



# Devonshire Infant School

## NEWSLETTER



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Dear Parents and Carers

Well here we are in the second half of the Autumn term – I cannot believe how fast the time is going, and before we know it, it will be Christmas! Just a reminder of the remaining dates for this term:

### Dates for your diary

Friday 17 November

**Friday 1 December**

Tuesday 5 December

Wednesday 6 December

Thursday 7 December

Friday 8 December

Monday 11 December

Tuesday 12 December

Wednesday 13 December

Thursday 14 December

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**Friday 15 December**

**Tuesday 2 January**

Y2 children going to the SeaCity Museum

**School closed for staff training**

Dress rehearsals for Christmas performances (details to follow)

Christmas performance - Rabbits, Hedgehogs & Badgers (details to follow)

Christmas performance – Fieldmice, Squirrels & Foxes (details to follow)

Wear a Christmas jumper fundraising event (details to follow)

Devonshire Christmas Market – all classes (details to follow)

Year R & Owls party - am & Santa's workshop – pm

Year 1 party - am & Santa's workshop – pm

Year 2 party - am & Santa's workshop – pm

End of Term School Achievement Assembly for invited parents

**Last day of term**

Spring term starts

### Day Closures

Our remaining days when school will be closed for staff training are:

**Monday 19 February**

**Monday 11 March**

**Friday 5 July**



### Drop In Sessions

Unfortunately we have had to cancel the next parent drop in, which was due to take place on Monday 27 November. We will offer some further sessions with Mrs Adams in the new year.

### Attendance and Punctuality

Attendance & punctuality remain priorities for Devonshire. These are difficult times, and inevitably, with the usual mix of coughs, colds and seasonal illnesses, there will be occasions when your child will not be able to attend school. On these occasions, please can I remind you to contact the office at the start of the day and leave a message explaining why your child will not be attending, so that we do not have to contact you. As the Head Teacher, along with the Governors, I have a duty to monitor attendance and punctuality closely and there may be occasions where you will receive a letter, or be invited in for a meeting to work together to improve your child's attendance or punctuality.

### Parent Meetings

Thank you to all of you who were able to attend our parent meetings last half term. Over 87% of you came to discuss your child's progress, and we were all very pleased to hear how happy you were with the progress that your children are all making and how well they have settled into their new classes

### School Website

Please take a look at our school website which is full of useful information, including how you can support your child in their learning. It also has copies of all of the letters that are sent out.

## Severe Weather Arrangements



The Headteacher of Fernhurst Junior School and I meet regularly to discuss joint issues, including severe weather procedures. We sincerely hope that a reoccurrence of the heavy snow that we have had in recent years does not happen, and would like to reassure parents/carers that all measures are taken to avoid closure where possible, such as regular servicing of heating systems and stores of grit and salt. The most important factor in making this decision is ensuring the children's safety with adequate supervision, as both schools now have a large number of staff who live outside the city.

We will try to let parents/carers know of a closure as soon as practically possible, and for this reason, **it is vital that contact numbers are up to date so that we can text you.**

## Contact Details

Following on from the above note, please can I ask parents/carers to ensure that you keep us up to date with any changes to addresses or telephone numbers, including those of your emergency contacts. This is particularly important in the case of an emergency or if your child becomes unwell.

## Coats

Please can parents/carers remember to ensure that children bring a coat into school every day, as at this time of year the weather is so changeable.

## Collecting Children

We must be given the details of adults collecting children at the end of the day if they are different to the normal arrangements. If you know in advance that you may be late to collect your child, please contact the office to let us know so that we can reassure your child.

Thank you for reading this newsletter. If you require any further information, do not hesitate to contact us.

Best wishes

Jackie Collins  
Headteacher