

20th December 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Let me start by emphasising that **we return to school on Tuesday 7th January at 8:45am.**

That said, I think we are all looking forward to a well-deserved holiday, pupils, teachers and parents alike! It's been a very exciting, a very busy and a very long term (the longest of the academic year), but we have had a raft of great teaching and learning experiences over the last 15 weeks of the autumn term, you can check out many of those experiences by visiting our **highlights** page on our website via the link below.
<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

In our usual fashion, to facilitate **home learning conversations** and parental engagement with their child(ren)'s learning, please find below the Golden Expectation and Word of the Week. There was no debate of the week due to our Y4&5 Christmas carol concert on Thursday.

Golden Expectation: **Learn brilliantly**

Word of the Week: **Celebrate**

We hope this will help to facilitate family home learning discussions and perhaps give a focus to library visits, tv programme selection or YouTube viewing etc.

On Wednesday we shared with you the Autumn edition of our **School Development Newsletter**. I implore you to read this letter, not only to read about the progress we have been making against our school development priorities but also to have home learning conversations with your children about the content of the letter.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/951#sitelive-viewer/>

Talking of letters, **please access Mr Warren's update letter** below if you have not had an opportunity to read it yet. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/950#sitelive-viewer/>

As we wrap up the autumn term, I must commend our **Daubeney Village** members for all the effort they put into all things Christmas here at Daubeney.

Let's start by commending **Pauline LeGoff** for leading on our **Winter Auction** which raised a whopping **£2,300!**

Thank you to everyone who contributed by either donating an item or by purchasing an item. The raffle prize of an Amazon Fire Tablet was won by **Seeta Baker**, a Reception parent, which is a great way to enjoy your first Christmas at your new school!

This year we had a new initiative where you could purchase a Christmas tree and collect it from school introduced by **Lizzie McQuade**. This provision was enjoyed by many of our school community but was

also accessed by many local residents with no affiliation with the school which was fantastic for building that community spirit but it also helped to raise funds for the school. We hope to have this run again next year, all being well. This managed to raise **£400** for the school.

I must commend Lizzie again for her efforts in corralling the troops to deliver the most wonderful Winter Fair last Friday. The community spirit here in the Daubeney village is something that I am very happy and privileged to be associated with. There was a plethora of stalls (well done to all that had a stall) that managed to raise a very respectful **£1317**. We'd also like to thank everyone who allowed Knight Bishop to place one of their estate agent boards in their front garden, this raised a whopping £1500. That would bring our fund-raising activities for the Christmas events to a staggering **£5517** – thank you! But more important than the money was the opportunity to come together as a village!

As we bring the calendar year to a close, please visit our calendar to plan ahead. We'd like to inform you that our next round of **parent consultations** will happen on **Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March** (3:30pm – 6pm). <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>

For those that would like to plan even further ahead you can find our term dates for the **2025 – 2026** academic on our website.

As we break for the Christmas many of you may be thinking of how to keep the children occupied or how to keep them safe on the electronic devices. 😊 You may find the links below useful:

Online safety - <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/158#sitelive-viewer/2>

Child Safety on YouTube - https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/files/about-us/safeguarding/YouTube_safety_factsheet.pdf

Cyberbullying - <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/files/about-us/safeguarding/Parent%20and%20School%20Tips%20for%20CyberBullying.pdf>

Finally, for those who haven't seen it yet, please take five minutes when you're chilled and relaxed to watch our **2024 Christmas video** – <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/events/blossom-christmas-video-2024>

Do enjoy a wonderful Christmas holiday, eat drink, be merry and laugh heartily!

Yours sincerely,



Mr Gregory Logan
Head of School



Robin Warren
Executive Head Teacher



