



### OCTOBER 2018

#### Thursday 18 October

3:00-7:00pm Parent Interviews

### 22-26 October HALF TERM

#### Sunday 28 October

10:00am Family church service

#### Monday 29 October

9:15 Red class topic outcome. Everyone welcome

#### Tuesday 30 October

Year 1 and 2 visit to Royal Victoria Country Park

### NOVEMBER 2018

#### Friday 2 November

Rotary Club Shoe Box collection

#### Sunday 11 November

10:30am Remembrance Service in school— we would like as many children and their families as possible to join us for the 100 year end of WW1 commemoration

#### Friday 16 November

Children in Need—film night

#### Monday 19 November

Pupil & sibling portrait photos

#### Friday 23 November

Non-uniform day (for children's tombola at Xmas Fayre)

3:30 Messy Church in School

#### Sunday 25 November

10:00 Church in school—Stir up Sunday

#### Wednesday 28 November

Non-uniform day (for adult's tombola at Xmas Fayre)

#### Thursday 29 November

YR and Y6 height and weight

#### Friday 30 November

Hungry Snowman (cakes for Xmas Fayre)

### DECEMBER 2018

#### Saturday 1 December

10:30-12:30 School Christmas Fayre

#### Thursday 6 December

Years R-5 Flu Spray

#### Friday 7 December

DAY CLOSURE—staff training

#### Sunday 9 December

10:00 Church in school and Sunday Club

#### 12 and 13 December

9:30 Yellow and Green Class nativity

#### Thursday 13 December

6:30 Carols around the bonfire

Dear Parents

Following the stepping down of Governor Holly Wood at the end of last term, we have now appointed a new member to our Governing Body—Ian Paul. Ian's children both attended Durley some years ago and he will be joining our premises committee.

Well done to the 66 children who took part in the book swap today. They all went away delighted with their newly acquired books. We are very grateful to Mrs Cook for all her hard work organising this event.

Many thanks to all of you who came along to support our fundraising at the Christmas Shopping Night last week. We had over 100 shoppers joining us on the night and raised an incredible £642.38. Thanks also to all of you who have been sending in sponsored sports money over the past couple of weeks. The total is currently at is £1 060. It would be lovely to have all of it collected in by half term (this Friday). We have now ordered the new computer laptops with software and 36 new chairs for Red class thanks to your fundraising.

The DSA are now turning their attentions to the Christmas Fayre on Saturday **1 December 10.30-12:30pm**. Everyone is most welcome to come along and join in with all of the fun. If you are able to help in the run up to the fayre or on the day, please see a member of the DSA or let the school office know.

Congratulations to our Years 5 and 6 cross country teams who competed alongside 250 children from local schools at Hamble Secondary school last week. They all did really well making it round the 1 mile course. A particular well done to one of our Year 5 pupils who finished in 6th place.

### CHRISTMAS PANTOMIME

The DSA have reserved tickets for this years pantomime at the Theatre Royal in Winchester to see 'Beauty and the Beast' on **Saturday 22 December at 2:30pm**. The tickets are at a special reduced rate. If you wish to purchase some, the final day for ordering is this Friday 19 October from the school office. This is always a great way to start the Christmas festivities. **SHOE BOX APPEAL**

This year we are supporting the Rotary Shoe Box Appeal for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania with a present of a shoe box full of gifts for Christmas. Ideas for the shoe box can be found on the leaflet sent out last week. More leaflets are available from the school office. Please can shoe boxes be brought into school on **Friday 2 November** for collection with your £1.00 coin sellotaped to the lid to help with transportation and admin

### WORLD WAR 1 COMMEMORATION

Thanks you to all of you who have returned your slips to say that you are able to join us on **Sunday 11 November (10:30 for a 10:40 start and 11:10am finish)** for our special remembrance service in school. We would like to start teaching children poems and songs for the service so it is helpful to know which children and families are able to join us. I would be grateful if children could be in school uniform as a sign of respect for the service which will start in school before moving across the road to the Memorial Garden. The Durley Memorial Hall will be open throughout the day with a display of the children's work and research. The day will end at 7:00pm with the lighting of a beacon and piper call in the field opposite the church. Parking will be available at Quob stables.

### HARVEST

Thanks to everyone who donated food to the Hedge End Food Centre, took part in our Harvest Festival service this year and then joined us for our Harvest lunch. We are very grateful to the kitchen staff who cooked for nearly 200.

### RED CLASS TOPIC OUTCOME

Parents and friends are invited along to see the Red Class topic outcome on **Monday 29 October at 9:15am**. You will have an opportunity to see the iron age to stone age topic work undertaken this term.

**Kirstie Baines—Headteacher**