

Spring
Term 2021

Durley CE Primary School

Newsletter 5

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Dear Parents and Carers

Well done to those of you who have been taking part in the activities this week for mental health week. It has been an important reminder to us all that our mental and physical health is particularly important at this time where our days do not have the usual structure. A huge thank you to Miss Baldwin for her work to support us all.

Next Friday 12 February we will be saying goodbye to Mr Jones in Yellow class who has been with us this term as part of his teacher training course. We wish him all the best of luck with the final section of his training.

Well done to all the children from Years 2 to 6 who have been working on Times Table Rock Stars this term. Learning multiplication tables really helps children with their mental maths and spotting patterns. We have set up a competition with girls verses boys this week and over the coming week for the amount of correct answers on the program. At the moment, the two teams are very close with the girls slightly in front. Please contact us if you need us to resend your password.



Live Celebration Worship – Friday 12 February 2021

As we come to the end of the first half of the Spring Term, I thought it would be a lovely idea to bring the whole school together for a live celebration worship with all staff and children at **2:45pm on Friday 12 February**. This will be the first time we will have had the whole school together since 20 March 2020! The link to join the worship will be put onto your child's class timetable for next week, and as always, I ask for your child to be on mute unless asked by name to contribute.

Prayer Competition

Thank you to all of the children who have sent in prayers for our whole school worship each week. Rev. Gregg will be collecting them on Monday morning for judging to enable us to announce the winner from each class on Friday during celebration worship. I will still accept entries up until Monday 8 February.

Google Classroom

Thank you all for the support you have given us this term with getting the platform Google Classroom up and running. Unlike the first lockdown, we have been able to introduce children to new learning and track pupil progress where work has been returned to us.

One of the issues we have had with the platform is that we are not alerted to work being sent in late. We are spending a lot of time going back and checking all of the work to find any that may have been submitted the following day. If you are regularly having a problem sending the work in to your child's class teacher on the day it is set, due to your own work or childcare patterns, please could you let your child's class teacher know through class dojo.

Please can you remind your children – particularly those at Key Stage 2, not to use the live chat meetings with teachers to send messages arranging to meet friends online or use the chat function

when the teacher is talking unless it is in response to something the teacher has asked. We recognise that the children are all very excited to see their friends, but we would be grateful if this type of interaction could be kept out of these sessions.

Safer Internet Day (SID) – Tuesday 9 February



Please can you make sure that your child watches the Safer Internet Day assembly on Tuesday and joins the class live meetings. Thank you to our Year 6 children for their hard work in putting the Key Stage 1 and 2 assemblies together for you. On the day there will also be related activities teaching children how to keep safe online

which we consider to be vital to children's education - particularly at this time where they are spending so much time on the computer.

Library Books

Our school Librarian Mrs Cook has put a box outside the front door for you to be able to bring back any school library books that you have read. If you would like to request a particular book from the school library, you can check what is available via the School Library Catalogue at <http://u002797.microlibrarian.net> and by downloading the free imls app. Login details are the same as eBook logins and password is date of birth. Alternatively, we are keen for children to change their library books, particularly with the County libraries being closed so if you would like your child to come into school on a Wednesday morning between 9:15am and 11:45am, you can book a 10 minute visit by emailing the school office adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk. The visits will begin on Wednesday 10 February.

Count on Me

Thank you to all of you who have sent in children singing 'Count on Me' for us to put together next week to be played at the funeral of Denny Dolton. If you would like to record yourself singing (happy for family duet with siblings) with Bruno Mars singing quietly in the background, please could we receive it through Google Classroom by Monday 8 February.

Tucasi Data Breach

Earlier this week we were informed by the Tucasi Operations team that there had been a data breach between 1 Dec 2020 and 8 Jan 2021. Tucasi is the Company whose system we and most other schools use to communicate and hold pupils accounts, you will know this as Scopay. The data breach included mobile phone numbers and text message data sent from the school, it has had no impact on financial accounts. The action that has been taken by Tucasi is as follows:

- Immediate measures to remove the unauthorised user access to the SMS data.
- Activated the data breach response plan.
- Engaged with an accredited incident response company to assist with the investigation and response to the incident.
- Report the incident to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO).

Because this has already been reported to the ICO we do not feel it is necessary to report this incident again. However in the circumstances, we would ask you to please be vigilant to any unusual text messages you may receive because your mobile number may be at higher risk of phishing. Please take steps to verify any information or payment requests you might receive and be alert to

any potential malicious texts which might appear to be from us. Please do not hesitate to contact if you have any concerns.

Kind regards

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