

# The Devonshire Hill Times

We would like to offer a warm welcome back to all of our families after the Winter Holidays. We hope that you had a great break. We are 4 weeks into the Spring term now with lots of news to report already. Everyone has been working so hard!

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## Charlie Update

Charlie is now exploring the classrooms and venturing around the school with Ms Bates. He has taken part in a number of art, reading, and writing classes. If Charlie has not yet visited your class, keep working hard and be patient he will come to see you soon.



## Amazing Athletics

At the beginning of term, a group of 17 Year 5 & 6 athletes competed in a track and field meeting held at Heartlands High School. Our athletes sprinted, jumped, threw and hurdled their way to 7th place overall. There were several notable performances, including some superb sprinting from pupils in Azore Class, who came first in their 100m relay, beating 12 other schools in the process! It was a fantastic afternoon for all involved and the squad should be very proud of their efforts.



## Where is the strangest place that you can read a book?

Children and adults are invited to take part in our competition.

All you need to do is email us a photograph of yourself reading a book in the strangest place that you can think of.

All photos must be emailed before Thursday 11th February to [picture.contest@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:picture.contest@devonshirehill.haringey.sch.uk).

Remember to include your name and class in the email!

If you don't have access to email, you can hand your printed picture to Mrs Dodd. Good luck!



## Important Dates in February:

 **Fri 5th February**  
Yr 6 to London Zoo 

**Weds 10th February**  
Yr 4 to London Zoo

 **Thurs 11th February**   
Tull Valentine Fundraiser

 **Fri 12th February**   
Yr 5 to Royal Observatory



**Half Term Break:**  
15th-19th February

**Returning to school:**  
Mon 22nd February

## Uniform

Please ensure that your child is in the correct uniform for each school day. The children in the photograph set a perfect example of our standards for presentation. Grey Bottoms should be worn with the Golden Polo Shirt and Royal Blue Jumper. Your child must wear a dark waterproof coat – hoodies are not acceptable.



All items of school uniform can be purchased on **Tuesday** and **Friday** from the School Office during office opening hours.

Please note the office opening hours are **8:00am-9:30am & 3:00pm-3:45pm**.

## Attendance– Aiming For 97%

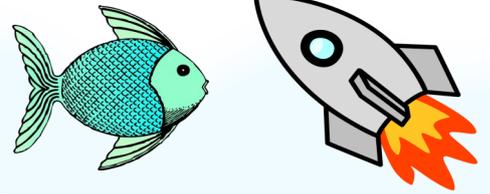
At the end of term those children with 97%+ attendance who are in the class with the best attendance level, will be rewarded with a trip in recognition of their punctual and consistent presence in school.

So far in January the leading classes for each Key Stage are:

**Topaz** are leading KS2 with 4 rockets.

**Amber** and **Coral** are both leading LKS2 with 1 rocket each.

**Diamond** class are swimming ahead with 4 fish in their ocean.



Well done to those classes with a special mention this month. You are setting a great example!

## Punctuality...

The school gates open at 8:45am for children to go straight to class for their Morning Challenge. Please ensure that your child is in school before the register is taken at 8:55 daily.



## Hats and Gloves

Please ensure that your child is sent to school with suitable clothing for the colder weather. Hats and gloves are advised as part of outdoor wear, to keep your child warm during their morning and lunchtime breaks.



## End of Day Lateness

Thankyou to those parents/carers who are punctual when collecting their children at the end of the school day. We have noticed that less children are waiting in our 'late room' after 3:15pm.

**School day ends at 3:15pm please ensure that you are at the school gates just before the end of school day to collect your child(ren).**

## Absences

We expect to see children in school every day. If your child is unwell please contact our attendance officer, Mr Ferdaus, to report their absence. Medical evidence must be provided prior to or on the day of an appointment to reduce impact on your child's learning time, otherwise we may not be able to authorise their departure on the day. This can be in the form of a prescription, a GP appointment card or letter and must be provided to the School Office. Additionally, please ensure that routine doctor and dental appointments are made outside of school hours.

Please report all absences by calling the school Office:  
**020 8808 2053 - Option 3.**

