

Friday 10 September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. I have been delighted to see how smart everyone looks in their school uniform and school shoes, and how quickly the children have settled back into the routines of school life after the long summer break.

This week we have welcomed all of our new children and families into the school to Year R, Year 2, Year 3 and Year 4. We also welcome Mr Nigel Read to our staff team. Mr Read will be in Red class undertaking his Teacher Training course this year.

I have attached a copy of our initial school diary dates for the year to help you with planning for the year ahead.

### GOVERNORS

At the end of last term, we said goodbye to parent Governor Nick Apps and thanked him for his four years of service on the Governing Body as Training Liaison Governor and support for the finance and premises committees. He will be hugely missed by us all.

This year we welcome three new committee members to our Governing Body —parent Governors Colette Richmond, Carl Heywood-Waddington and Co-opted Governor (and ex-parent) Jane Crabb. We thank them for agreeing to volunteer their time in support of the school.

### HARVEST

This year we will again be supporting the Winchester Night Shelter with our Harvest Festival gifts on **Thursday 7 October at 9:15am**. More information will be sent out shortly regarding an invitation for parents to join us.



### START OF THE YEAR REMINDERS

Please could you ensure that you either email or phone the school office if your child is going to be absent from school due to illness or lateness.

With children moving to new classes, please can you let the school office know if there is going to be a different person collecting your child at the end of the day.

We do not allow jewellery in school except for earrings, which must be taped or taken out for PE. Please can you ensure that your child has a water bottle in school each day, and that your child has their PE kit in school each week for their two PE sessions.

Finally we do not allow electronics in school (mobile phones, electronic games etc). If any are found they will be kept in a locked cupboard during the day and returned to parents at 3:30pm.

### **PARKING**

Can I also remind you that there is **NO** parking or turning on the track next to the school for parents, relatives or friends dropping off or collecting children at the start or end of the school day. Parking is always available at Quob Stables (opposite the school) or the Memorial Hall.

### **DSA**



The Durley School Association will be holding their Annual General Meeting on **Wednesday 15 September at 7:30pm** in the school hall. The committee is keen to recruit new members to help with their vital role in fundraising and supporting the school. If you think you might be able to join their team please don't hesitate to speak to the staff in the school office or a current DSA committee member.

### **SPONSORED SPORT**

We have our first fundraising event of the school year on **Wednesday 29 September at 1:30pm** on the school field (weather permitting!). Every child will bring home a sponsorship card for our SPONSORED SPORTS afternoon. Parents are very welcome to come along and support us and join in the fun. Sponsor money can either be returned to the school office or donations made to 'Go Fund Me' page. <https://gofund.me/ff4efdca>

### **REMINDER – WE ARE A NUT-FREE SCHOOL**

As we start the new school year, can I just remind you that we do not allow any children to bring nuts into school, this includes products that may contain nuts as we currently have a number of pupils with a severe allergic reaction.

If you feel that we may need to update our records with any new medical condition for your child, or contact details, please could you speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

A reminder that our school website has a copy of all the newsletters throughout the year and a calendar with all of the current dates and useful information.

Kind Regards

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