



Dear Parents and Carers

This week my Covid-19 message to you has moved back up to the top of the newsletter once again as we plunge into more uncertainty about the future of the pandemic. As always I am remaining optimistic and very much looking forward to seeing visitors in school for our EYFS/KS1 **nativity on Wednesday and Thursday next week at 9:20am**. Please enter the school hall through the hall door and wear a face mask throughout the performance. I would also recommend that you wear an extra layer of clothing as doors and windows will be open. We would be extremely grateful if you could do a lateral flow test at home prior to the performance.



From **Monday 6 December**, please can you wear a **face mask** on the school playground at drop off and collection. Our thanks for your continued support in keeping us all safe. We continue to remain vigilant in school with sanitiser, hand washing, doors and windows open, and regularly cleaning surfaces.

Congratulations to the Year 5 and 6 football team as they competed against teams in the Wyvern cluster this week. The team played extremely well finishing in fourth place including a 2-0 win against Upham.



### Reminders



The children's Christmas **posting box** opens for delivery this Monday 6 December. Please can you ensure that cards are named with the child's first and last name as well as their class. Thank you to Year 6 who are going to sort the cards and get them to the correct classes.

The children at Key Stage 2 will be walking up to the church on Friday 10 December at 9:00am for a **carol service rehearsal**. Please can you ensure that your child has a coat and sensible shoes.

The children will be having their **Christmas parties** on the afternoon of Tuesday 14 December. Please could your child bring their own named plate of food on a disposable plate which he/she can eat later in the afternoon. If you need a disposable plate, please either ask your child's class teacher or email the school office before Friday 10 December.

The children at Key Stage 2 have been invited to **sing carols to the luncheon club** on Thursday 16 December at 11.00am in the Memorial Hall. The children will be on the stage and well away from the club members. The children will walk to the hall, so please can you ensure that they are smartly dressed and wearing a coat.



A reminder that contributions to Miss Baldwin's leaving gift need to be sent to the school office by Friday 10 December.

EYFS and Key Stage 1 **Dance club** are having an end of term show for parents this Wednesday 8 December at 4:20pm. If you are coming along to watch, please go to the hall door wearing a face mask and you will be seated for the performance

### **Children's Christmas Fayre – Friday 10 December**

Many thanks to all of you who have already donated to the children's Christmas fayre next Friday 10 December. The money sent in will be exchanged for vouchers for children to 'spend' at the fayre on the many fun activities and win many prizes.



### **Prize Draw**

Please keep selling Prize Draw tickets to your family and friends. We have some amazing prizes this year and have not been able to have a full Christmas Fayre for fund raising. More tickets can be obtained from the school office. Ticket stubs with the money need to be returned as soon as possible, but by the morning of Friday 10 December at the latest in preparation for the draw at **4:30pm** in school.

### **Come and see the Reindeer**



We have officially sold out of tickets to see Father Christmas, but still have tickets to come along and feed his reindeer and take photos.

Drinks and snacks will also be available to purchase during the event in the school hall. [https://www.pta-](https://www.pta-events.co.uk/durleyschoolassociation/#.YZeKbtDP2Uk)

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### **Pop up Shop**

You may have spotted on the diary dates, that the DSA are organising a Christmas pop up shop for the children to purchase Christmas presents for the family on the afternoon of Thursday 16 December. Please can you make sure you send in money for your child in a named envelope and provide a carrier bag to take the present home without spoiling the surprise! Gifts are £2.50 each and there will be a limit of 2 gifts per child. Please ensure you send in the correct money.

### **Diary Dates**

#### **Friday 3 December**

#### **School Closure for staff training**

#### **Monday 6 December**

Xmas Post Box open for deliveries

#### **Tuesday 7 December**

KS1 Nativity for Ladybirds Pre-school & invited guests only

#### **Wednesday 8 December**

9:20am KS1 Nativity parents invited

#### **Thursday 9 December**

9:20am KS1 Nativity parents invited

#### **Friday 10 December**

9:30am KS2 singing rehearsal in Holy Cross Church

Children's School Christmas Fayre (**Children only**)

4:30-7:30 visit Santa's Grotto & his reindeer (please sign up)

#### **Tuesday 14 December**

pm Xmas parties

#### **Wednesday 15 December**

Xmas Lunch & Xmas Jumper Day (for Save the Children)

**Thursday 16 December** 11:00am Key Stage 2 singing to the Luncheon Club in the Memorial Hall  
pm Pop up Christmas shop for Children

**Friday 17 December** 1:15pm Carol Service in Holy Cross Church, Durley. Sadly invitation is for parents of pupils in Years 5 and 6 only due to lack of space.

Please can we remind you that if you need to contact your child's teacher or somebody in the school office that you do so using the [adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk) email in the first instance.

Wishing you all a safe and restful weekend.

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