

# Spring Term 2020

## Diary Dates

### MARCH

#### Friday 13 March

Approx. 2:30pm Y5+6 return from residential visit to the Brecon Beacons.

Siblings may also be collected.

#### Saturday 14 March

10-12:00noon Spring Fayre at Memorial Hall

#### Monday 16 March

Blue and Yellow class trip to Living Rain Forest

Parent Governor Election Papers to be sent to parents.

#### Friday 20 March

11:50am Lunch for women who help us  
2:00pm DSA Mother's Day present sale for children

#### Sunday 22 March

10:00am Mothering Sunday Church in school

#### Monday 23 March

2:45pm Brecon memories Assembly for Year 5 and 6 parents and carers.

#### Thursday 26 March

2:30pm Music concert for children who have peripatetic music lessons in school.

6:00-7:30pm School Disco

#### Friday 27 March

1:30 KS2 to walk to the church for rehearsal (weather permitting)  
1:30pm Y1/2 listen2me music concert

### APRIL

#### Wednesday 1 April

Y6 visit to Rock Up, Whitely

#### Thursday 2 April

9:00am Bags for school collection

#### Friday 3 April

1:30pm Easter service in Holy Cross church. Everyone welcome

#### 6-17 April Easter Break

#### Thursday 23 April

NSPCC to speak to the children about keeping safe.

#### Friday 1 May

5:00-6:00pm (KS2 Only) Blind date with a book!

#### Friday 8 May

Bank Holiday

#### Saturday 9 May

2-6:00pm WW2 VE day exhibition in the Memorial hall with children's work.

#### w/b 11 May KS2 SATs week

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12 March 2020



Dear Parents and Carers

As we near the end of the second residential visit in the past fortnight, I would like to say a huge thank you to all of the staff involved in organising and leading the visits to the Brecon Beacons in Wales (Y5/6) and Beaulieu in the New Forest (Y3/4). Such visits take an enormous amount of planning and preparation prior to the trip, and for staff they not only have the responsibility of being in loco parentis but have to make arrangements for absence from their own families during the trip. We are very fortunate to have such an enthusiastic and willing staff team.



The experience for children of being away from home, taking on responsibility for organising themselves and working as part of a team are important for their personal growth and life long resilience. I always look forward to hearing the children talking about their many exciting adventures which will stay with them for many years to come (Photos are of snow over the Welsh

mountains this morning and Mr Male trying out a mudpack).

Many thanks to our Librarian Mrs Cook and her assistant Lottie for the reading evening for World Book Day last week. The children undertook many activities during the day including a book character treasure hunt. Well done to the winners in Year 4 and Year 6.

#### DSA

Many thanks to all of you who brought in Easter eggs for the tombola to be held at the Durley village Spring Fayre this **Saturday 10:00-12:00 noon** in the Memorial Hall. Everyone welcome. Last Friday's donut sale raised over £80.00, watch this space for further after school sales including the DSA Mother's Day present sale on the afternoon of Friday 20 March. All gifts will be £2.00 which can be brought into school in a named envelop on the day. The school disco is fast approaching on and will be held on **Thursday 26 March 6:00-7:30pm**. Please find the accompanying letter with details and reply slip.

#### Parent Governor Election

We are delighted to have had 3 applications for the two positions of parent Governor on the school Governing Body. We have delayed the paperwork until this Monday 16 March to ensure the children have returned from Brecon. **Each** parent is entitled to vote for their **two** preferred candidates, and then return the ballot paper in a sealed envelop that is inside a named envelop. Please could you ensure that your ballot paper is returned to school by **Friday 27 March at 12:00noon** at the latest.

#### Covid-19 Update

We continue to have daily updates from the DfE regarding procedures with the present Covid-19 pandemic. In school we have continued to work hard with preventative measures by increasing our diligence with children's handwashing and ensuring the school cleaners are taking extra care with areas of heavy use. I will continue to provide you with updates of any developments and thank you for your help and co-operation in keeping our children safe.

We have been informed that the Southampton University Science, Science, Technology and Engineering fair scheduled for this Saturday will no longer go ahead as some of the exhibitors have pulled out.

There will be no Messy Church in Botley Church next Friday 20 March as a precaution.

#### Lunch for women Who help us

A reminder that we will be having a lunch for mums, Grandmothers, child minders, aunts etc on **Friday 20 March at 11:50am**. Please make sure you have signed up.

There will be a church service in school led by our new assistant priest Rev. Richard Wharton on **Sunday 22 March at 10:00am** for Mothering Sunday. Everyone is most welcome to come along.

Kirstie Baines—Headteacher