



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to Mr Reeves for all his hard work over the past two weekends putting fencing up on the school field to keep all the children safe. It looks very smart and replaces the fencing that has been slowly deteriorating over the past 40 years.

This has been another busy week. The children in Blue and Yellow classes invited real life superheroes into school on Monday. Police dogs Blaze and Ruby amazed the children – and adults - with their ability to find hidden missing mobile phones, ipads etc. A superpower I would love to have! Thank you to Miss Dawson for organising this for the children and to the dog handlers for making this such a wonderful experience for us all.



It has been lovely to see the children in Key Stage 2 completing science work in the school pond this week. Despite it having been very overgrown for most of the summer, we were surprised at how many insects and water creatures they managed to fish out and examine under a magnifying glass. We would like to spend the money raised from tonight's disco on a new picnic bench and science equipment for use in and around the pond area.

Well done to the children who took part in this years Summer Reading Challenge organised by the local Library. Our school Librarian Mrs Cook, invited the children who took part to a special afternoon tea event yesterday with lovely cakes and biscuits made by local resident Carolyn



Campbell.

Well done to children in years 5 and 6 who took part in the area cross country competition at Swanmore College this week. The children had quite a distance to run and did very well.

### **Shoe Boxes for disadvantaged children in Albania, Montenegro, Romania and Moldova**

Once again we will supporting the Wessex Rotary Scheme to send shoeboxes with items for Christmas out to disadvantaged children this Christmas. The leaflet coming home tonight gives ideas of items to put into your shoebox. Please do not totally seal your box but secure it with an elastic band and remember to sellotape a £1.00 coin to the lid which will be a donation towards transportation and administration costs. The Rotary Club will collect filled shoeboxes after half term on **Tuesday 2 November**.

### **DSA**

You should all have received a letter and form to design a **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.

A reminder about this evenings **school disco** 5:00-6:00pm for children in EYFS/Key Stage 1, 6:30pm-8:00pm at Key Stage 2. Please can you drop children off in the school playground using the usual pupil entry gate and continue leaving through the green gates. All children can be collected at the end of the event from their classroom door.

The DSA are having fun organising a Christmas prize draw with incredible prizes and a 'visit santa' event for **10 December 4:30-7:30pm**, so please keep the date free in your diary. We will be holding a **non-uniform day** for prizes on Thursday 4 November in exchange for £2.00+.

### **School Remembrance Service**

We will be holding a short Remembrance Service in school and then in our Memorial Ggarden across the road on **Thursday 11 November at 10:45am prompt**. Parents, grandparents and friends are welcome to join us. We will have poppies available in school for a donation to the British Legion from Monday 1 November.

### **Children in Need**

Our school calendar is becoming so booked up that this year we will be holding our Children in Need



fundraiser on **Thursday 11 November** to ensure it does not clash with Friday KS2 swimming, dance club or sports club! We will be asking children to empty their money boxes to help us make a line of pennies from the classroom door to the school hall with a film night in the evening from 3:30-5:30pm. We have still to make a decision on the choice of films.

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

A reminder that the proposed road works along Durley Brook Road are due to begin this **Monday 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 we think 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**

Next week is **parents evening** week. Please contact the school office if you have not received your slip of paper with the time slot to meet your child's class teacher. Please could you enter and leave the school through the double green gates on the playground and go in and out of the building through the double doors on the playground into the corridor rather than through the front door.

Due to parents evening, on **Thursday, after school club** will be in Purple class. Please could any parent collecting from after school club on Thursday ring the main front door bell. **Purple class** (Y6) parent interviews will be held in my office on Thursday, and jazzlets will be in the school hall.

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend.

Kind regards

*Kirstie Baines*

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