

## Thought of the Week

'Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.' – Lao Tzu

## A message from our Executive Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

The festive spirit is tangible at DKH and we hope you are starting to feel it at home too. Amidst all we have been through and all that we face, we are determined to keep our traditions alive, be it within the limits of the current national guidance.

The children have started practising their winter performance and we are excited about our virtual compilation, which will be available to parents at the end of the term. We have planned for our brass band to play traditional Christmas carols on the 11<sup>th</sup> and the 14<sup>th</sup> December and although this is not a performance, you will still be able to hear their lovely, joyful tunes from the gates.

As we are nearing the holidays and even more so **this** holiday, we are thinking about our families who have suffered the effects of Covid. The school is doing all it can to support families whose circumstances have changed. If your family's financial circumstances have changed and you need support please contact Carrie Lucas, in the office, for a confidential discussion. Only children who receive the government's Pupil Premium Funding will receive food vouchers this holiday. To check your eligibility, complete the short form found on the link below.

<https://forms.gle/7eUgMQtn283LuGsN8>.

Our community spirit and support for one another has brought us this far. Please continue to take care of yourself and others and stay safe. The holidays are nearly here!

## Last Day of Term

Please see below staggered collection times for the last day of term, **Friday 18<sup>th</sup> December**.

Class	Collection Time
<b>Nursery</b> Ladybird	1:45pm
<b>Reception</b> Butterfly / Caterpillar	2:00pm
<b>Year 1</b> Cherry / Willow	1:45pm
<b>Year 2</b> Elder / Palm	2:00pm
<b>Year 3</b> Beech / Eucalyptus	2:00pm
<b>Year 4</b> Cedar / Sycamore	1:45pm
<b>Year 5</b> Rowan / Hazel	1:45pm
<b>Year 6</b> Elm / Maple	2:00pm

Collection gates will remain the same and we ask that parents / carers arrive at their scheduled time to help minimise congestion and support social distancing. Help us help everyone stay as healthy and safe as possible.

## Class Parties

Class parties will be on **Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December**. Traditionally we would ask children to bring in something to share with their classmates. However, due to COVID guidelines, we are unable to do that, this year. Instead, we ask parents and carers to **donate 50p to £1**, which will be used to purchase food and party items for each class. Funds will be needed by Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December to allow us to quarantine the coins and then purchase supplies. Donations can be sent with your child and will be collected by the class teacher.

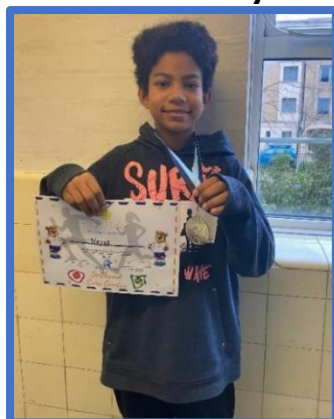


## Christmas Jumper Day



Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Jumper Day! Wear red, green or a Christmas jumper and bring in £1. All money collected on the day will go to Save the Children.

## Cross-Country Winners!



We would like to celebrate and congratulate **Nojus** who achieved **1<sup>st</sup> place** in the Sthwark Virtual Cross-Country competition and **David** who achieved **3<sup>rd</sup> place**. Both boys showed real determination, stamina and a desire to win. Well done. We are so proud of you!





## DKH Brass Band Performance

Mr Wales and the DKH Year 6 Brass Band are delighted to announce that they will be helping us get into the festive spirit by playing a selection of seasonal songs to raise Christmas cheer during these challenging times. You will be able to hear them from the school gates on **Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> December and Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

Don't miss their festive sounds at the Early Years and Breakfast Club entrances in the morning and at the end of the school day. The Friends of DKH will also be attending, selling wreaths and calendars to support our school.

To ensure that we follow current guidelines, we plan to fill the air with the festive sounds of the DKH Brass Band. In this way, you will be able to continue with normal drop off and collection, maintaining social distancing. A gentle reminder to wear a face covering and ensure that you refrain from congregating while enjoying the festive cheer!

## The Great Allotment Clear Up – PHASE 1

Do you have a few hours to help us get the allotment ready for Spring? In January we would like to start preparing the DKH Allotment but **we need your help!** We would be grateful for volunteers who could remove the old wood from the vegetable beds and dispose of it and volunteers to help remove weeds and overgrown plants. Once this has been completed, we can use your **generous donations** to purchase new wood for new beds and begin Phase 2 of the Great Allotment Clear Up.



If you would enjoy a few hours in the fresh air, supporting a worthwhile cause while having a bit of fun, please contact Mr Butt at [dbutt@riverhillfederation.onmicrosoft.com](mailto:dbutt@riverhillfederation.onmicrosoft.com).

## Dates for the Diary



7.12.2020	Year 3 Virtual Money Twist Workshop
9.12.2020	Year 6 Speed Awareness Campaign
11.12.2020	Year 3 Multiskills
11.12.2020	Christmas Jumper Day
11.12.2020	Christmas Lunch
11.12.2020	Christmas Performance Recording Day
12.12.2020	Christmas Performance Recording Day
16.12.2020	Class Parties
16.12.2020	Virtual Christmas Panto
12.12.2020	Year 6 Indoor Athletics
18.12.2020	<b>Last day of Autumn Term – 2:00PM FINISH</b>
4.1.2021	<b>Inset Day – NO CHILDREN</b>
5.1.2020	<b>Beginning of Spring Term – children back</b>
11.2.2021	Inventor's Day
8.3.2021	Science Week begins
18.012021	Year 6 Online Awareness Session
19.2.2021	Red Nose Day

## Star of the Week!



Well done to these children who have been recognised for their exemplary commitment to modelling our school values.

Cherry	Isabella and Daniel
Willow	Zaccari and Ziyad
Elder	Emmie and Alex
Palm	Anas and Enzo
Beech	Azriel and Karima
Eucalyptus	Jaylah and Joppa
Cedar	Kai and Muwahib
Sycamore	Melody and Mussa
Rowan	Janai and Wjood
Hazel	Christopher and Candace
Elm	Louie and Demi
Maple	Ester and Miles

## Attendance

Cherry	90%	Cedar	97.8%
Willow	98%	Sycamore	98.1%
Beech	98.1%	Rowan	95.2%
Eucalyptus	97.4%	Hazel	98%
Maple	99.3%	Elm	98.1%



## A message from Friends of DKH

Thanks to all of you so far that have bought **raffle tickets** and items from our shopify store! You will be pleased to hear there is still time to get involved.

For raffle tickets and the chance to win a £100 John Lewis voucher please head to <https://raffall.com/151270/enter-raffle-to-win-dog-kennel-hill-winter-raffle-hosted-by-friends-of-dkh>

For the shopify page where you can buy **handcrafted gifts and wreaths** head to <https://dkh-friends-store.myshopify.com/collections/knits-and-bits?page=4>

This year's **DKH Portrait Calendar** is now available. It features a self-portrait by every child in the school from nursery up to Year 6, next to the month of their birthday - and it also has plenty of room to write in your engagements. Charming and useful - and a great gift for grandparents. Order yours now on Shopify - don't forget to write in your child's name and class in the company line of the shipping address for delivery purposes.

We are also asking for **food bank donations** to be brought to the school next week. Pasta, rice, tinned goods, long-life milk and toiletries are all most welcome.

Thanks for your support as always!