



# Dorothy Goodman School Parent Newsletter

Friday 17th December 2021

**From our headteacher:** What an amazing term it has been! The pupils have made us proud and we have managed to achieve so many things in what have been challenging times. I am sure you will all want to join me in saying thank you to the teams across the school (those working directly with pupils and those behind the scenes) for the commitment that they have shown to making learning happen and keeping us all safe.

This week has seen the Vocational 6<sup>th</sup> Form prepare and cook their Christmas dinner, Santa visit the pupils at the primary site, all of the pupils having the chance to take part in Christmas dinner and there have been lots of celebrations that have supported the pupils and staff to celebrate the community that we belong to. I was proud to hand out the first Headteacher Award today to Spencer who during the Christmas lunch at HAJC put the first aid skills to use that he has learnt by helping a member of staff who was choking. Spencer reacted quickly and provided slaps to the back to help dislodge the item of food.



Also this week Janet Thompson CEO of the Trust received her OBE for her services to special education from HRH Princess Anne at Windsor Castle. I wanted to share this news with you as I know that you would all want to join me in celebrating the honour that is truly deserved and reflects the drive, determination and commitment that Janet has shown both whilst leading the school and now as leader of the multi academy trust.

Please where possible continue to complete your lateral flow tests. A test should be done on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January before returning to school as this will help us to keep everyone safe. Results of this test should be recorded [here](#).

I wish you all a merry and safe Christmas and look forward to all the opportunities that the new year will bring.

Kelly



## LUNCHES



w/c 4th January 2022

Week 1 Menu

Our up to date lunch menus for Primary and Secondary can be found by clicking this link: [Lunch Menus](#)

School Meal Primary meals: £2.20 per day

School Meal Senior meals: £2.45 per day

We would like to remind you that we have a no-debt procedure for our school meal service.

If your child is not entitled to free school meals, they MUST be in credit if they wish to have a school dinner.

Thank you for your understanding.

Please keep the office updated with any dietary requirements for your child. School Meals can be paid for via Arbor.

Information regarding eligibility for Free School Meals is available through County Hall:

[LCC - Free School Meals](#) or contact School Food Support Service. Tel: 0116 305 5770.

# Christmas

# Superstars



Hugh (CH)

Bradley (CH)

Hera Class

Lions Class

Earth Class

Kieran (Nike)

Zeus Class

Erin (Atlas)

Kites Class

Iris Class

Emma (Apollo)

Llamas Class

Poseidon Class

Craig (Owl)

Cameron (Saturn)

Oscar (Mars)

Athena Class

Mackenzie (CH)

Jamie (Janus)

Cameron (Pri PE)

Harry (Helios)

Stephen (Kratos)

Ralph (Saturn)

Jupiter Class

Mercury Class

Chloe (Triton)

Kaydane (Sec PE)

Leopards Class

Hercules Class

Emily (Demeter)

Venus Class

Tigers Class

Turtles Class

Lemurs Class

Neptune Class



# This week in pictures



# Highlights of the week!

Llamas: SANTA!!

Leopards: We had a visit from Santa! All the children enjoyed seeing our special guest and opening their special gifts.

Lions: Meeting Santa, what a fantastic experience.

Lemurs: Meeting Santa

Mercury: Santa coming to visit!

Tigers/Turtles: Seeing Santa and receiving our presents.

Venus: Pupils loved receiving their gifts from Santa!

Earth: Great Engagement in Christmas Write Dance

Mars: all the children having a visit from Santa

Jupiter: Working together and some lovely sharing with the new bikes and activities.

Neptune: The whole week has been AMAZING!! Especially seeing Santa at the Lower Site.

Saturn: this week in science we were learning about the human life cycle, with a focus on the last stage of the human life cycle-old age. Romeo said "the olderleys might find a hobby clicking castanets"

Apollo: Our Christmas dinner, where everyone sat together in the hall and enjoyed the festive spirit.

Owl: Christmas Party

Athena: This week we have enjoyed getting in the festive spirit and really enjoyed decorating our Christmas tree.

Kite: Creating Christmas cards for the classes at the lower site and showing what fantastic role models they are handing them out.

Iris / Zeus: The Christmas Cafe

Poseidon: All pupils have been exceptional this week with lots of change and excitement!

Atlas: A spa afternoon - nails, hair and massages !

Hera: KS4 Assembly about kindness - Hera are a kind group of pupils.

Cleveland House~: Danni and Grant for achieving a 9 in Chemistry.

Janus: The Chocolat Cafe

Demeter: Emily joining the rest of the class for Christmas dinner in the hall!

Hercules: The Chocolat Cafe

Nike: Kieran has come to every single lesson this week and even asked if he could complete more work once he was finished with his lesson!

6th Form: Chloe working independently setting up the sewing machine and making bottle bags to order.

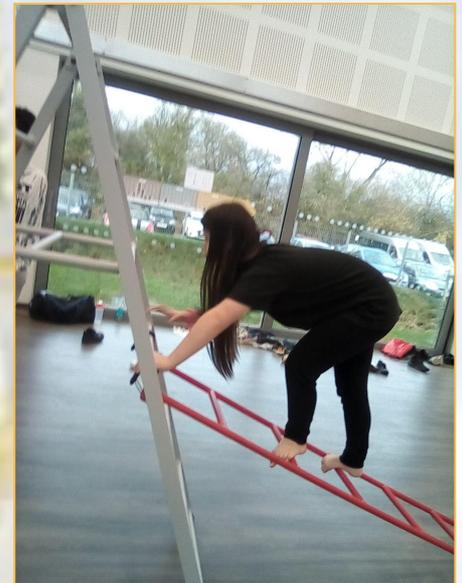
Students assisting with shopping, preparation and cooking the Christmas dinner, in particular Harry for his effort in the kitchen.

Stephen communicating about his feelings and managing change.



# PE, School Sport and Physical Activity

**Highlight of the week:** We submitted our school's results for the Virtual Parallel Sportshall Athletics that we took part in last week. I was still sorting scores on Monday and in the end, we managed to enter a team of 66 students! It was amazing to see so many of our young people engaged and active and I feel like this is a brilliant effort on our part. I'm looking forward to getting our results back in the new year and seeing how we got on against all of the other schools that took part.



At secondary this week, we have completed our topic on Gymnastics. The students have really engaged well with the new equipment and I'm really pleased with the courage and resilience that has been on show throughout the term, when learning new skills or pushing outside of their comfort zones. Well done, everyone!

# Key Stage 1

Llamas: This week in Llamas we have continued with our Christmas activities. We have had some lovely engagement during our sensory activities and lots of independence during creative and cooking activities.

The end of the week was very exciting with a visit from Santa, followed by Christmas dinner and party games.

Llamas class team would like to wish you all a very happy Christmas.

Lemurs: Leopards: We had a visit from Santa! All the children enjoyed seeing our special guest and opening their special gifts

Leopards: We have had a fun filled Christmas week. We have all enjoyed lots of Christmas craft, making trees and cards and enjoyed an array of different sensory tuft spots including an edible Christmas pudding and a fantastic felt gingerbread house! We rounded up the week with our own party and lots of fun games.

Lions: Christmas, Christmas, Christmas! What a wonderful week, lots of happy but slightly tired faces in class taking part in all manner of activities. On Thursday we had the most fantastic day. We met Santa, sat on his sleigh and got a present each.

This week has really reminded us how far all of our pupils have come. Lots of lovely playing, sharing, turn taking, listening and overcoming changes in routine and structure. We cannot overstate how proud the team is of all the pupils in Lions class. We look forward to seeing you all in the new year, have a lovely break and we will see you refreshed in 2022!

Tigers & Turtles: What a busy and wonderful half term we have had. The children have worked hard on engaging on directed activities as well as interacting with each other. I am super proud of all of the children. Have a wonderful and relaxing break. Merry Christmas!

## Key Stage 2

**Jupiter:** We have been exploring lots of exciting festive activities this week supported by a range of mindfulness sessions to help our young people regulate their emotions during this super exciting time of year.

**Earth:** What a lovely end to the Christmas term. All the children have really enjoyed the Christmas festivities and activities. We all especially enjoyed the visit from Santa and the fireman. The children have all worked hard this term on their personal targets and we all hope they have a lovely restful Christmas break. Merry Christmas from Earth Class

**Venus:** This week pupils have loved all the Christmas crafts! In maths pupils used 2D shapes to make Christmas pictures, they have decorated biscuits with icing to look like a melted snowman. For PE the children took part in a Polar Bear and Penguin yoga session. On Friday the pupils had a class disco and party games!

We are really pleased with all the children this half term!  
Well done Venus!  
Have a wonderful Christmas break!

**Mars:** This week in Mars we have been doing lots of Christmas themed art activities. We have had a visit from Santa and received a present courtesy of Hinckley fire fighters. We have had a Christmas party with lots of singing, dancing and snacks and Friday we are having a movie afternoon with popcorn and hot chocolate.

**Mercury:** It was amazing to see the children's faces when Santa came to visit and drop off presents for them! We have been making lots of different Christmas crafts including reindeer hats, Christmas trees and baubles. In cooking we had great fun making peppermint creams!

**Neptune:** This week everyone has enjoyed Christmas Week. We have made lots of Christmas decorations, we have visited Santa at the lower site. We have partied all afternoon, after eating our Christmas dinner and we have celebrated receiving all our Ping Pong balls by an afternoon of Choice!! Woohoo!!

**Saturn:** This week in science we have been learning about the human life cycle. In geography the students were learning about Finland. The students tried cinnamon buns, explored snow, made an igloo with ice cubes and did some Finnish writing. The students have done lots of Christmas crafts this week and they were very happy to see Santa when he came to visit on Thursday. Hope you all have a lovely holiday. Stay safe, Mrs Smith and the team.

## Key Stage 3

**Apollo:** What a lovely end to 2021, with class parties, festive Art and our Christmas dinner. The pupils have all been amazing this year and we are so excited to see what 2022 holds for everyone. A huge thank you to all the parents/guardians for your constant support and we wish you all a Merry Christmas. See you in the new year!

**Poseidon:** This week we have been doing lots of Christmas activities! We have been making baubles, Christmas cards and decorations, we have had a Christmas party with pass the parcel and a Christmas breakfast. We have been watching Christmas movies, we have been practicing our Christmas songs to perform in our virtual assembly and to finish the term off we are having a cinema day with a mcdonalds! Poseidon have has a fantastic term and we are all so proud of how much they have settled and the progress the students have made. Have a lovely Christmas and a very happy new year!

**Athena:** This week we have made Christmas cards for our friends in other classes. We have decorated our class Christmas tree, made shortbread biscuits and enjoyed our class Christmas party!

**Kites:** This week we finished off the story 'Holes' which has kept many of us gripped this term. We were very invested in the character 'Zero' and found the revelation at the end of the story very interesting. To finish the term we wrote a review of the book and it was great to see how much everybody had remembered!

To end the term on a relaxing note we completed our PSHE topic 'log cabins' by indulging in activities that people enjoy to do when they go there. This included foot spas, relaxing music and marshmallows and hot chocolate.

On behalf of all of the Kites team we wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Owls:** this week in Owls we have enjoyed winter activities and crafts. including decorating our classroom door and making party food! in maths we have looked at cracking codes to make Christmas jokes and in English writing our own stories.

we have also enjoyed all sitting together for Christmas dinner .

we also were able to drop off our donations at the food bank - thank you to Craig for organizing  
Have a great break!

## Key Stage 4

**Iris & Zeus:** We have had an absolutely lovely week with everyone joining in all the activities and really having some Christmas fun. Everyone really enjoyed the Christmas Cafe and whether serving or being served, everyone had a chance to have a drink and cake. Lots of skills were being used as well from asking for an order to carrying the order and then collecting the dirty dishes! We also managed to squeeze in how much orders cost, payment methods and giving change.

Don't remember any tips being given though! Kelly's visit coincided with the cafe so she even had a sit down and a cup of hot chocolate. On Wednesday, there was great hilarity playing Kahoot Christmas quizzes, then we were all able to sit together to have Christmas dinner, ending with some pupils having a mass snowball fight.

Yesterday, at the allotment, students planted some garlic and onions then were rewarded with hot chocolate from the Secondary KS4 cafe.

Thank you very much for all your Christmas best wishes. All staff at the base hope that you have a lovely Christmas and a Happy 2022!

**Hera:** Lots of Christmas art, a beautiful tree decorated in pupil made decorations. Food prep for the party. Pathways were as usual and went very well with our pupils showing their usual levels of enthusiasm and effort in spite of the the distractions. All in all it has been a lovely week in Hera.

**Atlas:** One last trip to the mountains in our 'Ski Holiday' Sherborne for PSHE - Noah and Amelia especially enjoyed sliding around as if they were on the slopes. During Humanities we watched 'Operation Ouch!' as we finished our topic of medicine through time. Ellie, Matthew and Erin also did some great medicine related colourings. Erin was very proud of the ambulance she had coloured, as they can make her nervous. As a class we have also enjoyed a virtual music session, our very own cinema, Atlas class spa and KS4 'Chocolat' cafe this week. A busy, interactive and merry end to the term.

**Hercules:** Hercules have enjoyed and coped very well with a relaxed, Xmas themed week. We enjoyed playing traditional party games together, decorating our classroom and learning about the history of Xmas.

**Janus:** It's been an exciting week leading up to a well deserved rest this Christmas, we've been doing plenty of fun festive activities including making some marshmallow catapults, peppermint creams, and lots of Christmas cards and little bits! the students also really enjoyed helping out with the Chocolat cafe thursday morning and Jamie was brilliant at making sure everyone got a hot chocolate, including being very conscious of what Olivia would need differently for her hot chocolate. We hope everyone has a love break.

# Key Stage 5

**Nike:** Students enjoyed all the Christmas and holiday festivities this week! Students decorated the Christmas tree, made baubles and fake snow, created Christmas poems, enjoyed Christmas dinner, and had a key stage 5 Christmas party. Have wonderful Christmas and happy and healthy new year!

**Demeter:** This week in Demeter we have been getting very creative. We have painted and decorated our own Christmas tree and decorations, snowflakes for the windows and lots of other fun things. The cooking pathways made some yummy macaroni cheese and the life skills group focused on self care and cooking noodles. P.E on Thursday saw our learners achieving their personal bests with the climbing A frame and some going higher than before! A great week for all our learners!

**6th Form:** As we reach the end of a busy term we have reflected on some great highlights and achievements. The Pathway groups have all developed skills and increased confidence and independence, they have all progressed with learning to use new tools, working with others and realise their own potential.

On Wednesday students and staff worked together to prepare and serve a dinner for 55 people. It was fantastic and enjoyed by all. Special thanks to Caroline and Sarah who worked really hard to make this happen.

From everyone at Vocational 6th Form we hope you all have a Happy Christmas and new year.

## Cleveland House:

**KS5:** Kyle W completed a 2 1/2 hour exam in Criminology. All our students enjoyed making their own Christmas Gongs!! All our students achieved their termly targets.

**KS4:** All our students have been hard working on a array of subjects this week. All assessments have been completed and all have met their termly targets. Everyone really enjoyed the Christmas dinner and thanks to everyone who organized it. A big thank you from everyone!!

**KS 3:** We have had lots of entries for our Christmas card competition. Everyone really enjoyed their rewards trip walking into the town centre and visiting a festive St Mary Church. From everyone at Cleveland House we would like to wish you a happy Christmas.



One of our students has been helping the Hinckley Fire Brigade in collecting money for Charity (including DGS) at local supermarkets. They will be at Morrisons this Sunday between 10am and 2pm.



*Merry Christmas*

Warm wishes for a joyful holiday

