

Autumn Term 2017

Diary Dates

Durley CE Primary School

Newsletter 7

5 December 2017



Dear Parents

Thank you to everyone who helped out, donated, organised and came along to support us at the Christmas Fayre last Saturday. It was a fantastic morning with a lovely festive atmosphere throughout. Our hardworking committee and stall holders raised over £2,500. The money will be going towards our new outdoor area. We are most grateful to the DSA for all their support. Well done to Jane Crabb who won the first prize in the Prize Draw and to a Year 6 pupil for winning the hungry snowman competition. The bunting colouring competition in the school hall is looking very festive.

Christmas preparations have already started at Durley School with our traditional fairy lights and snowballs in the corridors. Many thanks from the whole school community to the Brewer family for the donation of our beautiful Christmas tree in the school hall and to Jade Reeves and Naomi Onisemo for continuing our tradition by naming all the baubles. The Christmas post box is in the library area for children to post cards to their friends. Please can you ensure that the card is clearly named with the receiving child's first and surname as well as the class.

This week I had a wonderful start to the Christmas season by attending a Christmas concert in Droxford Church with singers from Droxford Junior School, West Meon Primary and our children in Years 4 and 5. The children had been rehearsing in school over the past month, with the Choristers from Portsmouth Cathedral Choir.

Last week we were joined by the NSPCC for assemblies and workshops training children to keep safe. The sessions were extremely well presented and informative for children as another aspect of ensuring our children have an understanding of how to keep themselves safe. A reminder to anyone coming into the building, we do not wish to appear unfriendly, but you will need to sign in at reception and wear a visitors lanyard.

A few reminders about this weeks activities:

- 1:30pm, Thursday 7 December—Blue and Yellow class decoration workshops
- 1:30pm, Friday 8 December — Year 1 and 2 singing concert (approx. 20 mins)

GREEN CLASS TOPIC OUTCOME

Green class (Year 5 and 6) will be holding their 'mountains' topic outcome next Friday 15 December at 9:00. All parents are welcome to come along and see their work.

PARENT GOVERNOR

Parent Governor Chris Taylor is coming to the end of his 4 year term of office in January. Over the past 4 years, Chris has been our training liaison Governor setting up training sessions for us all, is currently chair of the pay review committee and a member of the personnel committee. Chris is keen to continue as a governor for the coming 4 years, however if any of you would be interested in standing in his place, please do not hesitate to contact me or Chair of Governors Jenny Carkeet before the end of this Term.

SPECIAL ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICES

All of the Church Advent and Christmas services are on the leaflet sent home with your child if you live outside of the Durley catchment and hand delivered if you are within the catchment. Congratulations to one of our Year 5 pupils for winning the Church Christmas card competition this year.

The church carol service will be on **17 December at 3:30pm** and Crib service on Christmas Eve at 3:00pm in Holy Cross Church.

Kirstie Baines - Headteacher

Thurs 7 December

1:30pm—3:00pm

KS1 Xmas decoration workshop

Fri 8 December

1.30pm Listen2Me concert (KS1)

Wed 13 December

9:30am Blue & Yellow class nativity

Thurs 14 December

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6:00pm Carols around the bonfire

Fri 15 December

KS2 church rehearsal (am)

Sun 17 December

DSA pantomime visit

Tues 19 December

pm Class Christmas parties
(children may bring clothes to change into)

Wed 20 December

Children's Christmas lunch and charity Christmas jumper day

Thurs 21 December

1:30 Whole School Carol Service in Holy Cross Church

3:30 School Closes for Xmas break

HAPPY NEW YEAR 2018

Thurs 4 January

8:50am School re-opens for Spring Term

Tues 16 January

Year R school nurse, vision and hearing

Fri 2 February

6.00-7.00pm Family Reading Night

Sunday 4 February

10:00am Christingle in Durley Church

Tuesday 6 February

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 7 February

Year 6 Vocal Festival Thornden Hall