

Christmas Lunch We enjoyed an amazing Christmas Lunch on Wednesday! Roast turkey, mashed potatoes, roast potatoes, stuffing, sausages, carrots, peas, sprouts and gravy followed by chocolate log, ice cream and biscuits! What a treat; thank you Aimee - it was delicious!



'Pantolive' The children really enjoyed the pantomime yesterday and clapped and cheered and booed and sang along with absolute gusto. Christmas jumpers and an online visit from Santa today round off our Christmas celebrations, so I hope

the children have had a nice end to another challenging term. Please follow the link to access our Christmas message. Thank you. [DARLEY CP SCHOOL CHRISTMAS MESSAGE](#)

'Keep me safe, make me happy, help me learn' For some time now, this simple phrase has been the core ethos in school. As adults working with your children, it is our belief that without all these elements in place our school would not be the place it is. You can help us at home too by keeping your children safe online, limiting their screen time, talking to them about stranger danger, road safety and risky behaviour. This will help support the PSHE curriculum that we follow in school, so that our children continue to live in a world made as safe as possible.

What does next term look like? Given what's happening now and with the depressing thought that it could be even worse in the new year, please be aware that we may have to revert to staggered starts and working in bubbles when we return in January. If this is the case, I will let you know early in the new year. In the meantime, the latest information from the DfE is:

*'From 14 December, a new national approach to daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 has been introduced. All adults who are fully vaccinated and children aged 5 to 18 years and 6 months, identified as a contact of someone with COVID-19 – whether Omicron or not – should take an LFD test every day for 7 days **instead** of self-isolating. Children under five years old do not need to take part in daily testing for contacts of COVID-19 and do not need to isolate....This approach should also be adopted over the Christmas holiday and on return in January.'*

And finally... I hope that you all have a well-deserved, healthy, happy and safe Christmas and that you are able to spend valuable time with loved ones.



01/11/21 - Return to school

11/11/21 - PTFA Disco

19/11/21 - Children in Need Day

24/11/21 - Road Safety Assembly

15/12/21 - Christmas lunch

16/12/21 - Cinderella Pantomime at School

17/12/21 - Father Christmas

17/12/21 - Break up

5/01/21 - Children back to school

Pre School - Our theme this half term is: 'Fire, fire!'

Reception and Year 1 - Our theme this half term is: 'Fire, Fire!'

Year 2 and 3 - Our theme this half term is: 'Magical Maps'

Year 4, 5 and 6 - Our theme this half term is: 'Explorers'