



Dear Parents and Carers

Thank you to everyone who was able to join us for the family reading night last week. The children loved wearing their pyjamas in school during the day and we had an incredible 92 people come along to listen to stories. It is good to see in this media age, that children still get a great deal of pleasure from hearing an adult reading to them. An enormous thank you to the staff for helping out, Mrs Cook and Lottie for organising and yourselves for supporting us.



A reminder to you all that if you have completed the winter reading challenge, it would be wonderful to have a picture of you holding your certificate for our display.

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> .

## Parent's Evenings



We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all into school this week for our parent's evenings on Tuesday and Thursday. If you have not received your allocated time slot, please contact the school office.

We are very conscious that the meetings are very close to the half term break when we know many of you will be planning to go away on holiday. In order to reduce the risk of spreading Covid prior to the break, staff will be sitting at a 2 metre distance from you. All of my teaching staff will be taking a lateral flow test before the meetings start and **we request that you wear a face mask**. With regards to arriving for your meeting, if the appointment is between 3:00 and 3:30pm please come to the front door. After 3:30pm please enter via the green gates onto the KS2 playground and then come in to the building using the door in between Green and Red classes. Please also exit this way.

## Christingle

Mr Male has uploaded film and photographs of the wonderful Church Christingle service onto Class Dojo for you all to see. I was sorry not to be at our first service in Durley Church for over two years, but was thrilled to be able to see all the children virtually. If you have not yet logged onto Class Dojo and need some help accessing the site, please contact the school office. Thank you for sending in the Christingle collecting boxes which raised an incredible **£200** for the children's society.



## **Safer Internet Day**

Thank you to Mrs Dew for organising this year's safer internet day, and to Year 5 for so expertly leading separate Key stage 1 and 2 assemblies. Our theme this year was being respectful online. The children took part in discussions, watched film clips, made posters and found out what to do if they felt they were not being respected.

## **Lunch for Women Who Help Us**

We are currently working on a plan to reinstate our very popular lunch for women in our lives who help us on Friday 25 March. We have not been able to hold this event for the past two years, and in that time the school has grown, so our current intention is to hold two sittings, but thought you might want the date for your diary.

As we are approaching the end of the financial year, we are very keen to have all of the money owed paid up to date as soon as possible with thanks.

## **Diary Dates for the Spring Term**

<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>Thursday 10 March</b>	<b>Cricket taster day for all classes from Hampshire Cricket</b>
<b>Tuesday 15 March</b>	<b>PSHE lessons from SCARF for Years R, 1, 2 and 6</b>
<b>Friday 25 March</b>	<b>11:45am and 12:15pm - Mother's Day lunch.</b>
<b>Tuesday 5 April</b>	<b>Wyvern Cluster vocal festival in Thornden Hall (new date)</b>
<b>Thursday 7 April</b>	<b>KS2 singing to the luncheon club in the Memorial Hall</b>

With kind regards

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