



Dear Parents and Carers

HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE!

An enormous thank you to everyone who set up and took part in the wonderful Father Christmas event last Friday. It was lovely to see families back in school again - all be it a few at a time – and having that wonderful Christmasy feeling around the school. Thank you to the DSA and parental support in setting up the school hall, corridor, grotto and reindeer stall in preparation for Santa's visit.



The combination the children's Christmas Fayre, Santa's grotto and prize draw raised an incredible **£2216.59** – Thank you for all your generosity.

Many thanks to the Brewer family who kindly donated the Christmas tree for our school hall once again this year and the loan of the trees for decorating the school hall during the visit from Santa.

We have been thinking ahead to next term, and are fully set up for all children to be returning to school in January. We have sent home a maths and English exercise book with every child just in case at any point your child needs to be learning from home.

Drop-off and collection times in January 2022

In January, we will continue to have the drop-off times in the morning between 8.45am and 9:00am but move the collection time **3:30pm for everyone** to enable us to fit more learning time into our curriculum timetable.

If you are looking to start your festive break with some singing, please remember to join the Durley Village Carol Singers outside the Thresher Room at the Sawmills this Saturday, 18 December at 6pm. All welcome.

Finally, our thanks for all the cards and generous gifts from you all as well as the support and patience you have shown us through the many last minute changes over the past term. I am sure that you would also like me to thank the staff on your behalf who have worked tirelessly to ensure your children have continued to receive an outstanding education and enjoy their time in school when there is so much uncertainty in the world around them.

We wish you all a festive Christmas and peaceful New Year and look forward to seeing you all safely back in school on Tuesday 4 January 2022.

Wishing you all a safe and restful break.

Kirstie Baines - Headteacher