



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our charity day last week for Children in Need. The children had a great time making lines of coins down the corridor and at the film night. The combination of coins and notes totalled an incredible **£508.57**



### BLUE & YELLOW CLASSES SINGING TO THE LUNCHEON CLUB

As part of our Christmas celebrations, we will be taking the children from Blue and Yellow classes to the Memorial Hall to sing some of their nativity carols to the village luncheon club on **Thursday 30 November**, leaving school at 12:50pm and returning back at approximately 1:45pm. Please could you complete the permission form and return it to school as soon as possible, but by Monday 27 November at the latest.

### REMINDERS

- **Sunday 25 November** – Church in school cake making 9:30am for 10:00am start
- **Wednesday 29 November** – Non uniform in exchange for bottles
- **Thursday 30 November** – 12:50pm KS1 singing to luncheon club, 3:30pm Donut Thursday
- **Friday 1 December** – School closed for staff training.

### REVERSE ADVENT

As we begin our countdown to Christmas next week, in school we are using this as an opportunity to think of others. We would like every class to try to collect 24 items for us to send to the Hedge End Food Centre this Christmas. Over the period of advent, if you would like to send in an item of dried or tinned food to help support families in our local community who are struggling this Christmas.

### SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The school photographer was in school last week to take individual and sibling portraits. Please remember to check your child's bag to retrieve the card which has your personal access code to be able to view and order photos etc online.

### DSA

You should all now have received **Prize Draw tickets** for you to purchase. There are many wonderful prizes for you, your friends and relatives to win. If you require any additional tickets, please just email the school office, and if you are unable to sell them, please return the tickets to the school office.

A reminder that we have two non-uniform days coming up. The first is next **Wednesday 29 November** where the committee are asking for a contribution of a bottle for the bottle stall. The second will be on **Wednesday 6 December** in exchange for sweets for the children's sweet stall.

On **Friday 8 December**, we are asking you to bring in a cake for our cake stall. All cakes will be entered into a draw. Please could cakes be brought directly to the school hall, where your child may choose a number for your cake.

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. Please let the office know if you and your family are able to attend.

Kind Regards

*Kirstie Baines*

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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**

Wednesday 29 November	Non uniform day in exchange for bottles
Thursday 30 November	3:30pm Donut Thursday
<b>Thursday 30 November</b>	<b>Blue &amp; yellow classes singing to the luncheon club (Memorial Hall)</b>
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
<b>Wednesday 6 December</b>	<b>4:15pm Durley KS1 Minis dance performance to parents</b>
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

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Friday 8 December	KS2 church rehearsal
<b>Friday 8 December</b>	<b>4:15pm Durley KS2 Crew dance performance to parents</b>
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. <b>No after school child care or clubs.</b>

### **SPRING TERM 2024**

Tuesday 2 January	8:50 school opens for the Spring Term
<b>Thursday 18 January</b>	<b>Y3, 4 and 5 music concert in Southampton County Hall</b>
Friday 2 February	2:45pm Christingle service in Holy Cross Church– all welcome
<b>12-16 February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
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
<b>Sunday 24 March</b>	<b>10:00am Palm Sunday church in school.</b>
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
<b>27-31 May</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
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
<b>Friday 12 July</b>	<b>1:00pm Y6 Leaver's service Portsmouth Cathedral (children only)</b>
Friday 19 July	1:30pm Leavers service Holy Cross Church
	School ends for the summer break. No after school club.