



Newsletter: 24th December 2023

Dear Families

We made it! The final week was very busy but ended brilliantly with our Christmas party on Friday. A HUGE thank you to Rachel and Ansar, our lovely kitchen staff from Dolce, who prepared all our party food. The children had a wonderful time and were eating for ages as there was so much food that they all enjoyed. Then... along came Santa! He told Mrs Hennessy what lovely children we have (which we already know) and he hopes all families have a safe and happy holiday.

We all return to school on Monday 8th January 2024. Joining us will be Miss Lorraine Moore, our new temporary Year 4 teacher. Miss Burke will be with us for about a week before she starts her maternity leave and so both of them will work together at first. Also joining us temporarily will be Miss Marviyyah Wahid who will be our new Year 2 teacher. Children in both classes have met their new teachers. I'd like to welcome them both to the Deykin family.

I have emailed Libby about the multi-skills (Y1 and 2) and gymnastics (Y3-6) clubs. At the moment, we do not have enough interest for them to run them. I have asked her if we can see if anyone else returns the letters and money after the holiday in case we have more children wanting to join. If we don't and the clubs are cancelled, anyone who has paid will get their £20 back.

Have a lovely holiday, everyone! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to you all.

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General Information

- The big gate into the car park should be repaired during the next few weeks. We are having to wait as the company are busy with other jobs and they are having to build new gates for us from scratch. Once these have been fitted, they will be opened each morning and afternoon so that entry into the school grounds from Deykin Avenue is much easier. Thank you for your patience.



We want all our pupils to be **STARs**: **S**uccessful, **T**olerant, **A**mbitious and **R**esilient.

Everyone at Deykin Avenue JI School is expected to adhere to our values of respect, responsibility, inclusivity and fairness. Our children know that these values help us all to become STARs but also help us to be good citizens within our community.

Term Dates 2023-2024

Spring Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February 2024 -Friday 16th February 2024

Term Ends: Friday 22nd March 2024

Summer Term 2023

Term Starts: Monday 8th April 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May 2024- Friday 31st May 2024

Term Ends: Monday 22nd July 2024

Training Days

There will be 2 more training days to be confirmed.

Attendance

Reception – 68.6%

Year 1 – 85.56%

Year 2 – 97%

Year 3 – 80.84%

Year 4 – 87.93%

Year 5 – 88%

Year 6 – 97%

Well done to Years 2 and 6 who had the best attendance last week. 5mins extra playtime each day for both classes when we return to school in January!

Many children were absent last week due to stomach bugs, coughs and colds. This has really hit our attendance hard. There are only 23 children in Reception and many of these have been poorly – this is why their attendance is so low.

However, some absences are caused by taking term time leave and going abroad. Please try to avoid doing this. We have had parents in the past who have asked other family members to look after their children and these family members have brought the children to school. Sometimes they have been late as they have been staying elsewhere, but we would much rather children be late coming to school than not being in school at all.

TT Rockstars

Please encourage your children (particularly those in Year 2 and above) to play on TT Rockstars regularly. It is a wonderful resource to help children learn their times tables. There are different games they can play on TTRS. For example, the 'Jamming' game allows them to choose the times tables they would like to focus on and they will only receive questions on those. Any questions, please contact your class teacher or Miss Williams

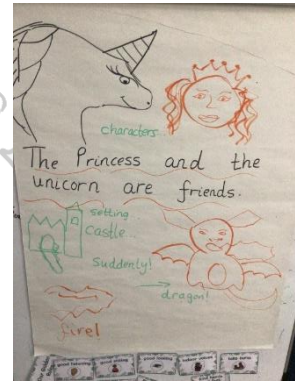
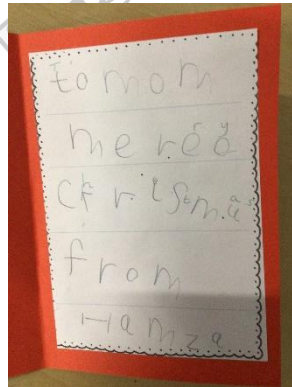
Year 4 will have their Multiplication Tables Check in June 2024 and the government's expectation is that they score 25/25. By the end of Year 4, children should know all the times tables up to 12 x 12.



Snapshots of the Week!

Reception

This week, we have been creating various Christmas crafts. We have made Christmas cards, calendars and have reads lots of stories. We have enjoyed talking with our peers and retelling stories to develop our language and communication skills.



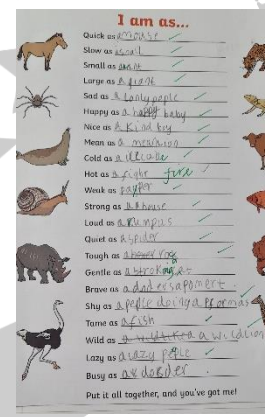
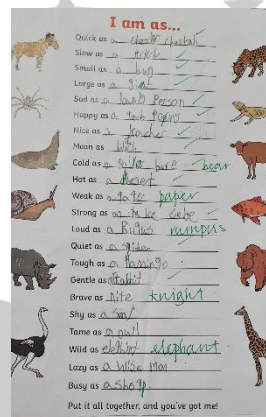
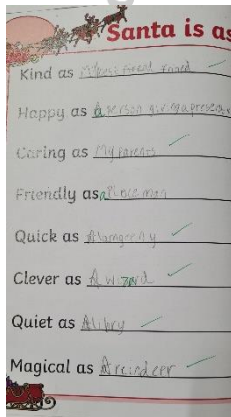
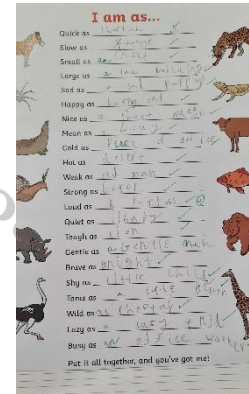
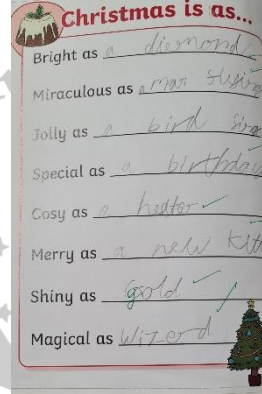
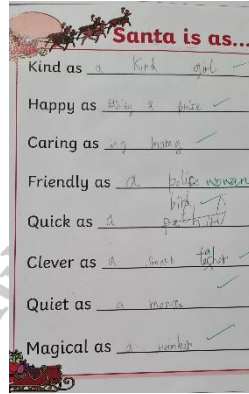
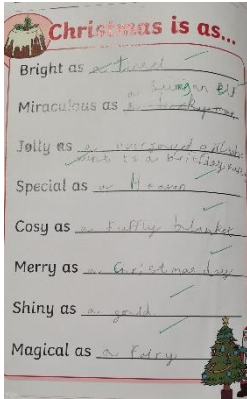
Year 1

Year 1 have really enjoyed making lots of decorations for Christmas. The classroom has been looking very festive and has given us all the Christmas excitement! Enjoy the break everyone and we will see you in 2024!



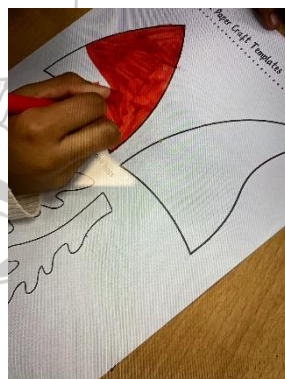
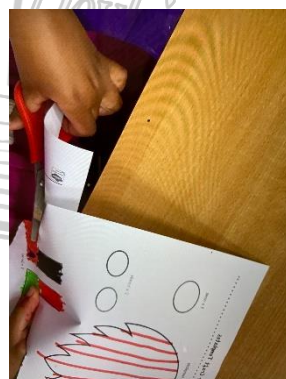
Year 2

This week we have been writing poems using similes. We used similes in our, 'I am as...' poems. We applied our poetry skills to writing about Christmas and Santa.



Year 3

This week, Year 3 children enjoyed a variety of Christmas activities - making cards, classroom decorations and calendars. Using creativity and imagination, the children combined colours and materials to create unique designs.



Year 4



A huge well done to Y4 for the parts they played in our Christmas play. Their incredible singing voices have been applauded by a lot of the staff!

Year 5

On behalf of Year 5, I would like to wish everyone a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year! Let's hope that 2024 brings us all lots of happiness, excitement and love.

Year 6

This week, Year 6 performed their Christmas Production, 'No One Wraps Like an Elf'. They have really enjoyed performing this to the rest of the school and to their families. Well done!

