



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have already made a great start to our sporting calendar this term. Well done to the Year 5 and 6 hockey team who finished in second place in the area tournament at the start of the term. They missed out on finishing in first place in the final 30 seconds of the match, however thank you for representing the school and doing so well.

We are also very proud of our Year 5 and 6 indoor athletics team, who had a great time on Tuesday competing against local schools. Thank you to one of our parents who helped out with transport to and from the fixture.

We have many trips booked in for this term to support children's topic work. The children in years 3, 4 and 5 spent a wonderful afternoon in Southampton taking part in a children's music concert. The Hampshire Music Service had put together a full orchestra and professional magician/comper to take us through the programme which included story telling with accompaniment and finale with choral singing from the children. Many of our children had not seen a live full orchestra before and loved being part of this music event. Thank you to Holy Cross Church, Durley for helping to subsidise the trip and making this an important experience for all of the children.



## WANTED – Parent Governor

Please see the letter from our Chair of Governors, Jenny Carkeet requesting the need for an addition parent Governor to join the Governing Body team. If you are interested or wish to find out more about the position, please contact either myself or Jenny through the school office.

## REMINDERS:

- **Church in school – this Sunday 28 January. 9:30am** in the school hall for breakfast followed by a short 10:00am service.
- Blue and Yellow class visit to the **Living Rainforest on Tuesday 30 January**. Remember to bring a packed lunch, water and trainers.
- **Phonics meeting – Thursday 1 February at 2:45pm** in the school hall for parents with children in Reception.
- **Christingle - Friday 2 February**, the whole school will be walking up to Durley Church for the Christingle service.  
Christingle is a special service symbolizing Christ as the light of the world, at Candlemas. This is also an opportunity for us to support the Children's Society with the charity collection boxes. Although space in the church is limited, we all very much appreciate you being able to join us.
- **Bags2School** – if you are having a clear out over the half term break, please remember that we have a Bags2school collection arranged for **Tuesday 20 February**.

## BOOK WEEK

We will be holding a whole school book week for children in the week beginning **5 February** where children will be taking part in all sorts of book related activities across the school to encourage children to increase their love of reading. We will be ending the week on **9 February** with a family reading night running from 5:30-6:30pm. This term we will be making the reading evening a bit different by separating EYFS/KS1 and KS2 pupils to try to increase the number of older children wanting to participate. We will NOT be holding a dress up day during the week as we thought we would save dressing up as a character from a book for World Book Day on **Friday 7 March** with the rest of the Country.

## Safer Internet Day

Our annual safer internet day will be on **6 February** where the whole school will be taking part in activities teaching them to be safer when on line.

This year, Mr Firth and Mrs Dew will be leading a short virtual meeting with a question and answer session taking you through the support available for parents and the challenges your children are facing when online. This will be at **7:30 – 8:00pm on 6 February**. The TEAMS link for the meeting will be sent out to all parents on the day. Please can you ensure that your children are not present during the virtual meeting.

Kind regards,

*Kirstie Baines*

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**Headteacher**

## DIARY DATES

### IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2023-2024

Monday 3 June 2024

Monday 22 July 2024

Tuesday 23 July 2024

**Diary Dates for the 2023-2024 school year – all dates can be subject to changes. All changes and new dates in the diary will appear in red.**

### SPRING TERM 2024

**Sunday 28 January** from 9:30am café with short service at 10:00am. – all welcome

Tuesday 30 January Blue and Yellow class visit to living rainforest

**Thursday 1 February** 2:45pm Blue Class Year R parent's phonics meeting

Friday 2 February 1:30pm Christingle service in Holy Cross Church– all welcome

5-9 February Book Week

Tuesday 6 February Safer Internet Day

7:30pm 'safer internet use for your child' virtual meeting for parents led by Mr Firth and Mrs Dew

Friday 9 February

5:30-6:30 Family Reading Night and book fayre

**12-16 February**

**Tuesday 20 February**

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Thursday 22 February

**Thursday 7 March**

Thursday 14 March

Sunday 25 February

**Tuesday 27 February**

18-22 March

Sunday 24 March

Thursday 28 March

**HALF TERM**

**8:00-9:00am Bags2School in the school hall**

3:00-6:00pm Parents Meetings

4:00-7:00pm Parents Meetings

**World Book day – dress up as a character from a book**

Y5 and Y6 vocal festival in Thornden Hall (15 places only)

10:00am Church in School

**Year 3, 4 and 5 (Red and Green classes) visit to the River in Droxford.**

Year 5 and 6 Residential visit to Isle of Wight

10:00am Palm Sunday church in school.

1:30pm School Easter service Holy Cross Church. All welcome

3:30pm school closes for Easter break. No after school childcare club.

**SUMMER TERM 2024**

Monday 15 April

13-16 May

Monday 20 May

8:50am School re-opens for the summer term

Year 6 National SATs week

School photographer –class and whole school photos

**27-31 May**

Thursday 13 June

Saturday 15 June

Wednesday 19 June

Saturday 29 June

Tuesday 2 July

Tuesday 9 July

Wednesday 10 July

Thursday 11 July

Friday 12 July

Friday 19 July

**HALF TERM**

7:30-8:30 new parents meeting

Church Fete

1:30pm SPORTS DAY all welcome

School Summer Fayre

Year 6 Wyvern Induction day

1:30pm KS2 school play

6:00pm KS2 school play

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1:00pm Y6 Leaver's service Portsmouth Cathedral (children only)

1:30pm Leavers service Holy Cross Church

School ends for the summer break. No after school childcare club.

Monday 22 July

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