



Communication is a priority for us once again this year, we will communicate to parents and carers using **School Ping and My Child At School.**

In addition, we use **@DarlinghurstAcademy Instagram** to share what's going on within the Academy daily and class and year group news on **DB Primary**

December dates

- Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert – Monday 12th December 9.10am – 10am
- Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert – Monday 12th December 2.10pm – 3pm
- Reception Christmas Production – Tuesday 13th December 2.10pm – 3pm
 - Nursery Nativity – Wednesday 14th December 10.10am – 11am
 - Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Wednesday 14th December 2.10pm – 3pm
 - Year 1 & 2 Nativity – Thursday 15th December 9.10am – 10am
- Year 3 & 4 Carol Concert – Thursday 15th December 2.10pm – 3pm
- Year 5 & 6 Carol Concert – Friday 16th December 9.10am – 10am
 - Pre-loved uniform shop – Thursday 15th December 3.30pm
 - Christmas Fayre – Monday 19th December
- Last day of term, early closure – Tuesday 20th December, 1.30pm finish

Message from the Vice Principal

Dear parent/carers,

This week has seen a 'build up' to the festive season of Christmas. Children and staff have been buzzing around the academy: engaging in learning, practicing valuable life skills every day and demonstrating the academy value of belonging. Voices of cheer have filled the halls of the Academy and it has been an absolute pleasure seeing and hearing the children rehearse their songs in preparation for next week's Carol Concerts. You are all in for a treat!



The week has ended with a wonderful sense of community, staff and children sitting side by side, spreading Christmas cheer and enjoying a delicious meal together. We listened and sang along to Christmas songs - dressed in our Christmas jumpers. To top this wonderful occasion, children surprised me by singing 'Happy Birthday', making my day even more special. For those who will be off to watch the Pantomime this weekend, do enjoy the event, laughs and giggles. "Oh yes you can!"



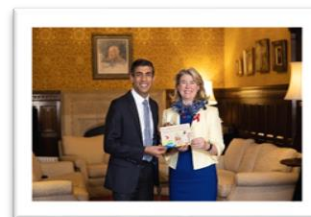
Have a wonderful weekend|all|

Mrs Hahn





I thought I would share some exciting news. Anna Firth, Local MP wrote to the Head teachers of Southend West primary schools to enter her annual Christmas card competition. We made an entry for Darlinghurst Academy using our little boat logo and value of belonging. The design included some features of the beach front - City of Southend. Isabel, in year 5 applied her artistic flair and produced a Christmas card, meeting the spec, perfectly. We are extremely proud as it was the WINNER! The card is Anna Firths official card this year and will be sent to others. However, it was hand delivered to the Prime Minister, Rishi Sunak. Can you believe our card is now at 10 Downing Street!

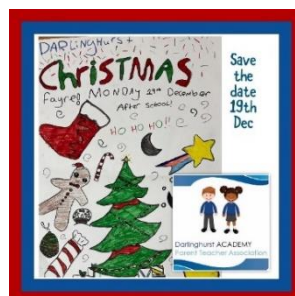


Christmas at Darlinghurst

~ Please be reminded of the Christmas performance dates and times below. Entrance and exit will be via the main office.

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~ Please join us on Monday, 19th December for our Christmas Fayre.



~ There will be early closure on our last day of term – Tuesday 20th December. Please collect your children from their usual pick up point at 1.30pm.



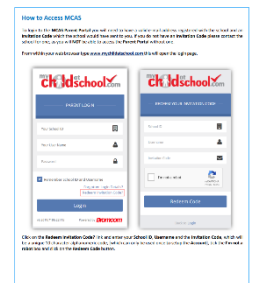


Renewed: Household Support Fund FSM Vouchers – CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS 2022

The Government has provided Southend City Council with additional grant funding under the Household Support Fund. **Southend City Council is therefore continuing with the FSM voucher scheme for 2 weeks over the Christmas holidays. Please note the FSM vouchers are different and in addition to the HAF vouchers. Each eligible child will receive 1 x £30 voucher to cover the 2-week Christmas holiday period.** Vouchers will be sent out by 15th December 2022. Any queries please email Miss Churchman, Finance Officer, at finance@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk

Extra-curricular and sports clubs

Please be advised that all extra-curricular and sports clubs have finished for this term. A new timetable will be released on our return after the Christmas break with instructions of how to book your child a space. Please ensure that you have the My Child at School app downloaded to do this. Should you experience any problems please email ictsupport@darlinghurstacademy.org.uk



Guitar Lessons

We currently have two slots available for guitar lessons, from the start of next term. Lessons cost £10 for a 20 minute one-to-one lesson and there will be a total of 10 lessons per term (so a total cost of £100 per term). The lessons will take place within school and during the school day. To secure guitar lessons for your child, please logon to your ParentPay account and pay a deposit of £20 by Thursday 15th December. The balance of £80 will then be payable in January. We will contact you with details of your child's lesson time in the week commencing 19th December.

Proud to be me

Mrs Nicholls has had lots of visits this week and has been impressed with work produced by Kaiden, Max and Blue from year 3 and Freddie and Kenzie in year 5. Well done to Sophia in year 5 who competed in a dance festival and won silver in her tap routine and bronze in her ballet routine.



What have you missed
on Instagram this
week?

