



Dear Parents & Carers,

I would like to begin by wishing all of our families Happy Diwali who have been celebrating over the last week. In school we have marked the celebration by undertaking Diwali themed activities as part of Good 2 be Gold and our Y3/4pupils led our Diwali assembly on Thursday this week. Thank you to all of those family members who were able to join us.

During the first week after the half term break we held our Autumn Ball. Thank you to everyone that was able to support the event. On the evening we raised £1200!

During the week of Parents' Evening we held our Scholastic Book Fair. Thank you to everyone that purchased a book we have been able to purchase 60 new dictionaries for school with the commission that the fair generated.

As we approach winter and the usual seasonal coughs and colds I would like to remind everyone of the importance of regular attendance at school. During half term 1 14% of our pupils were persistently absent (missing more than 10% of school), and a significant number of these pupils were girls – this is above the national average, and as you will be aware this is a priority Education focus for our government. We also have more than 100 pupils who achieved 100% attendance during the first half term - these pupils have received a special certificate.

This year we will be supporting Right at Home with their Festive Friend campaign aiming to make a difference to the lives of isolated individuals in our community. We will be asking pupils to design a Christmas Card that the charity will pass on to members of the community that face loneliness and are isolated. This small act of kindness could bring great joy to someone who might otherwise be forgotten. Further information about this initiative will be provided via School Spider next week.

Finally, I would like to let you all know that after 6 years as a member of our Admin team, Natalie Dutton will be leaving us on Friday 15th November. I am sure that you will all want to join me in thanking her for her commitment to our community over her time at Broad Oak. Natalie consistently goes above and beyond her role to help and support our pupils and will be sorely missed. I wish her every future happiness in her new role working for Great Minds Together.

Best Wishes

Kevin Corteen.  
Headteacher

## Attendance:

Our attendance target for this academic year is 97%.  
Our whole school attendance figure up to the week ending 08.11.24 was 95%

The following classes had attendance above our school target W/E 8.11.24:

Oak - 97%, Ash - 98%, Beech - 98%, Larch - 97%,  
Spruce - 98%.

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Oak - 98%, Spruce - 97%, Larch - 98%.

## Star of the Week:

Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week this week:

Elm - Amira, Zidan & Anaya, Pine - Brody & Nicole,  
Ash - Liyana & Abraham.

Beech - Norah & Zakariya, Hazel - Amelia & Ioan,  
Larch - Hema & Ibrahim.

Aspen - Frankie & Fatima, Rowan - Lulu, Ezekiah & Lyla,  
Spruce - Maram & Eesa.

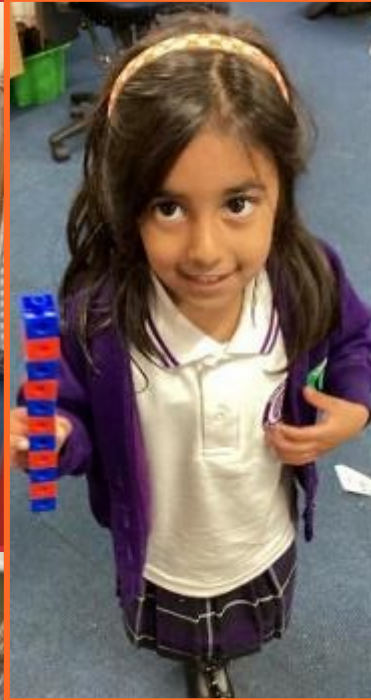
Well done to the following pupils who received star of the week last week:

Elm - Yusuf, Pine - Musa & Annais, Ash - Lyla & Ali.

Beech - The whole class, Hazel - Samayyah & Zeyneb,  
Larch - Lilya & Louis.

Aspen - Zuhran & Moeez, Rowan - Eva & Olivia,  
Spruce - Lilly.

In Reception we have been reading the story of the Owl Babies. The children have enjoyed retelling the story using the puppets and they have made owls using the stickle bricks.



In Reception we have been making repeating patterns. The children have enjoyed creating their own patterns.



Acorns have been learning about Ancient Egyptians. They have made their own Snake Headdresses.



This week LKS2 presented their assembly around the festival of Diwali. All the children enjoyed learning about the festival of light and did a great job presenting with their assembly presentation and sharing their rangoli designs. They sang their Diwali song and sharing the story of Rama and Sita. Thank you to all the parents who came along to watch our assembly.

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# The Didsbury Parsonage

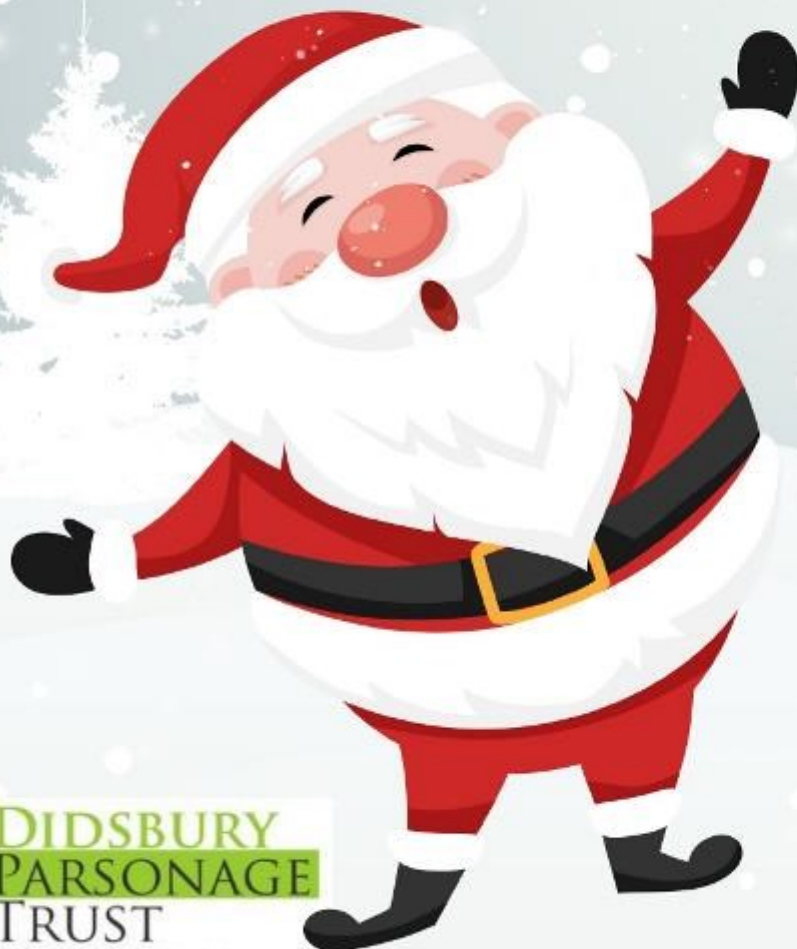
The Old Parsonage, Stenner Lane, Didsbury, Manchester, M20 2RQ

# SANTA'S GROTTO

Sunday 24th November 2024

11am to 4pm

- MULLED WINE & MINCE PIES
- HOT DRINKS
- MEET SANTA & HIS ELVES
- CHILDREN'S SCHOOL CHOIR
- CHRISTMAS STALLS
- RAFFLE
- KIDS CHRISTMAS CRAFTS PLUS MUCH MORE



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# Guide to our app for parents & carers



School Spider allows you to receive and return information directly to and from the school. Receive instant messages, complete surveys, book your parents' evenings and report absences.

Select your school to get started!



## How to get started

Once you have selected the school, you will see posts from the school website. Click parent dashboard to login or create an account. Create an account by pressing "create account" and enter your email address.

**You must have your email linked with the school!**

## Take a look around...

See all action items on your dashboard

Click to respond or book for each child



Click the envelope to see your recent messages

Click these 3 lines to:

- Switch between areas
- Edit your profile
- Logout

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