

10th January 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

Firstly, and foremostly a very happy New Year to you. I trust that you had a restful holiday and you're looking forward to an exciting 2025! There will certainly be lots for us to look forward to here over the coming weeks and months of the Spring and Summer terms.

To get us back into our routines, and to facilitate **home learning conversations**, please find below our Golden Expectation and Word of the Week. There was no debate of the week due to our special assembly delivered by Nurture Hair Hubs on Thursday. Our debate of the week will return as of 23rd January.

Golden Expectation: **Be honest and responsible**

Word of the Week: **Accomplish**

The year begins academically with us all focused-on **Design & Technology** (DT) for our **'Beautiful or Useful?'** half-term. The grid below will inform you of what each year group will be studying and have studied, should you wish to discuss future or past learning with your child(ren).

Year 1	A chair for a bear
Year 2	Moving Cars
Year 3	Linkages and Levers
Year 4	Simple Circuits and Switches
Year 5	Pulleys and Gears
Year 6	Frame Structures

As we begin the spring term, please visit our calendar to plan ahead, the days, weeks and months will quickly disappear! A key event we'd like to inform you of is our next round of **parent consultations** which will happen on **Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March** (3:30pm – 6pm).

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/about-us/calendar>

Some other key parent meetings related to statutory assessments happening this term are:

Y1 Phonics Screener parents' meeting will happen on Wednesday 19th March – 3.45pm

Y4 Multiplication Tables Check parents' meeting will take place on Thursday 20th March from 3:35pm to 4:45pm

Y6 SATs parents meeting is scheduled for Tuesday 11th March, session 1 at 3.45pm and session 2 at 5pm.

For those that do not have to worry about statutory tests you may want to know that there will be some wonderful Daubeney Village events happening this term, namely our **KS2 Movie night** (13.2.25), a

Family Bingo Night (21.3.25); an **Eid Party** (4.4.25) just to mention a few! Keep your eyes peeled and your ears to the ground for more information coming your way soon! A big thank you to our Daubeney village members who will be leading on those community events

As we return to school and get back into the routines of school life, you can check out some of our school experiences this week by visiting our **highlights** page on our website via the link below.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/highlights>

For those that have not had the opportunity to read **Mr Warren's** latest **Executive Head Teacher update**, you can do so now at your convenience by accessing the link below.

<https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/954#sitelive-viewer/>

In the rush to get away for the holiday our **School Development Newsletter** may not have caught your attention, if that was the case feel free to catch up with it now. It makes for very pleasant reading!

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

In a similar vein you may have missed **Ms Gustave's Autumn Safeguarding letter**. Do take the time to read it at your convenience. <https://www.daubeney.hackney.sch.uk/viewer/953#sitelive-viewer/>

Linking to safeguarding, many of you may find the links below useful as I was approached on the first day back by a parent regarding an incident that happened online during the holiday.

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>

As a gentle reminder, it is illegal for primary aged children to access many, if not all, of the social media platforms. Please monitor your child's use of their devices as it often results in us picking up the pieces at school.

That said, it has been a wonderful first week back and I hope it bodes well for what I hope will be a magnificent 2025!

Do enjoy a great weekend, whatever you do!

Yours sincerely,



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Head of School



Robin Warren
Executive Head Teacher

