

Autumn Term 2017

Diary Dates

Durley CE Primary School

Newsletter 3

2 October 2017



OCTOBER 2017

Tues 3 October

1:00-3:00 Red class swimming

Wed 4 October

OPEN DAY for prospective parents

Thurs 5 October

3:00pm Goodbye tea for Mrs Watts—everyone welcome

Fri 6 October

9:15am Harvest Festival in school

10:45-11:30 Raised beds dig

11:50am Harvest lunch

9-13 October

Green Class Residential to Brecon

Fri 20 October

Shoe Box Appeal Collection

23-27 October

HALF TERM BREAK Tues 31 Oct

3:00pm-7:00pm Parent's Meetings

NOVEMBER 2017

Thurs 2 November

3:00pm-7:00pm Parent's Meetings

Fri 10 November

10:45am Remembrance Day service in school

Wed 15 November

Non uniform day for Christmas Fayre

Fri 17 November

Children in Need

Mon 20 November

School photos (portraits) - note date change

Wed 22 November

Non Uniform day for Christmas Fayre

Fri 24 November

Cake donations for Christmas Fayre (Hungry Snowman)

SATURDAY 25 NOVEMBER

10:30-12:00 SCHOOL XMAS FAYRE

Wed 29 November

1:00pm Years R-4 flu spray

DECEMBER 2017

Fri 1 December

School CLOSED for staff training

Wed 13 December

9:30am Blue and Yellow class nativity

Thur 14 December

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6:00pm Carols around the bonfire

Fri 15 December

pm KS2 church rehearsal

Sunday 17 December

DSA pantomime visit

Dear Parents

Many thanks to our school librarian Marcia Cook, the readers and everyone who came along to our extremely well attended family reading evening on Friday we had great fun. We are very impressed with all of the children that took part in this years library reading challenge. As a congratulations the children that met the reading challenge will be having a special ice-cream sundae surprise at lunchtime this Thursday.

Congratulations to our football teams last week with an area competition for our girls team and Hampshire small schools for the boys. Both teams played extremely well.

We are currently looking for volunteers willing to undertake some basic road safety training and to then teach small groups of Year 2 pupils (2 or 3 at a time) to be more aware of the dangers of traffic. Volunteers do not have to have children in Year 2. If you think you might be able to help out please make the office staff aware.

A reminder that this Thursday 5 October at 3:00pm we will be holding a leaving tea party for Mrs Anita Watts. Everyone is most welcome to join us in saying goodbye.

DSA

Following the DSA AGM last week, we thanked members who were standing down this year - Rachel Webb, Jo Sharman, Kathy Whalley and Glenn Fosbraey for all their hard work over the past year on the Durley School Association committee. We also welcomed new members Leah Bennett, Naomi Onisemo, and Jade Reeves— and congratulated our new chairman Sarah Baird on her appointment.

A reminder to you all that the easiest way to raise additional funds is through 'Easyfundraising'. If you would like more information, please visit the DSA facebook page which will also give you information about up and coming events.

Many thanks to all of you who joined us for our first Fancy Dress Wellie Walk. It was a beautiful afternoon for a walk across the fields and through the woods in a wide variety of costumes. The event was a great success thanks to all the support with marshalling and walking. The children looked fabulous in their costumes. Please could you return your sponsor money with the card which will enable Gift Aid to be collected from those eligible to donate. We are keen to have all the sponsor money back at school by the October half term.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

The school Harvest Festival will be held in the school hall on **Friday 6 October at 9:15am**. We would be most grateful for donations of food and toiletries to be brought into school on that day, enabling us to take them along to the Hedge End Food Bank for distribution (please see the reverse of this newsletter for a list of items that are needed). Everyone is most welcome to come and join the service.

HARVEST LUNCH

A reminder that we will also be holding our Harvest lunch for parents and preschool children to join their school age children for lunch in the school hall on Friday at 11:50am

OPEN DAY

We will be holding an open day for prospective families and their children This Wednesday 4 **October 9:30am-11:45 and 1:30-2:30pm**. Please could you pass this on to anyone that you may know with a child starting school in September 2018.

Finally, our raised beds are looking a bit sad after their summer growth. We had an amazing crop of tomatoes which have been put to good use in the school kitchen. We would be very grateful for some volunteers who were able to stay in school to help a group of children undertake some weeding this Friday between the Harvest Festival and Harvest lunch. Coffee and cakes will be provided! If you are able to help out, please could you speak to your child's class teacher.

Kirstie Baines - Headteacher