



Davington Primary School

PARENT NEWSLETTER

29th November 2023

Dear Parents



Thank you for your support with Children In Need day. The children had a lovely day and raising over £400. Thank you for supporting such a good cause.



Faversham Foodbank Reverse Advent Calendar – Faversham Foodbank

supports individuals and families who are having to make hard decisions and sometimes impossible choices between buying food, or paying their energy bills. We are going to support our community and the foodbank by helping to collect items needed for the Foodbank. Each class will bring a specific item in on a specific date, please see attached for more information.

Staffing:

As many of you will be aware, Barry Tabor will be retiring at the end of term. Mr Tabor started working at Davington in July 2004 and has been a fundamental part of our team since. He can always be seen cheerfully greeting people at the back gate in the morning, analysing the outcome of the latest Chelsea match with anybody who will listen, retrieving lost balls, clearing blocked toilets and supporting sporting teams with away matches. He has been a great supporter over the years as we have made Davington the modern and clean environment that we know today. He has been a caring soul for many over the years, a dear colleague and warm friend. He will be missed by everyone but I know you will join me in wishing him every happiness for his retirement.

I am pleased to say that Mr Brander will be joining us as our new caretaker. Mr Brander's two daughters have attended Davington and they are a much loved family of the school. He will start next week so Mr Tabor can share his golfing tips and start the hand over process.

We have welcomed Miss Alexander, Miss Perkiss and Miss Symkiss to our school this term as our new teaching assistants. They have settled in well and are fantastic additions to our team.

There is a reminder of our Christmas events on the next page.

Finally, if your child is born between 01.09.19-31.8.20 and they are due to start school in September 2024, the Reception Common Application Form must be completed online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola by **Monday 15th January 2024**. If you have any difficulty using the online system, then please contact the school office who will be happy to help.

With kind regards

Mr C Saint
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

27 th November		Start collecting for Foodbank
30 th November		Christmas Jumper Swap
1 st December		Shooting Stars Pantomime Theatre Group visiting Davington – Robin Hood
4 th December	2.45pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Carols (Year 1 parents)
5 th December	2.45pm	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Carols (Year 2 parents)
7 th December	10am	Year R Nativity
8 th December	10am	Year R Nativity
12 th December	All day	Christmas Carols at Davington Church
13 th December		Christmas Dinner Your child may wear a Christmas jumper for the day
Friday 15th December	1.45pm	End of Term 2
Tuesday 2 nd January 2024		Children return to school for Term 3
Friday 9th February	3.15pm	End of Term 3
12 th -18 th February		Half Term
Monday 19 th February		Children return for Term 4
Wednesday 27th March	1.45pm	End of Term 4
28 th March-12 th April		Easter Break
Monday 15 th April		Children return for Term 5
26 th April		Braiswick Photographic – Class Photos
Monday 6 th May		Bank Holiday
Friday 24th May	3.15pm	End of Term 5
27 th May – 4 th June		Half Term
Wednesday 5 th June		Children return for Term 6
Tuesday 23rd July	1.45pm	End of Term 6

Please note all staff development days, diary and term dates can be found on the schools website www.davington.kent.sch.uk and the school email address is office@davington.kent.sch.uk.