

### Dear Parents and Carers

What a great start to the second half of the spring term with the Key Stage 1 visit to the Living Rainforest in Basingstoke. The children were very excited to be going on a coach and having a packed lunch – but also enjoyed the first-hand experience of seeing the rainforest animals and learning about their habitat.



Congratulations to our Year 5/6 swimming team which finished in third place out of eight teams. They swam brilliantly and did us proud! Thank you to Mrs Innes and her daughter Jess who helped us out with timings and organisation.



Thank you to Rev Gregg for joining us in school for **Ash Wednesday**. The children had the choice of receiving the ash cross on their foreheads following worship.

Thank you for the tremendous efforts in dressing up the children for **World Book Day**. They looked amazing! The morning started off with a parade around the hall so everyone could see the costumes. The children loved having their own reading event with our Year 6 children scattered around the school reading stories to anyone who would listen. In the afternoon we were joined by story teller Michael O'Leary, who kept the children captivated with his imaginative tales of dragons and mystical creatures.



### Walk for Ukraine

Many thanks to those of you who have already sponsored the children in support of our Lent charity walk for the Ukraine crisis. We have already managed to raise an amazing **£1 710** which will be used by the British Red Cross to directly support the people of the Ukraine. We are pleased to see that the children are willingly giving up a small amount of their personal time at playtimes to undertake the walks. We intend to close the Just Giving website next **Friday 11 March** and send home the sponsor cards, so if you intend to donate, please do so now. The link to the site is: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/durley-primary-walk-for-ukraine>.



### EYFS/KS1 Invitation to Afternoon Tea



It is such a long time since we have been able to safely invite parents into school and for our newer parents to have an opportunity to meet each other, that we thought it would be a great idea for the children in Blue and Yellow classes to hold an afternoon tea with cakes for their parents on **Tuesday 8 March** at 2:30pm in the school hall. I hope you have all received your invitation by now. Please can you ensure the school office is aware if you are intending on joining us. Child minders and grandparents are more than welcome if you have a previous engagement.

### Cricket Taster Day – Hampshire Cricket

We are all looking forward to a day of cricket across the whole school next **Thursday 10 March**. Please can you make sure that your child has their full PE kit in school on that day.

### Red Nose Day- Make Your Teacher Smile!

A reminder that Red Nose Day is on **Friday 18 March**, and our theme will be 'have a laugh with your class'. You can wear something funny, bring in a joke to tell us or do something to make us smile in exchange for a donation to the Comic Relief charity.

### School Disco – a night at the Oscars!

Following our day of Red Nose smiling and fun, the DSA thought it would be a great idea to finish off with a school disco on **Friday 18 March** 5:00-6:00pm for children in Blue and Yellow classes and 6:30-8:00pm for children at Key Stage 2. The disco theme will be for children to either dress up as a character from a movie or a night at the Oscars. There will be a red carpet for photo opportunities! We would be very grateful for any additional adult help at the event.



Our DSA fundraising committee has become very much reduced in size, so if you think you might be able to support us please contact the school office.

### Lunch for Women Who Help Us

Please remember to sign up for the special lunch on **Friday 25 March**, if you are intending on joining us and please indicate which sitting you will attend (11:45am or 12:15pm) and complete the order slip on the letter which came home this evening.

### **School Easter Service – Holy Cross Church Friday 8 April 2022 1:30pm**

Holy Cross Church is a wonderful venue for a church service, but it is a very small space. We have decided to go ahead and invite families across the school to join us in the church on our final afternoon of term as it is such a lovely occasion however, we are asking for a limit of visitors to a maximum of 2 people per family. The service will be followed by hot cross buns and coffee back in the school hall. We will be leaving school at 1:10pm and are always very grateful for help walking the children up to the church.

**Please note any additions or necessary changes to the diary dates.**

### **Diary Dates for the Spring Term 2022**

<b>Monday 7 March</b>	<b>New date KS2 VR headset hire for the Vikings (Y3-5) and Brazil (Y6)</b>
<b>Tuesday 8 March</b>	<b>EYFS/KS1 (Blue and Yellow classes) parents invited to afternoon tea at 2.30pm</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 18 March</b>	<b>Red Nose Day – wear something funny/tell a joke or just make us smile</b>
<b>Friday 18 March</b>	<b>School Disco 5:00pm-6:00pm EYFS/KS1 and 6:30-8:00pm KS2.</b>
<b>Friday 25 March</b>	<b>11:45am and 12:15pm – Lunch for women who help us.</b>
<b>Sunday 27 March</b>	<b>10:00am Church in school for Mothering Sunday. Everyone is most welcome</b>
<b>Wednesday 30 March</b>	<b>2:30pm Music concert for pupils taking peripatetic music lessons</b>
<b>Monday 4 April</b>	<b>Viking day for Green and Red classes - please come dressed up as a Viking!</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>
<b>Friday 8 April</b>	<b>1:30pm Easter Service in Holy Cross Church.</b>

### **School in-service training days for 2022-2023**

**Thursday 1 September 2022**  
**Friday 2 September 2022**  
**Friday 2 December 2022**  
**Monday 5 June 2023**  
**Friday 21 July 2023**

Kind regards

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