



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to Fire Officer (and parent) Mr Foxton who came into school this week to show the children his special Fire Officer's car with siren and some of the resources they would need to put out a fire. This was a great start to the Blue and Yellow class topic this term on Fire! and very timely for this weeks bonfire night!



Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in a filled shoe box for the Rotary Christmas Appeal. A reminder that we extended the deadline to Monday the 8th when they will be collected.

Children in Need



A reminder that on **Thursday 11 November** we will be raising money for Children in Need. Please send in your loose change to help us make our line of pennies from your child's classroom door to the school hall and then fill up a picture of Pudsey Bear.

We will also be holding our special film night on Thursday from 3:30pm until 5:30pm. The choice of films are Luca (U) and Raya and the Dragon (PG). If your child would like to come along, please return the slip and contribution to your child's class teacher by Tuesday 9 November to help us with catering. Children can be collected at 5:30pm from their own classroom door.

Remembrance service in school

We will also be holding our school remembrance service in school on **Thursday 11 November at 10:45am (please arrive by 10:40)** in the school hall and then in our Memorial Garden opposite the school. Please could you email the school office to let us know if you will be joining us for the service.



CHRISTMAS IS ON ITS WAY!



Christmas is creeping up on us all and the glitter is beginning to appear around the school! Due to our concerns over having crowds of people in school for a Christmas Fayre this year, it will be a slightly different event but hopefully just as much fun for the children on **Friday 10 December**.

Prize Draw

We have an amazing prize draw this year thanks to the generosity of local businesses with tickets being sent out to you this Monday 8 November to be returned as soon as possible but by Wednesday 8 December at the latest in preparation for the draw on **Friday 10 December at 4:30pm** in school.

Fantastic prizes include £200 cash, Luxury 3 supercar Virgin driving experience, plus over 50 incredible vouchers and prizes. Please return the money and ticket stubs in an envelope to the school office as soon as possible, and encourage your family, friends, neighbours and work colleagues to support us. We can always let you have more tickets to sell.

Children's Christmas Fayre

Year 6 and the School Council will be organising a Christmas Fayre on **the afternoon of Friday 10 December** – just for our children. Nearer the time we will be asking for a donation with a maximum of £10 in exchange for tickets that the children can use on the stalls at their own Christmas fayre.

Come and see the Reindeer

We are thrilled that this year Santa will also be visiting us on **Friday 10 December** and bringing his real life reindeer along with his Christmas sledge. He will be



arriving at **4:30pm and will stay until 7:30pm**. You will be able to sign up for a time slot to see Santa and the reindeer for £5.00. Time slots can be booked to visit Santa from Monday 15 November. Alternatively, children and their friends can just come along and feed his reindeer, stroke them and take some photos for £2.50 per child (adults completely free!). There is no need to book a time slot if you just want to spend some time with the reindeer without seeing Father Christmas and payment will be on the door. Refreshments will be available in the school hall. This will be a really magical start to the Christmas celebrations.

The children at Key Stage 2 have been invited to sing Christmas carols to the members of the Durley Luncheon Club on **Thursday 16 December at 11:00am** in the Memorial Hall. As this is the same day as our Christmas lunch, we have moved our lunch and Christmas Jumper day to **Wednesday 15 December**.

School Individual and Family Photographs

The photographer will be in school on Monday 15 November for children's photographs which will be back with you well before Christmas. If you would like the photographer to include a younger pre-school sibling in the photograph, please can you email the school office and be in school between 8:30-9:00am.

Church in School

We are very excited to see that a church service will be returning to school this term with 'Stir Up Sunday' on **Sunday 21 November at 10:00am** in the school hall. This is a lovely service where the children get involved in the tradition of Christmas cake making and everyone is welcome to join us.

Kind regards

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