



# DURLEY CE (Controlled) Primary School

## Christmas Newsletter



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Monday 5 December 2016

Dear Parents



I would like to thank everyone who helped out and spectated at this years Key Stage 2 school swimming Gala last Friday. The children had a great time with all the teams ending on similar points. Congratulations to the winning team, which was Blue team and to our two fastest pupils in Year 6 on their on their amazing swims.



A huge thank you to everyone who helped out, donated, organised and came along to support us at the Christmas Fayre on Saturday. It was a fantastic morning with a lovely festive atmosphere throughout. Our hardworking committee and stall holders raised around £3,000. The money will be going towards a new science scheme of work to support our curriculum, additional resources for our gymnastics curriculum e.g. crashmat and spring boards, and new computer technology for one of the classrooms. We are most grateful to the DSA for all their support.

Christmas preparations have already started at Durley School with our traditional fairy lights and snowballs in the corridors. Many thanks from the whole school community to the Brewer family for the donation of our beautiful Christmas tree in the school hall and to Jo Sharman and Kathy Whalley for naming all the baubles. The Christmas post box is in the library area for children to post cards to their friends. Please can you ensure that the card is clearly named with the receiving child's first and surname as well as the class.

We are all looking forward to the KS1 nativity play this week. Photos will be available to view in the school library area from Tuesday onwards. Please can you ensure that photographs are ordered and paid for by noon on **Friday 9 December** and returned to the school office to enable us to guarantee delivery before Christmas. Parents will have an opportunity to take photographs at the end of the performance, but as always we would ask you to refrain from putting photographs of other people's children onto social media.

### Reverse Advent

The school council have organised collection boxes for each classroom for the reverse advent donations. If you wish to take part, we are looking for donations of tins and produce for the Hedge End Food Centre.

### Carols Around the Bonfire

We are all very excited about Carols Around the Bonfire this **Thursday 8 December** from 6:00pm with singing starting at 6:30pm on the school playground. There will be parking available at Quob Stables which we are urging you to make use of to prevent traffic accidents and congestion outside the school. There is lighting from Quob car park, although we would still recommend a torch. We will be telling the children to either stay close to an adult or school staff throughout, they will not be allowed to play on play equipment on the junior playground, on the school field, or go beyond the bonfire barrier at any time. I would be most grateful if you could leave dogs at home.

We have a raffle, tombola, face painting, the WI are selling, hotdogs, mince pies, mulled wine and refreshments in aid of the Durley Seniors lunch in January. Our carol singing will be accompanied by the Durley Village Band, and Funky Flutes, and we look forward to hearing the children singing. Please bring along family, friends and neighbours for this great start to the Christmas festivities.

### Talent Show

Some of our Year 6 pupils have organised a talent show for **Monday 12 December at 1:30pm** in the school hall for our entertainment. If your child is taking part in the show, you are more than welcome to come along and watch.

### Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas dinner will be on **Thursday 15 December**. In preparation for the lunch, the children are mixed into groups across the school, and make table decorations using natural foliage. We would be most grateful for any evergreen garden foliage that can be brought into school on that day. We are collecting money for Save the Children on that day and asking children if they wish to wear a Christmas jumper in exchange for £1.00 for the charity.

**Singing to the Luncheon Club**

The children at Key Stage 2 have been invited to sing at the village Luncheon Club Christmas dinner on **Thursday 15 December** in the Memorial Hall. They will be leaving school at 1:00pm.

**Christmas Parties**

A reminder that Christmas parties this year will be on **Wednesday 14 December** in the afternoon. We would be most grateful if each child could bring a **small** amount of food. The list for you to sign up for food will be on the classroom door from tomorrow Tuesday 6 December. If your child wishes to bring clothes to change into for the party, can you ensure that they are in a named carrier bag.

**School Carol Service at Holy Cross Church**

Children in KS2 will be going to the church for a carol service rehearsal this **Friday 9 December at 1:30pm**. Please can you ensure that your child has his/her coat in school on that day and their musical instrument if in the school band.

The school carol service will be on **Friday 16 December at 1:30pm**. As parking at the church is extremely limited, we very much welcome any help with walking the children up to the church by road. You are all most welcome to join us back at school after the service for tea and mince pies.

Yours sincerely

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**Headteacher**