

## 23rd - 27th November

### Star of the Week

Year 1	Riley
Year 2	Bella
Year 3	Quinn
Year 4	Matthew
Year 5	Grace
Year 6	Imogen



Remember to check out our Facebook page

**Christmas Cards:** To enable children to still be able to give and receive Christmas cards to one another we are asking that everyone does as follows.

In both school yards each morning will be our very special Dame Dorothy post box. We will ask children to post their Christmas cards directly here each day where they will remain until sorted for distribution to all the children on Monday 14th December. This way all the cards will have had time to be free from any contamination and the children can safely take them home. All we ask is that the cards are clearly addressed with the pupil name and surname initial, not forgetting to largely print the year group they are in. Good news—no stamps are required!



**Virtual Christmas:** Although not listed on our Christmas calendar of upcoming events, we are working behind the scenes to provide parents with some virtual Christmas performances. Preparations are already underway and we will let you know more in the weeks ahead.

**Christmas:** In the coming weeks we will do our very best to put in place Christmas festivities within the current limitations. Here are some of the key dates and events to remember.

**Christmas Parties:** We will be holding Christmas parties with games, music, prizes, food and lots of fun. The dates are in our calendar to prepare you. All food this year will be organised by school as we are unable to allow homemade food to be shared by the children. Children will be allowed to come dressed in their party gear all day.

#### Start and finish times:

A reminder of our school start and finish times. Please drop off or pick up as close to your child's class time as possible to avoid



Year 1	8.55-9.05	3.20
Year 2	8.55-9.05	3.20
Year 3	8.55-9.05	3.10
Year 4	8.45-8.55	3.10
Year 5	8.45-8.55	3.10
Year 6	8.45-8.55	3.10
Nursery	8.50-9.00	11.45
Reception	8.50-9.00	3.05

#### Mental health and wellbeing:

**As part of our ongoing, mental health and wellbeing provision, we are keen to find out your thoughts about what we do here at Dame Dorothy and what you would like to see from our wellbeing events in the future. Please follow (or copy and paste) the link to take part in our short survey. Thank you for your time**

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/XHNGV6S>



We are delighted to have received 'The Gold Active Sunderland Sports Award' for a third consecutive year. Our commitment to sport and competition is one of the foundation stones of our school. Dame Dorothy pupils have enjoyed huge success in athletics, swimming, gymnastics, football, and tennis over the years. We are looking forward to a return to competition and matches in 2021.



**COVID:** If your child is showing any signs of the following symptoms then please do not send them into school. If they have:

- **A temperature**
- **Dry cough**
- **Sore throat**
- **Loss of smell or taste**

If any of your household members should also show any of these symptoms then they need to book a test immediately and remain at home until a negative result is returned. Sending a child to school who is unwell, or has a household member with symptoms, risks putting the entire class and teacher into two weeks of self-isolation. If you are unsure what to do contact school for guidance.

To to keep our children in school we would ask all parents and carers to follow all guidance inside and outside of the school premises. Observe the two-metre social distancing guidelines when dropping off and collecting and be patient and considerate to others at pinch points near entry and exit gates

**A reminder that if any household member is showing symptoms and requires a test, from that moment their children cannot attend school until a negative test is returned and the school office have seen proof of that.**

Inform school immediately by:

- School office 0191 2505525
- Out of school hours number 07933934954 (Weekend)
- Message via Facebook
- Message via School Gateway

Remember if any members of the household have any symptoms then seek a test; the children **must not** come into school.

**If your child is unable to remove their earrings then they must not be worn on PE days. PE is a curriculum subject and all children need to be taking part. This also applies to After School Clubs. Please contact the office to sign an earring form if you have not already done so. Thank you for your continued support.**

**The Safeguarding designated people are; Mr Williamson, Mrs Pearson and Mrs Burdon. The Anti-Bullying Coordinators for the school**



**Safeguarding Governor  
—Mrs Roberts.**



**Mental Health and Well-Being Champion - Miss Baker.**





# Christmas Dates

- **Monday 30th November—Christmas Post Box is opened**
- **TBC December—School choir singing for Springtide Cove from the car park**
- **Friday 11th December—Christmas jumper day**
- **Friday 11th December—Christmas dinner**
- **Friday 11th December—Last day to post Christmas cards**
- **Monday 14th December—Christmas cards distributed to all children**
- **Tuesday 15th December—Year 3 Christmas Party**
- **Tuesday 15th December—Year 4 Christmas Party**
- **Wednesday 16th December—EYFS Christmas Party**
- **Wednesday 16th December—Year 5 Christmas Party**
- **Wednesday 16th December—Year 1 Christmas Party**
- **Thursday 17th December—Year 6 Christmas Party**
- **Thursday 17th December—Year 2 Christmas Party**
- **Friday 18th December—Christmas jumpers for the last day**
- **Friday 18th December—Panto in school (each year group gets their own 20 minute performance)**

