

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school. I hope everyone had a lovely holiday and made the most of the time off school.

The teachers and pupils have made a very strong start to the term with the launch of different topics across the school.

Yesterday, Year 4 teachers were dressed as Pirates to help stir the imaginations of all the students and this continued today with a treasure hunt quiz around the KS2 corridors.



Head Teacher Awards

At the end of last term 1 child from each class was presented with a Head Teacher award. These certificates are given to the pupils who have made either exceptional progress or effort this term. Sadly I was ill at the end of term so I was unable to present this myself but I want to congratulate all those that received one. The teachers find it very difficult to choose just 1 pupil therefore if you did gain one, you have done brilliantly!



The Winter Bazaar was a huge success last term. Thank you to Marianne Simonian for organising a fabulous community based event. The entrance to the school looked wonderful and many families commented on the warm spirit of the occasion.

Thank you too to all the parents who gave their time either before, during or after. Friends of DBS are now busy organising the Spring Fayre and I am delighted to say the date has just been set for **Saturday 25th March, 10am – 2pm**. More details to follow !



Uniform

I am striving for a sense of pride and self respect in our children therefore please make sure your child is wearing the correct red school jumper and, for the girls, tights, now that the temperature has dropped. Hoodies are NOT allowed and neither are colourful patterned tights. I have spoken to several children this week reminding them they are not suitable. They look untidy and sloppy and do not reflect well on the school. Also, necklaces and hooped earrings are not allowed. They are creeping in again so please can you work with me to make sure your child is not wearing them.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kate Cliffe