

Autumn
Term 2021

Durley CE Primary School

Newsletter 3

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Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to see the majority of our children back in school this week after the disrupted start to the new school year. My thanks to all of our staff who have risen to the challenge of providing home learning whilst teaching in school over the past fortnight.

COVID UPDATE

I am delighted to say that on Monday we should have all children back in school, and most of our staff. We will be cautiously coming out of our strict Covid-19 measures over the next few weeks starting from next week as follows:

- The children will be returning to **Key Stage 1 and 2 bubbles** rather than class bubbles,
- Peripatetic **music lessons** will return with our music staff back in school,
- Children in years 3, 4 and 5 will be having **swimming lessons** at the pool in Winchester, starting this Friday
- After **school sports clubs** for Key Stage 2 on Wednesday and Key Stage 1 on Friday will return

Next week, we will however continue with the staggered drop off and collection arrangements and request that you wear face masks on the playground. We will of course be continuing with our cleaning arrangements and ensuring good ventilation of classrooms at all times.

We have not had any new cases at Key stage 2 since Monday 13 September and Friday 17 September at Key Stage 1. Please can you continue to keep alert particularly as we go into the winter months of coughs and colds.

HARVEST

As our Harvest festival is coming up in the next few weeks, sadly we will not be able to invite parents into school to join us for either the service or the Harvest lunch this year. The festival will still be on **Thursday 7 October**, and we would be extremely grateful for donations (please see separate suggested list) to support the Winchester Night Shelter. The children will meet for separate KS1 and KS2 acts of worship in the morning.



CLASS DOJO



Please can you make sure that you sign up to your child's new year group on ClassDojo to receive photographs and messages from your child's class teacher. You will also be able to privately message on ClassDojo, which I know some of the parents of our younger new children have found very useful. The most direct way to get a message to your child's classteacher is by email on adminofficec@durley.hants.sch.uk, which will also be seen by office staff and myself out of school hours.

DSA ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Thank you to those of you who managed to join us last night for our DSA annual general meeting. The team raised over £9 000 in the last academic year thanks to your support and spent it all on resources for children across the school including Chromebooks, Yellow class chairs, water trays for Yellow and Blue Classes and much more.

Our thanks and gratitude went to parents Zoe Kirby, Jo Sharman, Leah Bennett and Gosia Markowicz who are stepping down from the committee and have worked hard over the years in support of the fundraising to provide exciting activities and resources for the children. We also welcomed new members to the committee, Rachel Reeves, Rosie Beazley and Simone Morris.

Naomi Onisemo has agreed to stand once again as Chair, Sam Hamilton Vice Chair, Gwen Heywood-Waddington Treasurer, Heidi Hedges-Edginton Secretary. The committee have already started to make plans for some exciting new events in the coming term.

SPONSORED FANCY DRESS FUN RUN



Next **Wednesday 29 September** we will be holding a sponsored fancy dress fun run to purchase more outdoor play equipment for the children. Please could children bring their fancy dress outfit into school in a named carrier bag on the day, so they can get changed for the event. You should have received a sponsor form to be able ask relatives and friends to help support us. For those of you who struggle to find cash in these contactless times, you can support us through the 'Go Fund Me' page <https://gofund.me/07b605c5> . I am delighted to see that we have already raised £85!

SOLAR PANELS



We have been selected for a grant to have solar panels installed on the roof of the building above Red and Green classes. The scaffolding will be installed this Saturday 25 September and installation will be on 4 and 5 October. We apologise in advance for any disruption this may cause, but feel the benefits will outweigh the disturbance.

Take care and keep safe

Kind regards

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