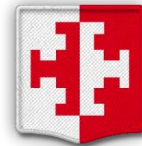




Dunholme St Chad's Church of England Primary School January 2024



Happy New Year!

On behalf of everyone at Dunholme St Chad's we wish you a Happy and Peaceful New Year.

As we look forward to another action-packed term, we just want to share some of the highlights from the end of last term.

The last few weeks of term were incredibly busy with Christmassy festivities and events. Water seemed to feature in these...we wanted to hold an outdoor 'Carols around the tree event', which the whole community could attend but the forecast predicted heavy rain. However, it did not dampen our spirits. We changed our plans at the last minute and held the event in the school hall. Each year group's performance had to be pre-recorded and shown on the screen in the hall instead but we managed to sing a few communal songs together. FODS served mulled wine and hot chocolate and ran various stalls, raising funds for the school's outdoor gym. Festive cheer was aplenty!

Water featured in the Reception Nativity, in the form of tears...not because it was so bad, but because the youngest children's performance really tugged at people's hearts and was so beautiful that tissues were required. Parents stayed on after the performance and helped their children make snowmen biscuits, which were consumed quicker than they took to make!

Year 1 and 2 pupils confidently performed 'The Little Fir Tree' to a packed house of parents. All of the children sang enthusiastically and it was clear from the applause at the end that it was a real crowd pleaser.

KS2 pupils enjoyed participating in the Christingle service in the church, led by Rev Paul. It was a truly special moment when the candles were lit, the lights were switched off, and the children sang Silent Night. We are grateful to FODS for coming into school to help the children make their Christingles.

Our Festive Friday Foodbank was a great success. Many families donated a huge range of foods, from everyday staples to festive treats for those in need locally in Welton & Dunholme. It was heart-warming to see such generosity.

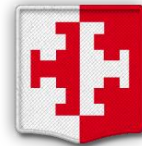
During our final week all of the children enjoyed the fun and games, which their teachers had organised for their Christmas parties.

In addition to the Christmas celebrations, we had some sporting successes to celebrate. Our Y3/4 football team put in a brilliant effort in a Primary School Futsal tournament at Lincoln University. They were unbeaten in their four games, winning three (5-0, 6-0 and 4-0) and drawing one (2-2). An amazing display of accurate passing, close ball control and clinical finishing was evident. Not to be outdone, on the same day, our Y6 football team played under the floodlights, with a backdrop of Lincoln City's LNER stadium, against a team from St Peter at Gowts Primary. They battled hard and showed great team work to keep pressuring their opponents winning 5-0.





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What does 2024 hold for us?

As we head back to school, we are looking forward to the term ahead. Here are some of the highlights:

Year 3 will be taking part in their 'Roman Experience' as part of their learning on the Roman Legacy in January. This provides the opportunity to use a range of sources, role play and using artefacts for example.

Year 5 will be visiting Gainsborough Old Hall in February as part of their learning about the Tudors.

Year 6 will be having their Mayan workshop in school.

Year 2 will take part in their Rand Farm Residential Visit at the start of March.,

Open Morning for Reception Intake 9th January 2024

We will be hosting our final open morning on Tuesday 9th January for parents with children due to start in reception in September 2024. This will run from 09:30 for approximately 40 minutes.

There will be the opportunity to meet members of our team, see the school in action, learn about our curriculum and ask any questions you may have. If you are interested in booking a place, please contact the school office on 01673 860597 or email Lynsey.Honey@Dunholme.Lincs.sch.uk

School Applications: Reception 2024

The deadline for applying to schools for a reception place for September is 15th January 2024. Please do this via 'Admissions' on the Lincolnshire County Council website.

Tesco Community Champions

As afore-mentioned, we are trying to raise funds to purchase a new outdoor gym area. As such, we have enrolled in the Tesco Community Champions Scheme, which runs until mid-January. If you shop at Tesco, please take a moment to put some blue tokens in the Collection boxes by the door.

For our latest news, you might like to check out our website, which has a fresh new look
<https://www.dunholme.lincs.sch.uk/>

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