Summer Term 2019

Diary Dates

Durley CE Primary School

Newsletter 1 3 April 2019

MAY

Thursday 2 May
1:15-3:30pm SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTERNOON and NON UNIFORM DAY
6 May Bank Holiday
13-16 May
KS2 tests
Friday 17 May
Y6 Grounds day and Non-uniform day (Y6 only)
3:30-5:00pm Y6 Picnic and rounders
20-24 May
Walk to school week
Thursday 23 May
3:30pm Family Bingo
Tuesday 21 May
8:50am Class Photos
Friday 24 May
Tea Party for Mrs Holttum and Mrs Long

27-31 May HALF TERM
JUNE

Wednesday 19 June
1:30pm SPORTS DAY
Friday 21 June
Messy Church at Durley
Thursday 27 June
YR-5 Annual Report to Parents

JULY

Tuesday 2 July
Wyvern New intake day for Y6. Parents to transport children to and from Wyvern
Wednesday 3 July
1:00 Y6 Leavers service at Portsmouth Cathedral (sorry -no space for parents!)
Thursday 4 July
2:30 music event for children with music lessons
Tuesday 9 July
1:30 Key Stage 2 Production
Wednesday 10 July
6:30 Key Stage 2 production
Thursday 11 July
Y6 Annual Report to parents

Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks to all of you who joined us in our Easter service this year and helped with walking the children up to Holy Cross Church. A huge thank you to one of our Year 1 parents for providing us with the two exceptionally well behaved donkeys to lead us through the streets of Durley to Holy Cross church – just as Jesus walked into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday.

Can I remind you that if your child wants to join one of our after school activity clubs, there are spaces in all of them except the gymnastics club, so please return your reply slip as soon as possible.

SCHOOL GROUNDS AFTERNOON

We would be very grateful for any help available on the afternoon of Thursday 2 May 1:15-3:30pm to help spruce up our school grounds after the winter. This will mainly involve replanting the raised beds, sweeping and trimming. It will also be a **non-uniform day** in exchange for plants. Blue and Yellow classes would particularly like bee friendly plants to fit in with current minibeast project and work they are doing to help save the bees. Years 3,4 and 5 would like alpine plants for the fairy garden and drought resistant plants (e.g. lavender, herbs, grasses silver leaf plants) for the other raised beds on the main playground. We would like to make the KS2 garden behind the sheds into a quiet area. It would be grerat to have donations of driftwood, shells, stones, cork to make natural collages. We will be saving some of the work for Year 6 children to do on their very own grounds day on Friday 17 May. The year 6 children will also be allowed to wear non uniform on that day and for their after school picnic (Y6 can wear non-uniform on both days). Please see the letter attached to sign up to help us.

STAFF NEWS

Laura Proudman will be returning from maternity leave on Thursday 6 June to teach in Blue class each Thursday and Friday. Mrs Proudman will be dropping into Blue class over the coming weeks to get to know the children and to be updated on their progress before the half term break.

Mrs Long has decided to join her husband in retirement after working as a Teaching Assistant with us for the past 18 years. Mrs Long has been a support to so many of our pupils at Key Stage 2 over the years and taken a lead in her role as Higher Level Teaching Assistant for Computing.

Mrs Holttum will also be leaving us for an exciting new role with the NHS as a Community Nursery Nurse for the Winchester area. Having worked at Durley school since 2001 she will be a huge loss to us all for her expertise as a higher level teaching assistant in special needs and tremendous support for parents and children with her work as an ELSA (emotional literacy support assistant).

They will both be missed by all of us, and so we are keen to give Mrs Long and Mrs Holttum a proper goodbye as a thank you for their dedication to the Durley School community. Please come and join us at a 'goodbye and thank you' tea party for them both on **Friday 24 May 2019 at 3:00pm** in the school hall for parents, friends, ex-pupils and the Durley village community.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

A reminder that the week starting **Monday 20 May** is walk to school week. As in previous years we will be setting up walking buses from various locations in the village and could do with parent help to walk the children with us each day.