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Dear Families and Friends of The Duke of Norfolk,

Welcome back to the Spring term at Dukes – we hope that you and your family had a wonderful festive break.

I want to take the time to thank everyone for their patience following the cold snap of weather we have recently experienced and thank all the members of the school community that have allowed school to open in the cool temperatures by opening up the building and gritting the paths.

Despite the weather, the children have had a fantastic couple of weeks back at school, everybody has settled really well and each class is enjoying their new curriculum topics. Information about these can be found on the class pages. We have also welcomed a number of new nursery children to Dukes this term who have quickly settled into the new routines in Sycamores class with the help and support of the Early Years Team.

The teachers are busy organising lots of exciting activities for this term and we know that the children are going to absolutely love what we have in store. We have already had the children of Cherry, Orange and Apple Blossom classes out and about admiring the local area with a special visit to see the Vivienne Westwood portrait in Glossop for their history topic.

Plus the History Van is making two visits to school this term. One was earlier this week whereby the children and staff of years 3 and 4 became Romans for the day. We thank you for your understanding that this had to be cancelled at short notice due to the icy conditions across the county, however the visit this week has more than made up for the disappointment and the staff from Years 3 and 4 will be adding photographs from the day to the school class pages shortly. Later this term years 1 and 2 will be experiencing a visit from the History Van linked to their topic of World War Two.

Please keep an eye out for messages via parent hub and the dates section of the newsletter so you know what is happening in school and when you will be available to join us for events this term, such as the Eucalyptus Class Assembly this week.

One final message, please ensure if your child has long hair that this is neatly tied up before school each day, this is an aspect of our uniform policy but also we have recently experienced the presence of nits in school therefore staff will be asking pupils with their hair down that it is tied up.

Yours with best wishes for the New Year,

*Mrs. S Barker*



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## Young Voices



Young Voices is an evening performance at the Coop Live arena in Manchester. Schools from all over the country come together and perform as one massive choir, accompanied by a live band and some special guest soloists.

The children have been learning all the songs and dance throughout Autumn and Spring terms and are ready to go.

If you are attending the event and have ordered merchandise and tickets, the office will be in contact nearer the performance date about these items.

## Support Via the Pupil Premium

Given the difficult times and changes to people's circumstances. If you feel that you might be eligible to claim 'Pupil Premium' for your child, we will be able to support you with items such as school uniform, breakfast club and daily school meals etc... Please email our school office ([info@dukenorfolk.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:info@dukenorfolk.derbyshire.sch.uk)) or call in person to discuss it in confidence 01457 852635

You will need to currently be in receipt of one of the following:

- Universal Credit, (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Child Tax Credit, provided you are also not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual household gross income that does not exceed £16,190 (as assessed by HMRC)
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guarantee element of Pension Credit A run-on of Working Tax Credit – paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit

## PTA Events



Next event is a silent disco—please note the dates for these events have changed slightly from those originally added to the school website,

11th February—Years 1 and 2 at 3.30pm & Years 3 and 4 at 5pm

12th of February— Years 5 and 6 at 5pm

We can't run the PTA without your support - every little helps!

## Derbyshire Cricket Foundation

Every Friday this term we are welcoming Derbyshire Cricket Foundation into school to work with the children from Years 1 and 2 and also 3 and 4. This has been arranged by Mr. English and is a great opportunity for the children to get active and be taught a sporting skill by a specialist in this area.





## MTC World Cup (Multiplication Check)

The children in Fir, Holly and Eucalyptus class will be taking part in a MTC World Cup. This is a one day competition for the children where they can show off their talents at times tables on Wednesday 22nd January. The event will take place in school, all the children need is their Emile login.



**Are Your Students Ready for the MTC Cup?**

## Book donations

Time for a Tidy up?

Mrs Hargreaves our school literacy leader has recently asked for donations of any unwanted books you might have, as we would LOVE to use these to replenish our popular school library. Unfortunately the books get lost and damaged and the stock has become a little thinner.

Mrs Hargreaves has been impressed with the number of picture books we have received in school this week already and thanks parents for their support.

Please don't forget children novels too, we also have some gaps in our chapter books section to support the children in Key Stage 2 as well.



## KEY DATES

### JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2025

- Monday 20th January—Reading Café for Year 1 and 2
- Tuesday 21st January—Sports Hall Athletics at Glossopdale
- Thursday 22nd January—MTC World Cup for year 3/4
- Thursday 23rd January—Class assembly for Holly Class
- Monday 27th January NSPCC Speak Out, Stay Safe workshops for Years 2,5 and 6
- Wednesday 29th January—Pentathlon at Chapel-en-le-Prith High School
- Thursday 30th January—Class assembly for Fir Class
- Monday 3rd February for Year 3 and 4 parents—music concert in the school hall, time below
  - 1.20pm—Holly
  - 2pm in—Eucalyptus
  - 2.40pm—Fir
- Monday 3rd February—Sunflower Group
- Wednesday 5th February—Cross Country at New Mills Secondary School
- Thursday 6th February—Young Voices
- Tuesday 11th February—Safer Internet Day
- Friday 14th February—School Closes for the Half Term Break

## Attendance

Class attendance this fortnight! Well done to Cherry, Sycamores and Apple classes but also the whole school for a super start to 2025.

Sycamores	<b>99.06%</b>	Chestnuts	96.92%
Apple	<b>98.57%</b>	Orange	96.90%
Cherry	<b>99.19%</b>	Holly	97.67%
Fir	95.67%	Eucalyptus	98.05%
Beech	94.81%	Willow	97.76%
Oak	94.96%	Whole School	97.18%

Thank you to all those parents who managed to get their child to school on time every day! As a reminder, if your child is absent from school, please call 01457 825635 or report the absence via the following email before 9.00am.

[absence@dukenorfolk.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:absence@dukenorfolk.derbyshire.sch.uk)

## INSET DATES

- Monday 24th February 2025
- Tuesday 22nd April 2025
- Monday 2nd June 2025

