



A word from our head... This week has had so many good things going on, and I would like to thank all the Primary parents and pupils for being such great ambassadors for the School. Our visiting Year 6's had a lovely time and were made to feel very welcome. I hope you enjoy reading about the huge variety of activities that have happened so close to the end of term.

Y7 Experience Day

Year 6 had a great day experiencing all the senior school has to offer. It was also lovely to see so many children join us from other schools. The children shared their favourite experiences of the day with Mrs Genders. Here are a few comments:

'It was great to meet lots of different teachers.'

'I really enjoyed the Rolls Royce challenge about making jet engines.'

'German was great!'

'I liked doing the experiment in physics on streamlining.'

Scholarships for Y7 entry in 2024

Applications are also open for Academic, Music & Sport Scholarships into Year 7. Please contact our Admissions Team for more information, or see our website:

<https://www.derbygrammar.org/admissions/scholarships-bursaries>

Nancy and Emily's Charity Christmas Card

Nancy and Emily have been working hard with Mr Speight to produce a Christmas image that can be sent electronically instead of sending Christmas cards this year. If you would like to have a copy, please make a donation either via the office or to your child's class teacher and the image will be emailed to you. All donations will go to the Tanzania project.

U11 Rugby against Lichfield

Unfortunately our DGS team was defeated, but good sportsmanship prevailed. Well done to the U11 team!

Science Club

This week the pupils were given the challenge to make the tallest freestanding structure, using a maximum of fifteen straws. They showed great perseverance, determination and resilience especially when the towers collapsed and they had to start again!



School Pantomime

'Break a leg' to all our primary pupils who are taking part in the senior school pantomime, Alice in Wonderland. There are two performances and tickets are still available. It is always wonderfully entertaining and proceeds will go towards Tanzania. (Oh yes they will!).



Stay and Play

Mrs Wheat will be hosting a special event for children who are considering joining the infant class in September. Plans are afoot for an action-packed morning of storytelling, arts and crafts activities and even a trip into our forest school outdoor classroom (so wrap up warm!). The event will finish at 11.30am with hot chocolate and a mince pie! Please spread the word to families and friends if this may be of interest to them.

House Handwriting

Today children in the primary entered a new house competition - house handwriting. Handwriting will be judged on: legibility, fluency, competence, accuracy and neatness. Results to follow.

Primary Christmas Show

Our Primary Christmas show is next week and the children have worked very hard. A big thank you to you all for your support with costumes. We look forward to seeing you at the performances.

Carol Service

You will have received communication from Mr Hilliam about the Carol service at the cathedral. Children from the juniors (Y3-6) will be performing in the service.

We welcome attendance from the infants but do appreciate that it might be too late a night for little ones.

Holidays

If you wish to take your child out of school before the end of term, please write to Mr Logan to request permission. All our term dates are on our website. Please note that all school trips are costed on pupil numbers and unless you let School know when you are first notified of a trip, you will still be charged.

Achievement Assembly

Our Achievement Assembly is planned for the 15th December (after our return from the pantomime). Please let Mrs Genders know if your child has achieved anything outside of school that you would like to be included by Monday 11th December.

Key dates to add to your calendar

December

2nd School Pantomime

5th Primary Christmas Show - 9-10 am Dress rehearsal/ Noisy performance
4-5pm - Performance in the hall

There will be no homework club on this night but after-care will resume after the show like normal.

8th Christmas Jumper day and Unplug & play

11th Carol Service at Derby Cathedral Y3-6

15th Pantomime visit