



NEWSLETTER 4 – 14th November 2025

‘Let your light shine’

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DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDITIONAL INFO
Friday 28th November	TD Day	Children Not in School
Friday 5th December	Christmas Bonanza	4.30pm until 6.30pm (In School)
Monday 8th December	KS1 Nativity Performance - Dress Rehearsal	(Children in School Only)
Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity Performance for Parents	9.15am (School Hall)
Wednesday 10th December	KS1 Nativity Performance for Parents	1.45pm (School Hall)
Thursday 11th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip	All Day Event
Monday 15th December	KS1 Christmas Party	1pm
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	All Day Event
Wednesday 17th December	KS2 Christmas Party	1pm
Thursday 18th December	Rock Steady Concert	2.30pm (For parents of Children performing in Rock Steady) School Hall
Friday 19th December	KS2 Carol Service	9.15am (Church) All Welcome
Friday 19th December	End of Term 2	2.15pm
Monday 5th January	Start of Term 3	8.45am

Christmas Bonanza

As scary as it sounds Christmas will be soon be here and we are already looking forward to celebrating with you all at our Christmas Bonanza on the 5th December. We will have lots to see and do including shopping stalls, a visit with Santa, our popular Santa's Little Helper shopping as well as food, snacks and drinks too! We will soon be sending home raffle tickets for sale and are thrilled to be able to announce the following prizes:

A Dyson Supersonic
Roves Farm Voucher
Cotswold Wildlife Park voucher
Afternoon Tea for Two at The Pewsham
Roast Dinner ingredients for 4 people from Allington Farm Shop
Dominoes Voucher
A round of golf at 'The Bristol'
St Mary's swimming lessons voucher
Luxury hampers
And lots more!



All of the money raised from the Christmas Bonanza goes towards funding the coaches for the Christmas pantomime so every little helps!

Many thanks to everyone for your ongoing support!
Friends of Derry Hill School (FODHS)

Owl Class in Focus

At the end of last term, Owl class enjoyed showcasing their learning from throughout term 1. Children shared written pieces from their writing topics, paraded their artwork and propaganda posters to their adults and tested their knowledge with self-made quizzes. Our highlight was tasting the SPAM sandwiches. Thank you to everyone who came and made it a great afternoon.



Mr Heavey

Collection arrangements

Please can you ensure that you inform us of any alternative collection arrangements for your child including if they are being collected from someone other than parents from a club. If you have regular arrangements with other friends or family they can be added to your child's collection arrangements list – this allows us to send your child home with alternative carers without permission on each individual occasion.

Message from Dolce

Our trip to the pantomime is on Thursday 11th December.

All children will need a packed lunch on this day. Key Stage 1 children and children in receipt of free school meals will have their lunch provided as normal but choices will still have to be made via the school grid by **THURSDAY 4th DECEMBER**. There is also an option for Key Stage 2 children to order a packed lunch via the school grid.

School Christmas Lunch is on Tuesday 16th December, all KS1 Children and those in receipt of free school meals will have their lunch provided but this must be ordered via school grid. Key Stage 2 children must also order lunch if a Christmas lunch is required on that day.

The kitchen would like the lunch choices for Christmas lunch completed by **FRIDAY 9th DECEMBER**, so they can manage their orders and delivery of food accordingly.

If lunches are not ordered by this date, we will assume you will be providing a packed lunch for your child.

Forest School & Early Years

Another request for help please...

Would any parent or grown up be able to make two of these; one for our EYFS area in Dormouse and one for Forest School.

I do have some pallets but not sure if they are suitable, they are very old, I can provide buckets and will manage to do the lettering myself.


If possible, we would also need help fixing them into the ground so they are secure and safe for the children.

If you are able to help then please contact the school office.

Many thanks, once again.

Mrs Hand



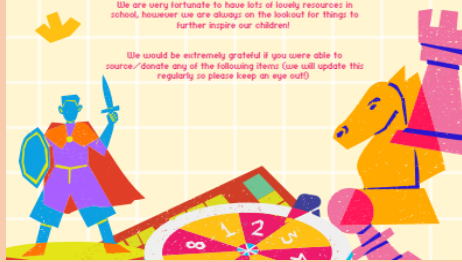


DORMOUSE CLASS

DONATION STATION

We are very fortunate to have lots of lovely resources in school, however we are always on the lookout for things to further inspire our children!

We would be extremely grateful if you were able to source/donate any of the following items (we will update this regularly so please keep an eye out!)



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LAMPS

WE ARE LOOKING FOR LOTS OF LAMPS OF ALL SHAPES AND SIZES. WE ARE AIMING TO CREATE A CALM AND COZY CLASSROOM WITH ALTERNATIVE LIGHTING WHEN NOT NEEDING THE MAIN LIGHTS ON.

IF YOU HAVE ANY OLD LAMPS AT HOME (IN WORKING ORDER) THAT YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO DONATE, WE WOULD BE VERY GRATEFUL.



WOODEN PLANKS

WHEN PAINTED WE WILL CREATE ROADS




WE ARE LOOKING FOR WOODEN PLANKS

SMALL WORLD: ROADS, RACE TRACKS, CONSTRUCTION
EXPRESSIVE ART & DESIGN: IMAGINATIVE PLAY
PHYSICAL: FINE + GROSS MOTOR SKILLS

TECHNOLOGY FOCUS

We would love to create a new area in the classroom focussing on technology and the ever evolving world around us. If you have any of the following items at home and are able to donate, we will be forever thankful!

TYPE WRITER

WE ARE LOOKING FOR A TYPEWRITER (DOES NOT NEED TO BE IN WORKING ORDER BUT WOULD BE GREAT IF IT WAS)

LITERACY: LETTER FORMATION, LETTER RECOGNITION
EXPRESSIVE ART + DESIGN: IMAGINATIVE PLAY
PSED: PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS, LOGICAL REASONING
PHYSICAL: FINE MOTOR



CD PLAYER

YES WE MAY BE SLIGHTLY MAD FOR SUGGESTING THIS... BUT WE ARE ON THE LOOKOUT FOR A CD PLAYER (IN WORKING ORDER). CHILD APPROPRIATE CD'S WOULD BE A BONUS!

UNDERSTANDING OF THE WORLD: TECHNOLOGY, TOYS FROM THE PAST, CULTURAL AWARENESS
EXPRESSIVE ART + DESIGN: MUSIC
PHYSICAL SKILLS: GROSS MOTOR (DANCING/MOVING TO MUSIC), FINE MOTOR



FOREST SCHOOL

Mrs Hand is also on the lookout for a few bits to enhance our fabulous forest school area. We would be grateful if you are having a clearout perhaps and could donate any of the following...

NATURAL MATERIALS

- WOOD OFFCUTS

KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

- WHISKES
- POTATO MASHERS
- SIEVES

WATERPROOFS

- COATS
- TROUSERS
- ALL IN ONES

GUTTERING

AMAZON WISHLIST

We also have an amazon wishlist. Please do not feel obliged at all to purchase anything from this list but if you would like to we would be extremely grateful.

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Thank you
Miss Hopes just wanted to say a big thank you to everyone that had donated last term to the donation station, the EYFS team are very grateful, as are the children.

