



# NEWSLETTER

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
Autumn Term, Week 6

## A message from Mrs Hoare...

It has been great to begin our Christmas celebrations early at Diamond Hall Junior Academy! We have already had our Y4 Christmas party and begun giving out our Santa tokens for demonstrating our school's values and following school rules.

Next week, we continue with these celebrations.

A reminder to all parents/carers that next week is the last week of term. We are closed for 2 weeks and return on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

Kind Regards,  
Mrs Hoare

## Dates for your diary:

Christingle Service	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (Y6) Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December (Y5) Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (Y4) Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (Y3)
Christmas Parties	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (Y3) Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (Y5) Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (Y6)
PJ Day	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> December (Y4) Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December (Y3) Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December (Y6) Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December (Y5)
End of term	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December
Start of Spring term	Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January (4 <sup>th</sup> January – INSET Day)

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## Important Messages:

**Parking outside of school:** Please be safe when parking outside of school. Pupils walk to school and cross the road throughout the morning. Please be vigilant when parking and driving outside of the premises.

**Food donations:** Mrs Gaydon, Mrs Knowles and the School Council are collecting food donations (tins and long-life packaged food) for Sunderland Community Kitchen. Please support this cause and send any donations into school. Thank you.

**Christmas cards:** To spread some joy within the community we will be making cards in school and the lovely volunteers from the St. Luke's Centre will deliver them to the lonely and elderly this Christmas, Remember, Christmas is not all about receiving; it is about doing a little extra something for someone...one kind gesture can change a person's whole day.





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## School Attendance

It is imperative that pupils attend school regularly and that they are on time. We aim for **97% attendance and no late sessions**. Here's how attendance looks across school this week – keep an eye out for our attendance winners in yellow!

### Lower Key Stage 2

Class:	3AH	3AC	3HL	4CE	4SI	4KW
Attendance:	94.9%	94.1%	94.1%	94.46%	95.5%	93.2%
Lates:	1	5	8	14	3	0

Please can we remind parents to contact the office if your child is going to be absent from school. This should be done before 8:30 am.

### Upper Key Stage 2

Class:	5AR	5BH	5LC	6NKAH	6CC	6DG
Attendance:	94.6%	94.4%	94.7%	93.5%	93.8%	95.4%
Lates:	3	0	2	1	5	1

If attendance becomes a concern, medical evidence will be asked for to support the absence.

## In school this week...

Buddy the Elf has continued to cause chaos around Diamond hall this week...





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## Celebrations!

Each Friday, we recognise and celebrate pupils' achievements in our Celebration Assembly.

**Reader of the Week:** this award recognises pupils for their home reading. Pupils who have taken part in *Everybody, Every Night*, reading five times per week at home with an adult and having their reading diary signed get to read in their year group reading area with a friend for their choice for the following week!

**Star Reader:** this award recognises pupils' achievements on *Accelerated Reader*, our online reading platform.

**Mathematician of the Week:** this award recognises pupils' *mathematical reasoning* in lessons. Staff identify a member of their maths group who have shown excellent mathematical reasoning. Pupils are awarded with a 'Mathematics Award' sticker.

**Diamond Squad:** this award is highly-desired by pupils and comes with some fantastic privileges around school such as lunch at the magnificent 'Diamond Squad' table with a chosen friend for the week and extra playtime! It is awarded to pupils who have showcased our school values this week.

See below the awards given in this week's Celebration Assembly:

Teacher	Reader of the Week	Star Reader	Mathematician of the Week	Diamond Squad
Mrs Laydon	Annie	Fareed	Mason	Sadik
Mrs Hubery	Dickson	Gracie	Rafi	Sophie-Leigh
Mrs Crawford	Leona	Ethan	Florence	Tam-Tam
Mr Woods	Daniel	Siena	Luke	Ineta
Mrs Edwards	Joy	Oscar	Logan	Michal
Miss Inkster	Kushi	Alexis	Ayesha	Elliyy
Mr Cureton	Gabriella		Corey	Tia
Mrs Haydon	Lilly	Jack	Tise	Eva-Grace
Miss Robinson	Amelia	Alaina	Alaina	Eleanor
Mr Crowther	London	London	Soloman	London
Mr Guthrie	Adam	Blen	MaryJane	Alfie
Mrs Kendrick/Herron	Heidi	Heidi	Sofia	
Mr Milne			Zubaida	
Miss Tallentire			Keaton	
Miss Coates			Kayden	

