



**MARCH 2017**

**Friday 3 March**

DAY CLOSURE In-service  
Training

**Tuesday 7 March**

Y5 visit to author Chris Riddell  
in Thornden Hall

**Friday 10 March**

Y5/6 vocal workshop in Bot-  
ley church. Parents welcome  
at 12:00noon.

**Thursday 16 March**

7:00-9:00pm Paediatric 1st  
Aid.

**Friday 17 March**

Non uniform day in exchange  
for Easter eggs.

**Saturday 18 March**

7:30 Quiz Night

**Wednesday 22 March**

Blue and Yellow class Titanic  
theatre workshop

**Thursday 23 March**

6:00-7:00pm School Disco

**Friday 24 March**

Red Nose Day.  
Lunch for women who help  
us.

**W/b 27 March**

BOOK WEEK

**Wednesday 29 March**

Visiting Author Michael  
O'Leary

**Thursday 30 March**

EYFS/KS1 visit from Fire ser-  
vice

**Friday 31 March**

Roald dahl Dress-Up day  
PG Wells Bookfair  
6:00pm Family reading night

**APRIL 2017**

**Friday 7 April**

1.30pm Easter Service in Holy  
Cross Church

Dear Parents

Welcome back after the half term break. I am delighted to see that the EYFS/KS1 playground is finally back in action after our flooding 8 months ago! We look forward to longer days and sunny weather in the lead up to Easter. As you can see from the school calendar, we are due for a very busy time over the next six weeks. More details can be found in the school google calendar which can be accessed through our school website.

This week we welcome a new pupil to Year 2 following the family relocation from Lancashire.

I was very fortunate to have a front row seat at the recent Pyramid Vocal Festival in Thornden Hall, where all of our Year 6 children joined children from across the pyramid of schools for a mini production of Disney's Jungle Book. The singing was amazing with our children making me feel extremely proud.

I am delighted that more and more of our children are getting involved in competitive sport. Twelve of our Year 3 and 4 children took part in the area Aqua Splash swimming competition against other schools, with our strong team finishing in 4th place. Years 5 and 6 have had some very successful wins this term in recent basketball and hockey competitions against schools in the local area.

**Ash Wednesday**

As part of Ash Wednesday celebrations, Rev Amy Webb will be taking whole school worship this Wednesday 1 March. At the end of the Service she will be visiting classes and undertaking a blessing where she places an ash cross on the forehead of the pupils.

The children will be asked if they would like to participate, if you would not like your child to have the ash cross placed on their forehead by Rev Amy then please let your child's class teacher know or email the school office

**DSA Quiz Night**

Please hurry and get your tickets for the DSA quiz night on Saturday 18 March at 7:30pm to help us with numbers for catering. This very successful event is always a great evening on the DSA events calendar. Tickets are £10, including food with a maximum of 6 people in each team which can be purchased from the DSA or school office with a completed reply slip.

**1st Aid Evening**

We still have a few spaces left on the Paediatric 1st Aid evening being held in the hall on Thursday 16 March from 7:00 to 9:00pm. The aim is to provide parents with lots of useful information about administering 1st aid should the need arise. The evening is for information only, there is no exam or qualification at the end! The tickets are £10 each and will be on a first come first served basis.

**Increase cost in school meals**

A reminder that School meals for pupils at Key Stage 2 will be increasing from £2:10 to £2:15 on 1 April 2017. We consider this still to be excellent value for money.

**Staffing**

It is with huge sadness that Teaching Assistant Mrs Denise Badman will be leaving us on 15 March to take up an administrative role at Office Team in Eastleigh. Mrs Badman has been associated with Durley School since 1997 and is one of longest serving members of staff. We are indebted to her for all her work as teaching assistant alongside her additional responsibilities for cross country club, the breakfast and after school clubs over the years. We wish her all the very best of luck.

We are also indebted to the work of Mrs Denise Dolton who will be leaving her position as lunchtime supervisor over the coming month and thank her for her dedication. As a result, we are looking for additional staff to work at lunchtime, as well as our breakfast and after school clubs. If you think you might like to join our team of staff, please speak to Miss Amanda Pink at the school office or myself.

**Day Closures**

A reminder that there will be a day closure for staff training **this Friday 3 March**. There will be two additional day closures for staff training before the end of the school year on 24 and 25 July 2017. Please find the attached diary dates for your calendar, which can also be found on the school website.