



Dear Parents

Welcome back to a new school year. The children have been brimming with news of their adventures over the summer and I was delighted to see how quickly the children settled back into the routines of school life this week. Welcome to all of our new children in the school. We have 19 starting in Year R, 2 in year 1 and 1 in Year 4.

OFSTED REPORT

At last I have received a copy of our Ofsted report and I am delighted to be able to forward it to you. I am pleased to see that the report captures the hard work of staff, Governors, parents and children as well as reflecting the family ethos of our school. The report makes me feel very proud to be part of the Durley School team.

The inspector spent one day in school undertaking a short section 8 inspection enabling Ofsted to check that the school has maintained its good quality of education from the previous inspection. The inspector was very impressed with the strong practice in all aspects of the school and the academic outcomes across all classes. It was considered that many aspects of the school were much better than 'Good' which is why the report has recommended that we have a full section 5 inspection (2 days) to confirm this. We are one of only three schools in Hampshire to be in this position and so we are now awaiting our next short notice phone call.

START OF THE YEAR REMINDERS

Please could you ensure that you either email or phone the school office if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or late. The school gates are closed at 9:00am which is when the class teacher will call the register. Children are able to come into school at 8:50am to prepare for the start of the school day. It is extremely disruptive for children to arrive late in school, however if for any reason you are unavoidably late, please enter school via the front door. With children moving to new classes, please can you let the class teacher or school office know if there is going to be a different person collecting your child at the end of the day.

We do not allow jewellery in school except for earrings, which must be taped or taken out for PE. Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school each day.

Finally we do not allow electronics in school (mobile phones, electronic games etc). If any are found they will be kept in a locked cupboard during the day and returned to parents at 3:30pm.

SUNDAY CLUB

Sunday club will be back in school this **Sunday 9 September at 10:00-11:00am** in the school hall and Blue Class. Everyone is most welcome to join us.

PARKING

Can I also remind you that there is **NO** parking on the track for parents, relatives or friends dropping off or collecting children at the start or end of the school day. Parking is always available at Quob Stables (opposite the school) or the Memorial Hall.

DSA AGM

The Durley School Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 19 September at 7:00pm**. The committee is keen to recruit new members to help with their vital role in fundraising and supporting the school. If you think you might be able to join their team please don't hesitate to speak to the staff in the school office.

REMINDER – WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL

As we start the new school year, can I just remind you that we do not allow any children to bring nuts into school, this includes products that may contain nuts as we currently have a number of pupils with a severe allergy to nuts.

If you feel that we may need to update our records with any new medical condition for your child, or contact details, please could you speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

Please find the attached diary dates for the coming school year and after-school events. All music lessons will begin next week (woodwind/brass Thursday, recorder/piano Friday) so please remember to bring your instruments and music books.

A reminder that our school website has a copy of all the newsletters throughout the year and a calendar with all the current dates and useful information.

Kirstie Baines—Headteacher