

Spring Term 2020

Diary Dates

FEBRUARY

Thursday 13 February

3:30-7:00pm Parent Interviews

Friday 14 February

3.30pm DSA Valentine biscuit sale

Monday 24 February

INSET (closure for staff training)

26 - 28 February

10:00am Y3/4 leave school for residential visit to Beaulieu

Friday 28 February

3:40pm Messy Church in School

MARCH

Thursday 5 March

5:00-6:00pm Family Reading Night

Friday 6 March

NON UNIFORM DAY in exchange for

Easter eggs

3:30pm DSA Donut Friday

Sunday 8 March

10:00am Church in school

9 – 13 March

9:30am Y5/6 Children leave school for residential visit to Brecon

Saturday 14 March

10-12:00 Spring Fayre at Memorial Hall

Monday 16 March

Blue and Yellow class trip to Living Rain Forest

Friday 20 March

11:50am Lunch for women who help us
2:00pm Mother's Day present sale for children

Sunday 22 March

Church in school with children's club

Monday 23 March

2:45pm Brecon memories Assembly for Year 5 and 6 parents and carers.

Thursday 26 March

2:30pm Music concert for children who have peripatetic music lessons in school.

6:30pm School Disco

Friday 27 March

1:30pm Y1/2 listen2me music concert

APRIL

Wednesday 1 April

Y6 visit to Rock Up, Whitely

Thursday 2 April

9:00am Bags for school collection

Friday 3 April

1:30pm Easter service in Holy Cross church. Everyone welcome

6-17 April Easter Break

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13 February 2020



Dear Parents

It was lovely to be joined for worship by so many parents for our annual Christingle Service in school. The children very much enjoyed making them and raised an incredible £199 for the Children's Society.



We were also delighted by the response for the very successful Harry Potter Quiz evening last week.



Many thanks to our librarian Mrs Cook who, with the support from staff, for made it a fun evening alongside encouraging children to read for pleasure. 90 people attended the quiz, all of which were extremely knowledgeable. Well done to our winning family who narrowly won in a nail-biting tie-break! Can I draw your attention to World Book Day on **Thursday 5 March** where we will NOT be asking children to dress up, although we will be having many reading related activities in school during the day and a family reading night for you all between 5:00pm and 6:00pm.

Last week we welcomed a new Year 5 pupil and his family to Durley School. We hope he enjoys his time with us and as a keen footballer he has already made many new friends!

Red and Green classes are currently learning about volcanoes and earthquakes, and were treated this week to a talk from one of our Year 3 parents on his experiences in Haiti during the earthquake of 2010. The children and adults were very grateful to him for the fascinating talk and for us to be able to hear his first hand experience of such a traumatic event.

Thank you to everyone who managed to attend this weeks parents meetings. The Governors had an online questionnaire linked to future parent information sessions. If you didn't have a chance to complete it, the survey monkey link is as follows: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YT5P68J>

A reminder that next week is half term followed by a staff training day closure on **Monday 24 February**, with schools in the Wyvern Cluster, focusing on children's mental health. Our thanks to Mrs Dew and her team of digital leaders who organised assemblies and activities for Safer Internet Day on Tuesday. This years theme was all about being free to be ourselves online, so please do ask your children about what they have learnt and remember from their day.

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SPORT

We have had a very busy sporting few weeks with many competitions finishing in third place. Year 5 and 6 have played three basketball matches against schools in the cluster as well as schools in the area all reaching the semi finals. They swam well at the recent swimming gala at Bishops Waltham—narrowly missing out on second place to Fair Oak. We also finished in third place in the area hockey competition.

I was delighted to have secured free tickets to take a group of Year 6 children to watch the Solent Kestrels play basketball at Solent University last weekend. The children were met by the Kestrels captain and shown to their seats as well as being able to play on the court at half time and meet the players. The Kestrels beat the Westminster Warriors 97-69 making it a very exciting, fast moving match.



We are currently making the final arrangements for the Key Stage 2 residentials to Beaulieu and the Brecon Beacons which take place after the half term break. Mr Male will be holding an assembly for Year 5 and 6 parents in the school hall on **Monday 23 March at 2:45pm** to see photographs and hear all about their adventures.

Finally, each half term we have a learning value which we focus on and present children with certificates of achievement. After the half term break we will be emphasising 'good manners', and would appreciate your support to help us reinforce the importance of this with your children.

Wishing you all a restful half term break.

Kirstie Baines - Headteacher