



# Friday Flyer – 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

[Radish Catering Menu: w/c 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023 – Week 3](#)



Message from the Leadership Team

## *A Fond Farewell from Mr Kidd Deanesfield's Deputy Headteacher*

Dear Deanesfield Family,

I have had the most amazing experience since joining the staff at Deanesfield back in September 2004 and I can't quite believe that, after nearly 20 years, this is goodbye. I shall not be returning in January as I have decided to take early retirement, move to the coast and pursue those interests that, as the deputy headteacher of a school that constantly strives to get better and better, I simply haven't had time to do in the past.

Over my 33-year teaching career, I have been extremely lucky in meeting so many amazing children and their families, and I can say with complete honesty that Deanesfield children are right up there with the very best. Children who are so full of kindness, compassion, who care for one another and live our school values every single day. They have always made me extremely proud of them and I hope I have played a small part in helping them achieve their very best in all areas of life.

I have so many things to be grateful for, I expect not many can say they have had the experience of having an entire staff team that they love working with. The team at Deanesfield all work extremely hard to give the best they can to the children. They make it a joy to come into work each day and I will miss this extended family for their friendship, positivity, determination and ability to use their incredible talents to make each day so special for every child.

I am also surrounded by a hugely experienced leadership team with a clear, child-centred vision who it has been such a huge pleasure to have worked alongside for so long. Playing my part in guiding the school's transformation over the years into one that is truly among the very best in the area and (dare I say it) the country, has been both an enormous challenge but also a sheer joy. I know it means our children are enjoying a truly high quality and well-rounded education which, to quote UNICEF's Children's Rights Convention, "develops every child's personality, talents and abilities to the full".



So, although I am sad to be leaving, I am excited about the future and the next chapter both for myself and also for Deanesfield Primary School. I wish the entire Deanesfield family a very happy holiday and wish each and every person all the best for the future. I will miss you all very much and I promise to keep in touch because I truly believe the best is yet to come.

Good luck and farewell!

Steve Kidd  
Deputy Headteacher

In the 'UN Convention on the Rights of a Child', Article 13 (freedom of expression) says that every child has the right to find out things and say what you think, through making art, speaking and writing, unless it breaks the rights of others.

Our Art & Design curriculum here at Deanesfield inspires children to creatively explore new ideas. In their Art lessons, children are given opportunities to experiment with using different techniques and media; this helps them to develop key skills in using tone, form, line, shape and colour effectively.

This week, all children from Nursery to Year 6 have taken part in an art-themed week linked to the topic of 'fruit and vegetables'. They have enjoyed exploring the work of different artists and have created their own art work. We are looking forward to placing their final pieces on display in the Spring Term!



### Nursery & Reception

In Nursery and Reception, children used the illustrations from 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' by Eric Carle as a stimulus for their work. They experimented with a range of print-making techniques to create their own representations of different fruit.

**Nela (Nursery)** – I liked the red apples.

**Vinnie (RCP)** – I liked using bubble wrap to make my strawberry picture because it is my favourite fruit!



### Year 1 & Year 2

The children in Year 1 and Year 2, explored the work of the collage artist Megan Coyle to help them to create their own collages of a fruit or vegetable of their choice. They used a range of paper clippings to create texture in their final pieces.

**Rohan (1M)** – I have learnt how to make a collage using different colours so that the foreground stands out.

**Ayshni (2W)** – I am looking forward to working on my cutting skills to create my piece of art!

### Year 3 & Year 4

Year 3 and Year 4 pupils drew inspiration from an Australian illustrator and street-artist called Joel Moore to create their own cartoon characters. They drew a fruit or vegetable of their choice and then drew human characteristics on it to bring it to life!

**Aisha (3H)** – I loved giving my piece of fruit sunglasses and a moustache!



### Year 5 & Year 6

Using the work of still-life artists Henri Matisse and Roy De Maistre as inspiration, pupils in Year 5 and 6 practised their observational drawing skills. They focused on using a range of shading techniques to develop tone and to create 3D effects!

**Matilda (5R)** – I enjoyed using different lines, shapes and patterns in the background to make my foreground stand out.

**Javani (5L)** – I learnt how to use graphite pencils to create light and dark tones!

**Mrs Lambton**  
Art & Design Co-ordinator

**UNCRC Article 31 (leisure, play and culture):**

Every child has the right to relax, play, and take part in a wide range of cultural and artistic activities.

Year 2 have had a fantastic week performing our show 'The Midwife Crisis' to the children at Deanesfield as well as our parents and carers. We are extremely proud of all the hard work the children had put into learning their lines, songs and dance moves and most importantly, the children really enjoyed performing it!



Mia (2K) – I loved being the star in the show. It was really fun learning all the lines to the songs.

Pavisan (2B) – We liked performing our show on stage and using our loud voices. My favourite song is Baa Baa Bethlehem because we all get to pretend we are sheep!

Ariya (2W) – I enjoyed being the narrator for our performance. I was very proud of myself for learning lots of lines!



These amazing assemblies have now be uploaded to our [Deanesfield TV channel on our website](#), and we're sure you'll agree that the children put on a fantastic performance!  
Well done everyone!



## Christmas Jumper Day – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

(in collaboration with St. Gregory’s Church Foodbank – Helping Local People in Crisis)

Don’t forget, next Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, (the same day as our Christmas Lunch and Class Christmas Parties), children can come to school wearing a Christmas jumper with their own clothes.

*If your child does not have a Christmas jumper, please don’t feel any expectation or pressure to buy one especially for this occasion. Children can decorate one of their own jumpers to make it look festive and ‘Christmassy’!*



In return, we are asking children to bring in an item (or more) to be donated in support of our local foodbank at St. Gregory’s Church, helping people whose needs are greater than ours over the upcoming festive period.

**All non-perishable items are welcomed as donations and will be gratefully received. Please give generously if you can, to help families in need have a happy Christmas.**

Generally, as fewer donations of the following are received, they will be especially welcomed:

- tins of tuna / meat
- tinned fruit and vegetables
- lentils / chickpeas / kidney beans
- custard / rice pudding
- tea / coffee / hot chocolate
- UHT (long life) milk
- Squash / long life juice
- sugar
- cereal
- jam / marmalade / peanut butter
- chocolates / biscuits /crackers
- Christmas treats for children
- rice
- pasta / noodles
- pasta / cooking sauces
- dried herbs
- spice / seasoning jars
- cooking oil
- toothpaste
- shower gel / soap
- shampoo
- deodorant
- detergent
- nappies (size 5 & 6)



**We thank you in advance for your generosity!**

## Festive Christmas Lunch - Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December

**CHRISTMAS LUNCH MENU**

**Roast Turkey**  
or  
**Roasted Vegetable, Cheddar and Cranberry Whirl**

Served with Chipolata Sausages, Roast Potatoes, Gravy, Carrots and Brussel Sprouts

**Dessert**  
**Christmas Ice Cream Tubs**

Vegetarian

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IT'S ALL GOOD

We will be serving our Christmas Lunch Menu (shown opposite) on our Christmas Celebrations Day - **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. There is no need for parents to order their child’s meal in advance, as any child who does not bring in a packed lunch on the day will be given this Christmas Lunch, based on the dietary information we have for them in school.

*Please note that if you know that your child will not eat what is being served, or you do not wish for them to have this free school lunch, please ensure you provide a packed lunch for them on the day as **no other alternatives will be provided on that day.***

As previously advised, whilst the school will fund any shotfalls for parents / carers unable to make a contribution towards our celebratory events, including the Pantomime visits, our Class Christmas Parties and Christmas lunch (only for our youngest children), we do rely on the support of our families to make these special events possible. We therefore kindly request that if you haven’t already done so, please make a ‘Goodwill Contribution’ towards these events, even if it is a partial payment, via ParentPay as soon as possible so to help us make this a truly memorable Christmas for all.

# Upcoming / Christmas Events

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| Monday 18 <sup>th</sup><br>December    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Christmas Cards – will be distributed in class at the end of each day throughout the week.</li> <li>Classes 4EV, 4W, 5R, 5T &amp; 6K – Pantomime trip to The Compass Theatre</li> <li>Nursery (Miss Harte) – Rescheduled Catch-up Meetings (<b>booked appointments only</b>)</li> </ul>  |
| Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup><br>December   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – Visiting Pantomime (in School)</li> <li>Classes 3B, 3H, 3KB, 4F &amp; 6FC – Pantomime trip to The Compass Theatre</li> <li>Year 5 'The Gift' Christmas assemblies (<i>Individual Class performances as communicated – Class 5R @ 10.00am, Class 5T @ 11.30am, Class 5L @ 2.30pm</i>)<br/><b>(maximum of 2 seats allocated per family – no children under the age of 12)</b></li> <li>Class RP – Rescheduled Catch-up Meetings (<b>for booked appointments only</b>)</li> </ul> |
| Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup><br>December | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>'Wear your Christmas Jumper Day' for St. Gregory's Local Food Bank<br/><b>(please donate an item for our local food bank – detailed in notices above)</b></li> <li>Festive Christmas Lunch 2023<br/><b>(Christmas lunch for all children in Nursery to Year 6 without a packed lunch)</b></li> <li>Christmas Parties for Nursery to Year 6</li> <li>Nursery (Mrs Harries) – Catch-up Meetings</li> <li>Last day of term for all Nursery pupils</li> </ul>  |
| Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup><br>December  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>NURSERY CLOSED</li> <li>Grab &amp; Go Lunch</li> <li>Autumn Term ends at 1.00pm for all pupils.</li> </ul>   |

## 'Grab & Go' Lunch Orders – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December

As you will be aware, there will be no hot dinners served on the last day of term, next Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December. Instead, children will receive a 'Grab & Go' lunch, including a sandwich with a choice of filling from chicken mayo, egg mayo, tuna mayo or cheese, with cucumber and carrot sticks, a cookie and a juice drink.



**All orders have now been placed. If you did not place an order, you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child on the last day of term. Alternatively, your child will be offered the 'Grab & Go' cheese option only.**

## Reminder – End of Term Arrangements



### Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December – Nursery End of Term

Nursery will finish for all children next **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**.  
Nursery will be **closed on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**.

### Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December – School End of Term (at 1.00pm)

For the rest of the school, children will finish school next **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December**.  
Please ensure that you collect your child / children **at the earlier time of 1pm**.

