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Message from the Principal



This week Danesholme Junior Academy has transformed into a winter wonderland!

Overnight on Monday, our different 'bubble' areas were decorated and all of the staff dressed up as elves to welcome the children on the 1st December.

The children had a brilliant day and the staff thoroughly enjoyed surprising them.

There are lots of different photos of our 'elf day' on Twitter – have a look @DanesholmeJun.

Take care and look after yourselves.

Welcome Miss Sutherland (Supply Teacher, Mani Class)



We offer a warm welcome to Miss Sutherland who will be teaching Mani Class (Year 5) in the absence of Mrs Green.

Get well soon Mrs Green (Mani Class)



Mrs Green will be in hospital for routine surgery and we wish her all the best for her recovery and recuperation. We look forward to seeing you back in school as soon as you are well enough.

Kingswood Catering – ordering meals online



Please make sure you are ordering your child's meal online, in advance, by the **Wednesday of each week.**

This includes children who are entitled to **Free School Meals.**

<https://www.kingswoodcatering.co.uk/>

Mrs Rolf

Our DJA Christmas Tree



Christmas Cards



Our Christmas post boxes are now open if children wish to send Christmas cards to other children in their class/year group. This year, we can only distribute Christmas cards within year group bubbles and not around the whole school.

Please send Christmas cards in plenty of time, so that we can allow time to quarantine the cards before re-distributing. Thank you.

Exchanging gifts



Due to Covid-19, any gifts you would like to exchange must be quarantined before passing on to the recipient. If you would like to exchange gifts this Christmas, please ensure these are **clearly labelled** for the recipient so we can place these in quarantine

before passing them on. **Gifts must be in school by Monday 14th December** so they can be quarantined for 3 days before they can be sent home on the last day of term. Any gifts handed in after this date will not be able to be sent home until our return in January. Also, gifts and cards can only be exchanged with those inside your class/year group bubble. Thank you.

Christmas Jumper day – Friday 11th December 2020



On **Friday 11th December 2020**, staff and pupils will be encouraged to swap their usual Academy jumper/cardigan and wear a festive jumper to support 'Save the Children'.

If you do not have Christmas Jumper, simply jazz up an old sweater with some tinsel or decorations.

Due to the current situation and following our operating procedures, we are now cashless and so will not be collecting donations on the day.

Instead we are asking you to donate via the JustGiving fundraising page online using the following link or via the QR code (below):

<https://link.justgiving.com/v1/fundraisingpage/donate/pageId/13300573?fundraiserName=our>



Donate now and BOOM!
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Personal Social Health Education (PHSE)



At DJA we follow the Jigsaw PSHE teaching and learning programme which covers the statutory Relationships Education, Sex Education and Health Education (RSHE).

Please take time to read the [PHSE - Jigsaw Journal - Guide for Parents & Carers December 2020](#)

attached to this newsletter (*further copies available on our school website under Newsletters/Letters Home*) which is produced by Jigsaw which explains, amongst other things, what the aims of RSHE are, what primary schools must teach in RSHE and what your child will be taught about puberty and human reproduction in the unit called Changing Me. Changing Me will be taught in the summer term when we will make the lesson resources available for you to view beforehand. Thank you

Mrs Nimmo (PHSE lead)

Home learning ideas & Curriculum information



Our school website contains useful curriculum information and home learning ideas.

Please visit our school website under [Pupils/Learning Zone](#) where you will find information for each year group.

This part of our school website is updated at the beginning of every term.

[Year 3 – Gods & Mortals](#)

[Year 4 – Misty Mountain Sierra](#)

[Year 5 – Peasants, Princes & Pestilence](#)

[Year 6 – Revolution](#)

Watch out – The Elves are about



We had some visitors to our school on Tuesday 1st December. 12 Elves decided to come to Danesholme Junior Academy and watch over the children in their classrooms. Check out our Twitter page @DanesholmeJun to follow the Elf Antics this December.

Congratulations – Writing board winners.



Year 3 – Micaiah Ngobeh Alfie Gibson. Quinn Russell-Mason

Year 4 - Faris Seamer Brooke Constant Khalistan Djida

Year 5 - Sofia Seamer Giselly Barbosa

Year 6 – Marshall McGill Finley McConnell Abby Blair

Sorry - no sharing of food or sweets



Unfortunately, due to our revised operating procedures following Covid-19. Pupils are unable to share food or sweets with their class.

Please refrain from bringing such items into school to share. Thank you.

No gatherings of groups of Parents/Guardians/Adults collecting children from school



Please ensure you are keeping a 2m distance between yourself and other adults & children.



Please also ensure you are **not gathered in groups** on our school playground when you are waiting to collect your child.

Do not block walkways or entrance/exit gates – 2m social distancing



Please ensure you are not blocking the entrance/exit gates when dropping off/collecting your child.

Please also ensure you are not blocking the “no waiting” areas around our school playground.

Please follow the 1-way system we have in place and drop off/collect on your child’s designated playground.



Car Parking – Double Yellow lines



Please **DO NOT park** on any double yellow lines around the school area.



You **MUST NOT** wait, park, stop to set down or pick up passengers at any time.

To report any parking offences, please report these to:

parking@northamptonshire.gov.uk



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Application for a Year 3 school place for September 2021

Is your child currently in Year 2?

Apply for a Year 3 school place for September 2021 now!

Is your child due to move on to Junior School in September 2021 having completed the Infant phase of their education?

You now need to apply for a Junior School place for your child.

If you would like them to join Danesholme Junior Academy for Year 3 in September 2021, please make your application to our school no later than **15th January 2021**.

Year 3 school places are **not automatically allocated** even if you currently attend Danesholme Infant Academy.

Please apply online at Northants County Council/Admissions.

Don't delay – apply today!

Keeping warm



As the Autumn weather arrives, the temperature is dropping outside.

We have our doors and windows open throughout the school building - to keep the school well ventilated - and this means that school is colder than usual.

Please make sure your child has a jumper/cardigan with them every day and we would also suggest that children wear vests and thermal under layers as the temperature drops further.

Please no nuts/nut products – Pupil Packed lunch



Please could we remind Parents/Guardians to ensure that their child's Packed lunches contain **no nuts/nut products**. We have Pupils/members of staff with severe nut allergies. Thank you.

Free School Meals



If you think you are eligible for Free School Meals, you will have to apply for them online at:

<https://www3.northamptonshire.gov.uk/councilservices/children-families-education/schools-and-education/Pages/free-school-meals.aspx>

Please note: You will have to add each sibling to your application. If you have applied for one sibling and not the other, you will have to make another application for **each sibling**.

PE kits & Jewellery



Please ensure that your child has their **PE kit** in school with them **EVERYDAY**.

As the weather is getting colder and we are still participating in PE outdoors, please ensure your child has a **tracksuit and trainers too**.

ALL jewellery must be **REMOVED** on PE days

Arriving late to school



If you arrive late to school, you **will not** be able to attend school for that day.

If you miss school because you are late, then you will need to complete your school work at home.

Covid-19 test results



If your child has received a Covid-19 test, please provide us with a copy of their test result **before your child returns to school**.

Please email this test result to:

admin@danesholmejunioracademy.org

Please include your child's full name and class on all correspondence sent. Thank you.

Staggered timings

Class & Year group	Start time & Finish time	Lunch break
Heremoth (Yr4) Sol (Yr 4) Elli (Yr 4) Delling (Yr 3)	8:45am 3:00pm	11:45am – 12:45pm
Oller (Yr 5) Loki (Yr 5) Mani (Yr 5) Asbru (Yr 3)	8:55am 3:10pm	12:15pm – 1:15pm
Asgard (Yr 6) Jotnar (Yr 6) Embla (Yr 6) Nicoð (Yr 3)	9:05am 3:20pm	12:45pm – 1:45pm

It is important that children are dropped off and collected at their **correct allocated time**.



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Medical appointments within the school day



If your child requires to attend a medical appointment within the school day, your child will have to **miss the whole session** where this medical appointment falls.

Morning appointments – come into school at the end of lunchtime

Afternoon appointments – leave school at the start of their lunchtime

This is to ensure that Pupil and Staff are not crossing their class/year group bubbles and to keep everyone here at DJA safe.

Please provide evidence of all medical appointments by emailing a copy of the hospital letter/appointment card to the Admin email (above).

Absence from school



Please inform school by telephone, voicemail or email **everyday** if your child is not attending school.

All forms of contact with our school are at the top of this newsletter.

Please include your child's full name, class and the reason for their absence.

Leave of absence



Please complete a **Leave of Absence** form on our school website if your child is absent from school.

Absences from school will only be authorised in exceptional circumstances. The law gives no entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time and fines for term time holiday absence are issued by Northamptonshire County Council.

This form can be found on our website under:

[Parents/Attendance/Leave of Absence](#)

Term Dates & Important dates for your diary

Full term dates can be found on our school website under [Parents/Term Dates](#).

Important dates for your diary

Autumn Term 1

11th December – Christmas Jumper Day

17th December – Christmas Dinner (order from Kingswood Catering)

18th December – Class Christmas Parties & mufti day

18th December – Last day of term

Spring Term 1

4th January – Teachers Training day

5th January – School opens

15th January – Deadline for Year 2 to Year 3 applications with Northants County Council

21st January – School photographer (individual portraits only)

12th February – Last day of term

Attachments to this newsletter are available on our website under: [Newsletters/Letters Home](#)

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