

FRIDAY 20TH DECEMBER 2024

NEWSLETTER



Kindness is loving
yourself enough to
love those around you



Pupil Leadership



How did Scrooge win the football game?

The ghost of Christmas passed.

Happy Holidays!



Why does Santa like Beyonce?

Because she sleighs.



What is the best Christmas present in the world?

A broken drum you just can't beat it!!!

Hope you have a great Christmas, bye.
From Rose

How does a sheep say Merry Christmas?

Fleece Navidad!!

Happy Holidays JD



OK, this isn't my best joke, that is why my emoji is like this!

What did the aggressive snowman say to the carrot?

"Get out of my face!".
Happy holidays.

What is every parents favorite Christmas song?

Silent night!

Happy holidays JD.



This Week at James Dixon

Today was party day at JD with the children enjoying their class parties as well as a dance at the disco hosted by DJs Minnott and Aldred.



Term Dates 2024-2025

			
Term Starts	Monday 2nd September 2024	Monday 6th January 2025	Tuesday 22nd April 2025
Half Term	Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November 2024	Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2025	Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May 2025
Term Finishes	Friday 20th December 2024 @2pm	Friday 4th April 2025 @ 2pm	Tuesday 22nd July 2025

Oh no it isn't!



On Thursday, the whole school enjoyed a Dip n Dab Christmas pantomime.

Curious out and about

Last Friday Curious Class celebrated their topic of Transport by taking a trip from Anerley station on the Overground train. They walked to the station before waving to the driver as the train pulled in.

Then it was “mind the gap” and “all aboard” as they began their journey. Well done to all for a fun first trip for Reception.



Thank you!



Our catering team made the most delicious Christmas meal for our children last Friday. The vegetable wellington, parsnips, carrots, beautifully seasoned roast potatoes, turkey, biscuits, chocolate cake and custard went down a treat; along with Christmas crackers and party hats!

Festive Food Donations

You have been so incredibly generous with food donations for our annual festive hampers. Thank you to everyone who donated. **Your kindness is appreciated.**



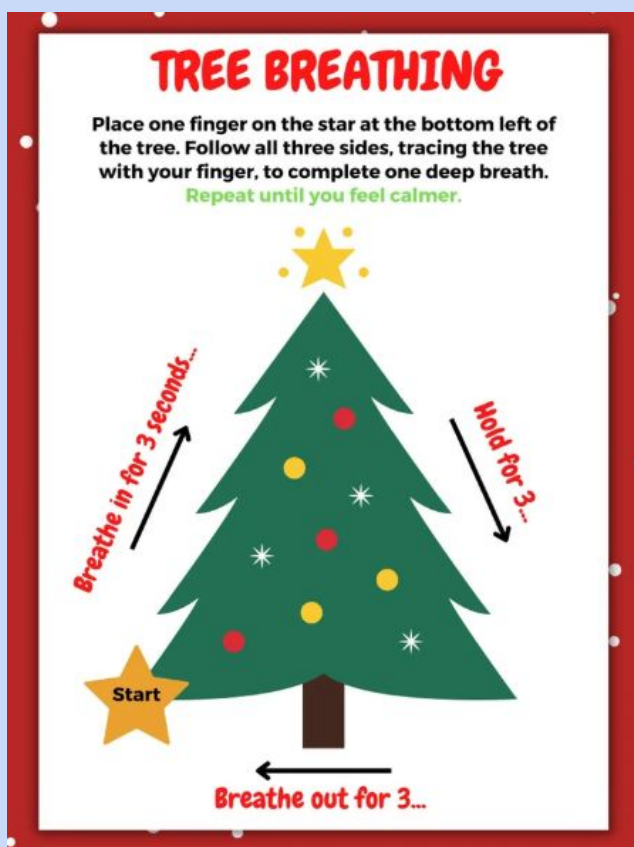
Wellbeing

We hope that you and your family have a happy and restful Christmas break, however we recognise that it can be a tough time for some children and families.

Limit screen time, While screens can be entertaining, excessive screen time can lead to stress and a lack of meaningful interactions. Encourage your child to take breaks from screens and engage in other activities. Prioritise quality time. Allocate specific time for quality family time, movie nights, board games or going for a walk.

BLUE ZONE	GREEN ZONE	YELLOW ZONE	RED ZONE
sad	happy	frustrated	angry
tired	calm	worried	terrified
sick	feeling ok	silly	yelling
bored	ready to learn	excited	hitting
I can try... stretch	I can try... drink water	I can try... deep breaths	I can try... take a break

Changes in structure and routine can be tricky for some children, but we can help them by creating an environment where they feel supported and cared for, and by teaching them how to handle difficult emotions like sadness or anger in a healthy way. Talk to your child about the Zones of Regulation that we use in school.



Reminder for all those Struggling at the Moment and Stressing over Christmas

- ❄️ You Don't Need Matching Christmas Pyjamas To Be Happy
- ❄️ You Don't Need 100 Instagram Pics with Santa at Different Venues To Have a Good Christmas
- ❄️ You Don't Need a Christmas Eve Box To Have a Magical Christmas Eve
- ❄️ Children Need Presence More than Presents - Family & Friends are Everything!
- ❄️ A Christmas Movie Night Does not have to be in a Picture Perfect Home on a 65" TV
- ❄️ Colour Coordinated Decorations mean nothing to Children!
- ❄️ The Size of Your Present Pile isn't a reflection of you as a parent, whatsoever!
- ❄️ Your Kids Will Grow Up and Only Remember the Love and Laughs at Christmas! Not what they got!

Your Christmas is Perfect, Stop Letting Social Media Make You Think Otherwise!

Sustainability

Cut your food waste at Christmas

Food production is the biggest cause of tropical deforestation. Cut waste by planning ahead - be realistic about how much food you need and use up leftovers. Instead of clingfilm, use Tupperware (and reuse plastic food containers saved after takeaways), aluminium foil, and wax cloth covers to keep leftovers nice and fresh! If you're visiting friends or family, remember to take some containers with you so you can help share the leftovers and take them home.



Book Recommendation

Holes is a captivating novel that tells the story of Stanley Yelnats, a boy who is unjustly sent to Camp Green Lake, a juvenile detention center in the middle of the Texas desert. The story unfolds as Stanley is forced to dig holes every day. As he digs deeper, he uncovers a connection between his own family's history and the secrets buried beneath the desert sands. With its humorous tone, clever plot twists, and memorable characters, Holes is a beloved classic that has captivated readers of all ages.

THE INTERNATIONAL BESTSELLER

LOUIS SACHAR



holes

'The most moving, exciting, thrilling book ... I loved it'
MALORIE BLACKMAN

BLOOMSBURY

Composition of the Week!



Click here to listen
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a1lBHr0quro>

Joy to the World - Tori Kelly (cover)

Released in 2020.

The original was written in 1719 by English minister and hymnist Isaac Watts

Genre: RnB/Pop Christmas is a genre in itself in a way!

Do you recognise Tori Kelly's voice? Clue - she features in a musical animation...

What is your favourite Christmas song?

Online Safety

Advice for parents and carers Games consoles

Whilst you're deciding if it is time for your child to have their first games console, it can be a great opportunity to find out what your child expects to use it for.

This could be for playing online, playing with siblings or friends, or for playing by themselves.

Talk with your child about responsible use of their games console

Discuss what is okay and not okay to use it for and look at the possible risks.

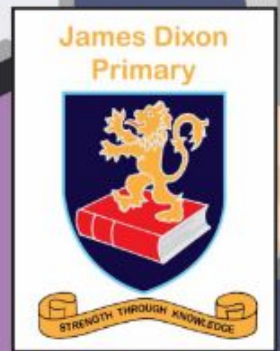


Think about the location of the games console

Will it be in a shared family space or in a bedroom? Think about: setting time limits; reminding your child about the risks of communicating online with people that they do not know.



JAMES DIXON PRIMARY SCHOOL
PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION



PTA

Annual General Meeting (AGM)

Friday 10th January
8:45am to 9:45am

**Either in person with refreshments
at James Dixon Primary School
or online**

(link to be shared in January)

**If you want to know what the PTA has been up to,
how we have supported your children
and our plans for next year, come along.**

**If you want to volunteer as a virtual class rep.
(all years, especially Friendly class and Year 1)**

or

**join the PTA Committee
please email:**

jamesdixonpta@gmail.com

before Sunday 5 January 2025.

Weekly Attendance

Be here every day, all day!

88%

Year Group	Attendance
Curious	79%
Respectful	88%
Honest	77%
Energetic	88%
Expressive	90%
Reflective	93%
Resilient	90%
Considerate	98%
Kind	88%
Capable	96%
Cooperative	84%
Caring	98%
Successful	83%

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Next week's achievers

History

Energetic	Daniel
Expressive	Ivy
Reflective	Conrad
Resilient	Lourenço
Capable	Jack
Cooperative	Kaamil
Caring	Ben S.
Successful	Aoife

Dates for your diary

<u>Mon 23th December</u>	<u>Tue. 24th December</u>	<u>Wed. 25th December</u>	<u>Thu. 26th December</u>	<u>Fri. 27th December</u>
<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u>	<u>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</u>
<u>Mon 30th December</u>	<u>Tue. 31st December</u>	<u>Wed 1st January</u>	<u>Thur. 2nd January</u>	<u>Fri. 3rd January</u>
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<u>Mon. 6th January</u>	<u>Tues. 7th January</u>	<u>Wed. 8th January</u>	<u>Thu. 9th January</u>	<u>Fri. 10th January</u>
Drumming Club 12.40 am Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm	Mini Athletics Rec - Yr1 3.00 pm	<u>Design Museum trip</u> <u>Yr 4</u> Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.30 am Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invitees only) Gymnastics Club Rec - Yr 6	Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm	Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am
<u>Mon. 13th January</u>	<u>Tues. 15th January</u>	<u>Wed. 16th January</u>	<u>Thu. 17th January</u>	<u>Fri. 18th January</u>
Drumming Club 12.40 am Drama Club Yr 1-3 3.00 pm Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm Football Club Rec-Yr 6 3.00 pm Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm	Mini Athletics Rec - Yr 1 3.00 pm Drama Club Yr 4-6 3.00 pm	Cheerleading Club Yr 2-6 7.30 am Achievers Assembly 10.15 am (invitees only) Code Camp Yr 3-6 3.00 pm Singing Club Yr 2-6 3.00 pm Gymnastics Club Rec - Yr 6	Creative Writing Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm Steel Pan Club Yr 3 3.00 pm Steel Pan Club Yr 4 3.30 pm Basketball Club Yr 3-6 3.00 pm	Dance Club Rec-Yr 6 7.50 am



James Dixon Preschool

Morning and Afternoon session availability

Mornings: 8.30-11.30am Afternoons: 12.15-3.15pm

What we do:

We focus on learning through play, providing enriching play opportunities and learning experiences.



We also have learning sessions, including:

- Phonics
- Maths
- History/science/geography

We also have weekly Forest school and PE lessons.



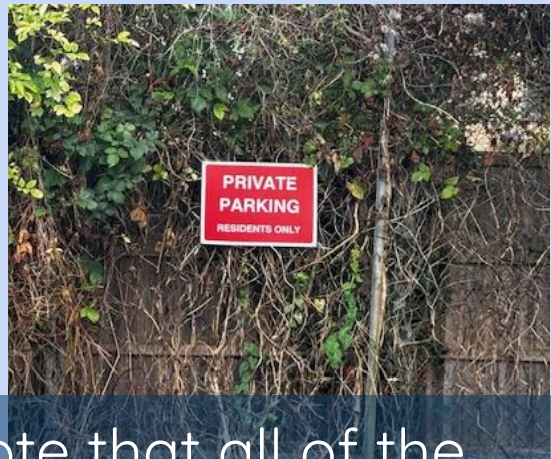
Please scan QR code to visit our website and complete an application form.

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Primary



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COURTESY THROUGH KNOWLEDGE

Respecting Our Neighbours



Please note that all of the parking bays on William Booth Road are private; paid for by the residents.



Help us to have positive relationships with our neighbours.



Respect our neighbours

DO NOT PARK IN PRIVATE BAYS

