request a meeting or communication with a staff member, you can call the school office on 01293 525596 or alternatively fill in our <u>Contact Form</u> and a member of staff will get back to you ASAP. Thank you for your understanding during these changes.

Please find the contact form here: DAPA Staff contact request



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