



Dear Parents and Carers

Next week we are planning to relax some of our school Covid restrictions with children once again being able to play with their friends across Key Stage 2 at break times and sit together at lunch times. We will leave the wearing of face masks outside at drop off and collection to personal preference from this Monday 24 January, however please could face masks be worn at our planned meetings with parents in the school hall on Monday and Tuesday evening. We will retain our drop off and collection one way system around the school. Please could any general messages and those specifically for teachers continue to be emailed to the school office via [adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk).

### **Christingle**

We are all very much looking forward to walking all of the children up to Holy Cross Church on Friday 4 February at 9:10am to hold our Christingle service in the church. We are very sorry that on this occasion we will not be able to invite parents, family and friends to join us due to limited space. The children will be making Christingles in school during the week, which we will take up to church for the service and then send home with a wax candle to light in the safety of your home. During the service the children will use glow sticks.



Your child should have brought home a Christingle Children's Society Collecting box for you to fill with loose change. Please could these be returned to school before the service on the 4 February.

### **Residential visits for children at Key Stage 2**

Mr Male and I visited Little Canada on the Isle of Wight on Wednesday to make the final arrangements for the Year 5 and 6 visit in May.

We have information meetings for children and parents over the next fortnight for both residential visits. Please inform the school office if you wish to attend, to help us with planning for the number of chairs we need to set up in the school hall.

### **Winter Reading Challenge**

Mrs Cook has been working really hard to try and encourage our children to complete the Hampshire Libraries Winter Reading Challenge this year. Very few of our children completed the Summer Reading Challenge compared to other schools, and we are hoping this one will have a greater take up. You can sign up for the challenge or just find out more about it from the following link: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone/take-part> .

Any children completing the Winter Reading Challenge will be invited to join Mrs Cook during a lunchtime play to enjoy stories, cookies, and hot chocolate with her. She has also got a display board ready for children's names and pictures when they bring in their certificates. The challenge needs to be completed by the end of February. Happy Reading!

## Diary Dates for the Spring Term

<b>Monday 24 January</b>	<b>3:30pm Year 6 SATs meeting for parents and pupils in the school hall.</b>
<b>Tuesday 25 January</b>	<b>3:30pm Y3/4 Beaulieu Residential meeting for parents and pupils in the school hall.</b>
<b>Monday 31 January</b>	<b>3:30pm Y5/6 Little Canada Residential meeting for parents and pupils in the school hall.</b>
<b>Friday 4 February</b>	<b>Christingle service in Church for children only</b>
<b>Tuesday 8 February</b>	<b>Safer Internet day</b>
<b>Thursday 10 February</b>	<b>Book Fayre in the school hall and pyjama day! 5:00-6:00pm Family reading night in the school hall</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 February</b>	<b>3:00-6:00pm Parents evening Years R-6</b>
<b>Thursday 17 February</b>	<b>4:00-7:00pm Parents evening Years R-6</b>
<b>21-25 February</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
<b>Monday 28 February</b>	<b>Blue and Yellow Class visit to Living Rainforest</b>
<b>Thursday 3 March</b>	<b>World Book Day and author visit, Michael O'Leary</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 March</b>	<b>PSHE lessons from SCARF for Years R, 1, 2 and 6</b>

Wishing you all a safe and pleasant weekend.

With kind regards

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**Headteacher**