

Autumn  
Term 2021

# Durley CE Primary School

Newsletter 5

8 October 2021



Dear Parents and Carers

This week we have managed to return to the exciting activities we have missed so much over the past eighteen months.



An enormous thank you to you all for the generous donations for our Harvest festival this week. We held our Harvest festival service in two bubbles with Rev Gregg Mensingh helping us out at both. I look forward to delivering your donations to the Winchester Night Shelter this Saturday.

Thank you to the Beazly family who donated their football goal for playtimes on our school field. The children are thrilled and they are practicing hard for some upcoming matches.

The children in years 3, 4 and 5 had their first swimming session last Friday in the new swimming pool in Winchester. They were very excited to be travelling on a coach and all said it felt as if they were going on a school trip! This was the first time we have taken three year groups to swimming lessons.



Well done to the children who took part in the Year 2, 3 and 4 Cross Country fun run on Tuesday with children from other local schools. They did extremely well on quite a wet course at Swanmore College and made us all feel very proud of them.

I am delighted with the solar panels appearing on the school roof, which so far has not disrupted learning or playtimes. We look forward to them being in operation very soon.

Blue and Yellow classes are learning about Judaism in their Religious Education lessons this term and were visited by Rabbi Zvi earlier in the week who told them all about the festival of Sukkat.

## DSA

Thank you for the very generous sponsorship donations for our own fancy dress fun run. We have raised an incredible **£1 809**. If you would still like to contribute, please send in cash to the school office or pay through the 'go fund me' page at the following link: <https://gofund.me/07b605c5>

Following last years success, the DSA will be sending out a form on Monday for your child to design their own **Christmas card** which can then be printed for you to send out to friends and family. Please can you ensure that designs are back in school by Wednesday 20 October to enable you to receive them well before Christmas.

### **Proposed Road Closure – Durley Brook Road**

We have not yet been officially informed, but we know that there is proposed road works along Durley Brook Road from 18 October. Please see the attached link to the Village website for more information. <https://www.durleyvillage.com/>

The road will be open in the morning until 9:30am, however it will be closed from the school to the garage at Beech Corner until 4:00pm each evening while Hampshire Highways are completing drainage works. This means there will be no parking at Quob Stables at home time. The works will be in two parts, so we are hoping it may not be closed for the whole eight weeks. We will keep you updated when we have more information.

### **Reminders**

A reminder that next Friday 15 October is our **disco party** on the school playground. If your child would like to come along, please return your form by **Tuesday at the latest** to help us with numbers for buying food.

Please could you make sure you have returned the reply slip to make an appointment for **parents' evening** by **Monday 18 October** to enable us to sort out the timeslots.

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend.

Kind regards

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