



Lord Deramore's Primary School



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Headteacher Update – March 2019

Staffing Update

We are currently recruiting for midday supervisory assistants who can help make lunchtimes safe and enjoyable for our children. If you know of anybody who would be interested in such a post, please ask them to telephone school on 01904 553890 or visit our vacancy page for more information (<http://lordderamores.com/about-us/job-vacancies>).

Deadline for this round of applications is **this Thursday**.

Mrs Tracey Purdy, who spent some time on teaching practice with Year 5 in the autumn term, has returned for her final teaching placement. She will be shadowing Mr Richards in Year 4 alongside Mrs Pierotti.

Miss Sally Fawcett has been working with Mrs Carr, Mrs Bradley and Early Years as part of her second teaching practice with York St John University. She has been incredibly hardworking during the past few weeks and we wish her continued success for her future when she leaves us at Easter.

Lord Deramore's is up for sale!

As part of our work to promote writing opportunities, Miss Smith organised for our precious Lord Deramore's Primary School to be put up for sale by the estate agents, Hudson Moody. The Year 6 children have interviewed several people regarding the situation, including Mr Richard Frost (Chair of Governors) and Mrs Verna Campbell (vice Chair of Governors and Sheriff of York). I cannot wait to read about their theories...did I really spend the entire school budget at a Leeds casino!? The York Press news article can be viewed here:



<https://www.yorkpress.co.uk/news/17521185.surprise-for-pupils-as-lord-deramores-school-put-up-for-sale/>

New starters We have been told by City of York Council that we are highly oversubscribed this year for new starters in next September's Reception class. The final list of children allocated a place will be sent to us and parents/carers during the Easter break. We will therefore be in contact with all families offered a place on our return to inform you of our transition events and timetable.

PTA Quiz and Curry Night

With over seventy people joining us for our annual PTA Quiz and Curry Night, we managed to raise over £500 in profit for our PTA funds. It was a highly-enjoyable evening and was great to have staff, families and the wider school and village community come together. Thank you to Kjartan Poskitt for being our quiz master and to the amazing Krishna (our school cook and cleaner) and her sister who prepared a delicious selection of Indian cuisine.



World Book Day

This month, we celebrated the world of children's literature in true Lord Deramore's fashion. Classes completed a range of workshops and activiteis linked to promoting a love for reading and we finished World Book Day off with our annual 'Book Factor' competition. This year's winner was **Mr Sharpe** who stole the show with his personally-written poem outlining the virtues of Beowulf, the hero of the Geats who came to the aid of Hrothgar, King of the Danes.



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Thank you for your continued support.

With very best wishes,



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