



Dear Parents and Carers

## Happy New Year!

Welcome back and a Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a restful, fun break and that the children are managing to keep illnesses at bay! Thank you for the many Christmas messages, cards and generous gifts at the end of last term for myself and all of the staff. It is very much appreciated.

Many thanks to those of you who were able to join us for our end of term carol service and help us to walk with the children up to Holy Cross Church and back prior to the Christmas break. I thought the children sang beautifully and led us sensitively through the Christmas story. Many thanks also to Mr Burgess for leading the wonderful rendition of the 12 days of Christmas.

As we left the church after the service, the Durley Community moved in to put up many decorated trees which have kindly been left up for us. **This Friday 5 January** we will be walking the children at KS2 up to the church leaving at 1:20pm to let them see all of the trees. The children will be back in school by 2:20pm. We would be grateful for a couple of parent volunteers to help with the walk. Please let the school office know if you are able to help out. The church will also be open this Saturday 6 January between 10am and 12:00noon for those of you who missed the Christmas Tree festival in December and would like to see it.



### Diary Dates

Please note the diary dates at the end of this newsletter, and particularly to parents and children in Year 6 as we will be holding a SAT's meeting on **Monday 15 January at 3:35pm in Green class**. Please could you inform Mr Firth if you are unable to attend.

### Music Concert

We are delighted to be able to take Years 3, 4 and 5 (Red and Green classes) to Central Hall in Southampton for a Children's music concert on **Thursday 18 January**. The concert looks great fun and will give children an opportunity to hear professional musicians as well as join in with the music.

### Christingle

On Friday 2 February, the whole school will be going up Durley Church for our 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 collecting boxes. Although space in the church is limited, we all very much appreciate you being able to join us.



### 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.

## Activity Clubs

Can I remind you that all activity clubs and music lessons start next week beginning 8 January.

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

<b>Tuesday 15 January</b>	<b>3:35pm Year 6 SAT's meeting in Green class for parents and pupils</b>
Thursday 18 January	Y3, 4 and 5 music concert in Southampton Central Hall
<b>Monday 22 January</b>	<b>No Gymnastics</b>
<b>Tuesday 30 January</b>	<b>Blue and Yellow class visit to living rainforest</b>
Friday 2 February	<b>1:30pm Christingle service in Holy Cross Church– all welcome</b>
<b>5-9 February</b>	<b>Book Week</b>
<b>Tuesday 6 February</b>	<b>Safer Internet Day</b>
	<b>7:30pm 'safer internet use for your child' virtual meeting for parents led by Mr Firth and Mrs Dew</b>
<b>Friday 9 February</b>	<b>5:30-6:30 Family Reading Night and book fayre</b>

### 12-16 February

Tuesday 20 February  
Thursday 22 February  
Thursday 14 March  
Sunday 25 February  
18-22 March  
Sunday 24 March  
Thursday 28 March

### HALF TERM

3:00-6:00pm Parents Meetings  
4:00-7:00pm Parents Meetings  
Y5 and Y6 vocal festival in Thornden Hall (15 places only)  
10:00am Church in School  
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  
Tuesday 23 July

School closed for IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS  
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