



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who managed to join us for the information sessions over the past fortnight for the KS2 residentials and Year 6 National Tests both taking place in May. All of the Powerpoint presentations and further information have been uploaded onto Google Classroom for you. If you are having difficulty accessing any of the information, please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Reminders

Library day for all children in the school is each Thursday when children are taught how to use a library, listen to a story and have an opportunity to change their library book.

All families should have received a letter about parent's meetings which are during the week beginning 14 February 2022. Please could you return the slip by Monday 7 February to help us organise appointment times.

We have had a number of tummy bugs in school these past few weeks. Please can we remind parents that if your child is absent from school due to sickness or diarrhoea, they need to remain at home for 48 hours following the last episode – this is still the case even if you don't think it's a bug. Your child should only return to school when they are fully better.

All general enquiries or communications need to be sent to adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk in the first instance to ensure that nothing gets missed. The number of emails being sent directly to individuals in the admin team has increased in recent weeks.

Christingle

We are all looking forward to our visit to Holy Cross Church tomorrow Friday 4 February leaving school after registration for our Christingle service. We have many children in school who have not had the opportunity to take part in a school service in Church over the past two years, so we are seeing this as a milestone to coming out of the restrictions of Covid. As we are walking up the Church, please ensure your child has their coat with them tomorrow.

Your child should have brought home a Christingle Children's Society Collecting box for you to fill with loose change. Please email us if you have not received one. We will be taking the collecting boxes up to Church, so please could they be returned to school before the service.



Book Fayre and Story Time

We are all very excited to at last see the return of our Family Reading evening next Thursday 10 February with the added fun of being able to wear pyjamas all day in school!

We have five stories set out for families in various places throughout the school between 5:00-6:00pm and our P&G Wells book fayre in the school hall for browsing and purchasing. Parents are welcome to come into the hall after school to see the book fayre or send money in with children to buy books in the afternoon. Please ensure this is in a named envelope. If you haven't already done so, we would be grateful if you could let us know if you are intending on joining us.

Winter Reading Challenge

We are delighted with the increase in children taking part in the Hampshire Libraries Winter Reading Challenge. Already we have a greater take up than over the summer and it does not need to be completed until the end of February.

If you still need to sign up for the challenge or you just find out more about it, please use the following link: <https://www.hants.gov.uk/librariesandarchives/kids-zone/take-part> .

All 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. Happy Reading!

Diary Dates for the Spring Term

Friday 4 February	Christingle service in Church for children only
Tuesday 8 February	Safer Internet day
Thursday 10 February	Book Fayre in the school hall and pyjama day!
	5:00-6:00pm Family reading night in the school hall
Tuesday 15 February	3:00-6:00pm Parents evening Years R-6
Thursday 17 February	4:00-7:00pm Parents evening Years R-6
21-25 February	Half Term
Monday 28 February	Blue and Yellow Class visit to Living Rainforest
Thursday 3 March	World Book Day and author visit, Michael O'Leary
Thursday 10 March	Cricket taster day for all classes from Hampshire Cricket
Tuesday 15 March	PSHE lessons from SCARF for Years R, 1, 2 and 6
Tuesday 5 April	Wyvern Cluster vocal festival in Thornden Hall (new date)

With kind regards

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