



Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks to those of you who were able to join us for our service of Remembrance on Friday.

We were very grateful to our year 6 pupils who led us in worship with a sense of occasion and gave a wonderful recital of John McCrae's famous war poem, and of course to our recorder players who supported our singing. I was very impressed with how sensibly our children were able to participate in a collective moment of remembrance with the 2 minute silence in our school Memorial Garden and reflect on the brave soldiers from Durley who lost their lives in the first and second World Wars. Thank you also to Chris Davidson for the bagpipe playing – It was quite a sight to behold having the school led across the road by a piper and a first for us at Durley School and grateful thanks to Commander May and Rev. Gregg for their prayers.

Please take time to browse around our memorial garden and see the children's poppy displays thanks to the inspiration of Mrs Crowley. Every pupil in the school has contributed.



REMINDERS:

- **Children in Need – line of coins and film night**

This **Thursday 16 November**, we have our Children in Need fundraiser for this worthwhile charity. We are hoping to make our line of coins from each classroom door to the hall and see everyone at Film night. Please can you ensure that you have signed your child up for film night by Tuesday if they intend on coming along, as we need to purchase refreshments.

- **Swimming** is on again this Friday for children in Years 3 and 4.
- With the onset of the colder weather, we are happy for children to wear dark coloured **tracksuit bottoms** for their outdoor PE lessons.
- PLEASE **name school sweatshirts** and cardigans! We have quite a collection of unnamed tops.



DSA

Christmas is very high on the agenda for our school association this month. This week we will be sending home **Prize Draw tickets** for you to purchase. There are many wonderful prizes for you and your friends and relatives to win. If you require any additional tickets, please just email the school office.

We are still looking for additional gifts for the **children's Christmas gift stall** to be held on 14 December. The DSA would like gifts to be sent into the school office by this **Wednesday 15 November**.

I hope you will all come along to the school Christmas Fayre on **Saturday 9 December 3:00-5:00pm**. This year we have intentionally made the event a little later to be able to end it with carol singing and a bonfire on the school field to get you all into the festive spirit.

Church in school cake making – Stir up Sunday

You are all welcome to join us to make the village Christmas cake on **Sunday 26 November from 9:30** (for breakfast) with a 10:00am start.

Parking

Sadly, I have had a number of complaints from residents and the Parish Council regarding parent parking outside the school. Please do not park on the yellow zigzag lines as they are there intentionally to support children's safety, and be careful not to park in front of resident's driveways. The Memorial Hall is always available for parking and is just a short walk down to the school.



Kind Regards

Kirstie Baines – Headteacher

DIARY DATES 2023

IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2023-2024

Friday 1 December 2023

Monday 3 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

Diary Dates for the 2023-2024 school year – all dates can be subject to changes. All changes and new dates in the diary will appear in red.

Autumn Term 2023

Thursday 16 November	Children in Need - line of coins and film night
Sunday 26 November	9:30 for 10:00am start Church in School, stir up Sunday cake making service
Wednesday 29 November	Non uniform day in exchange for bottles
Thursday 30 November	KS2 singing to the luncheon club (Memorial Hall)
Friday 1 December	School closed for staff training
Monday 4 December	School Christmas Post Box open
Wednesday 6 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
Wednesday 6 December	Non uniform Day in exchange for sweets for children's tombola

Thursday 7 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
Thursday 7 December	2:00pm Year 1 and 2 Listen2me concert
Friday 8 December	Final Year 3 and 4 swimming lesson
Friday 8 December	Hungry snowman competition – bring in a cake
Friday 8 December	KS2 church rehearsal
Saturday 9 December	3:00-5:00pm DSA Christmas Fayre
Tuesday 12 December	Whole School Flu immunisation
Tuesday 12 December	pm Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 14 December	DSA Christmas Gift Store
Friday 15 December	1:30pm Carol Service in Holy Cross Church
	School ends at 3:30pm. No after school child care or clubs.

SPRING TERM 2024

Tuesday 2 January	8:50 school opens for the Spring Term
Thursday 18 January	Y3, 4 and 5 music concert in Southampton County Hall
Friday 2 February	2:45pm Christingle service in Holy Cross Church– all welcome
12-16 February	HALF TERM
Tuesday 20 February	3:00-6:00pm Parents Meetings
Thursday 22 February	4:00-7:00pm Parents Meetings
Sunday 25 February	10:00am Church in School
18-22 March	Year 5 and 6 Residential visit to Isle of Wight
Sunday 24 March	10:00am Palm Sunday church in school.
Thursday 28 March	1:30pm School Easter service Holy Cross Church. All welcome
	3:30pm school closes for Easter break. No after school club.

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 April	8:50am School re-opens for the summer term
13-16 May	Year 6 National SATs week
Monday 20 May	School photographer –class and whole school photos
27-31 May	HALF TERM
Thursday 13 June	7:30-8:30 new parents meeting
Saturday 15 June	Church Fete
Wednesday 19 June	1:30pm SPORTS DAY all welcome
Saturday 29 June	School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 2 July	Year 6 Wyvern Induction day
Tuesday 9 July	1:30pm KS2 school play
Wednesday 10 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
Thursday 11 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
Friday 12 July	1:00pm Y6 Leaver's service Portsmouth Cathedral (children only)
Friday 19 July	1:30pm Leavers service Holy Cross Church
	School ends for the summer break. No after school club.