

Spring Term 2018

Diary Dates

Durley CE Primary School

Newsletter 3

20 February 2018



Tuesday 20 February

3:00-7:00pm Parent Interviews

Wednesday 21 February

Year R,1 and 2 trip to Longdown Activity Farm

Thursday 22 February

3:00-7:00pm Parent Interviews

Friday 23 February DAY CLOSURE

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Wednesday 7 March

Year 2 Road Safety Training

Friday 9 March

Non-uniform—Easter Eggs for Spring Fayre
Lunch for women who help us

Saturday 10 March

Spring Fayre
7:30 DSA Murder Mystery Evening

Tuesday 13 March

1:30-3:30 Y4/5 Vocal rehearsal at Wildern for Royal Albert Hall

Friday 16 March

Red Class trip to Fishbourne Palace

3:45 Messy Church at Durley

Wednesday 21 March

6:00-7:30 Spring Disco

Friday 23 March

Red Class topic outcome

Thursday 29 March

1:30pm Easter Service in Holy Cross Church
3:30pm school ends for the half term break

Monday 16 April

8:50am school re-opens for summer term

Dear Parents

We were thrilled to receive a letter from Rt Hon Nick Gibb MP (Minister of State for School Standards) congratulating us on our Key Stage 2 results in July 2017, which put us in the top 1% of schools in England for writing and maths. I would like to thank all of our hard working staff and pupils as well as the children's supportive parents who helped to make this possible.

Many thanks to those of you who were able to join us for our music concert before half term. Congratulations to all of our pupils who recently passed their music exams in Flute, Recorder and Clarinet.

Pupils in year 6 recently joined other pupils in the pyramid for a singing workshop led by Edward Price from the BBC Singers and final performance in the Thornden Hall. The singing and accompanying hand actions was complicated but very effective. Our pupils rehearsed with pupils from Upham Primary in the weeks leading up to the event.

Before the half term break the children took part in a number of sporting competitions. Our Year 5 and 6 hockey team competed against 12 teams from the local area, and with 2 wins, a draw and one loss they managed to finish in 3rd place. The year 3 and 4 girls football team braved the cold weather to compete against the schools in the Wyvern pyramid finishing in 3rd place. The Year 3 and 4 swimming team of 12 children competed at the Bishops Waltham School Pool and were thrilled to finish in 2nd place. We had some great swims with many first place positions. Finally we were thrilled to have a Year 3 pupil representing Durley School in the Cross Country area finals finishing in 3rd place for Year 3 boys. Well done to all of our sporting teams.

A big thank you to Marcia Cook and Charlotte Holttum for organising our very successful family reading night and to the stamina of the 5 story tellers. Thank you for your book purchases which has generated funds to purchase more books for our school library.

The children in Key Stage 1 have very much enjoyed their topic this term on superheroes - real and fictional. Thank you all for the superhero outfits for dress up day. The children looked fabulous. They have now moved onto their new topic about the Farm and really enjoyed seeing Barry the Cockerel

Murder Mystery Evening

We now have a full cast of actors rehearsing their lines and getting into role for our murder mystery evening on **Saturday 10 March** at 7:30pm. Tickets are available from the school office or the DSA on the school playground.

Online Shopping

Do you shop online? A percentage of what you spend could be donated to our school at no cost to you. Every time you make a purchase online, Durley School will receive a donation. Most large UK retailers including Sainsburys, M&S, John Lewis, Amazon and eBay are included.

It would be great if we could get 100% of our families and friends registered, it only takes 2 minutes! if you want to find out more go to https://youtu.be/Sn2dsQGAE_w.

Day Closure

A reminder that there will be a day closure for staff training this **Friday 23 February**,

Please note additional dates added to the calendar. All diary dates can be found on the school website.

Kirstie Baines - Headteacher