



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to see so many of you in school this week for parents evenings and for staff to be able to share with you the children's many successes and hard work over the past seven weeks.



Wow! The children in Blue and Yellow Classes looked amazing this morning dressed as real life and fictional superheroes. They had a wonderful day undertaking exciting activities e.g. making delicious superheroes out of

marshmallows, superhero dances and outfits giving them superpowers. More photos can be found on ClassDojo

This week we welcomed our new cook, Mrs Cauvin to Durley School, and thank her for the food tasting we have been doing in the school office and the delicious meals she has cooked for the children. Please can we remind parents who provide a packed lunch that grapes need to be cut in half as they can pose a choking risk.

Congratulations to our two Year 3/4 football teams who represented the school at a Wyvern cluster football competition this week. Both teams won many of their matches finishing the tournament in 2nd and 6th place. Mr Male and I were not only proud of their football expertise, but their teamwork, sportsmanship and support of each other.



The children and staff had a wonderful time at last weeks outdoor disco dancing, playing games and chasing bubbles. We were so lucky with the warm dry evening. Our thanks to 'Owtons' for gifting us the sausages and burgers for children at Key Stage 2. Please remember to look at the pictures and film clips from both events that have been uploaded onto ClassDojo.



Durley School Association – Non-uniform day

A reminder that the DSA are holding a 'break the rules' non uniform day on **Thursday 4 November** in exchange for £2.00. Please feel free to wear what you like for the day. You can wear your own clothes, colour your hair, put on nail varnish, odd socks, wear your wellies, a temporary tattoo, a hat for fun etc.

Shoe Boxes

Some of you are already sending filled up Christmas shoe boxes into the school office. Please can you ensure that the boxes are with us by Tuesday 2 November for collection by the Rotary Club.

Durley Church Christmas Card

The church have once again set up a competition to make a Christmas card, which they will have printed to send out to the parish with the dates of services over the Christmas period. This year the theme will be 'angels'. Please can you make sure that you do not use glitter on the picture, and that it is on A4 card with your name and age on the back. The drawings will need to be back in school by **Friday 5 November**.

School Remembrance Service

We will be holding a short Remembrance Service in the school hall and then in our Memorial garden opposite the school 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. The choice of films will be made after the half term break.



Finally, I would like to say an enormous thankyou to our staff for their immense support, hard work and continued cheerfulness through a challenging time of absences and ill health across the school.

Wishing you all a restful half term break, and looking forward to seeing you safely back in school on **Monday 1 November**.

Kind regards

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