



Dear Parents and Carers,

This has already been a busy start to the summer term with Years 3 and 4 teams attending the golfing and tennis festivals for the area. Well done to all of the children who represented Durley School and gave their best.

Durley School Association

We were all very impressed with the triathlon last Wednesday and the children's amazing run. Many of the children managed all 12 laps of the course and felt they could have done more in the 20 minutes allocated.



We have already raised **an incredible £1885** towards the very much needed new iPads. If you are still to support the sponsorship fundraising please do so either by handing cash or a cheque to the school office or by following the **Gofundme page** link:

<https://gofund.me/e94739ea>

Please pass the link onto family and friends who would like to support us.

We are all thrilled to see the return of the **Durley Bear Hunt** which is a twist on the traditional Scarecrow festival! The popular event brings the whole community together whilst creating some fun at the same time and raising money for new outdoor seating and play equipment for the school.



We welcome entries from outside Durley, if you live outside the village please simply let us know the road and village you live in so people will know where to look for your bear. All of the bears will need to be ready and in place for the start of the bear hunt on **25th May 2024**.

To enter a bear please complete the form which will come to you this week, and send it into school with the £6 entry fee (cash or cheque made payable to Durley School Association), by **20th May 2024 at the latest**.

If you wish to go on the bear hunt, entry forms can be collected from the school office, Farmer's Home and the Robin Hood from 24th May and cost just £3.

Diary Dates

Please remember to check the diary dates below, as we have made some additions this week. The additional dates will be in red.

Virtual SCARF Meeting for Parents only (Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience, Friendship)

Coram Life, who produce our PSHE curriculum, will deliver an online meeting for parents and carers on **Thursday 6th June at 6.30pm** the subject will be about growing and changing bodies. There will also be a question and answer session. I will send you the link closer to the time.

Grounds Morning – please come along and help!

Please put the date in your diary for our next grounds morning for planting and tidying up on Friday 24 May. There will also be lots of coffee and cake on offer.

Kind regards,

Kirstie Baines

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

IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS (School Closures) for academic year 2024-2025

Monday 2 September 2024

Friday 20 December 2024

Monday 2 June 2025

Monday 21 July 2025

Tuesday 22 July 2025

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

SUMMER TERM 2024

29 April-23 May	Students Miss Cronin and Mr Brown return to Blue and Yellow Classes for their summer placement.
29 April – 20 June	Winchester University students in Red, Green and Purple classes
13-16 May	Year 6 National SATs week
Thursday 16 May	3:30-5:00 Y6 after SAT's picnic and rounders for staff and pupils.
Monday 20 May	School photographer –class and whole school photos
Wednesday 22 May	Blue and Yellow class Pirate Dress-Up Day
Friday 24 May	School Grounds morning (with coffee and cakes!)

27-31 May

Thursday 6 June

Thursday 13 June

HALF TERM

6:30pm virtual SCARF meeting for parents only. Suitable for parents of all children in the school about growing and changing bodies

7:30-8:30 new Year R parents meeting

Saturday 15 June	Church Fete
Wednesday 19 June	1:30pm SPORTS DAY all welcome
Friday 21 June	Non-uniform day in exchange for sweets for sweet tombola
Sunday 23 June	9:30am for 10:00am start Café church MUSIC event
Wednesday 26 June	Non-uniform day in exchange for bottles for the bottle tombola
Friday 28 June	Please bring cakes for the cake stall.
Saturday 29 June	School Summer Fayre 3:30-5:30pm
Tuesday 2 July	Year 6 Wyvern Induction day – drop off and collection to be arranged by parents/carers.
Thursday 4 July	5:30-6:30 Family Reading Night and book fayre in school hall
Tuesday 9 July	1:30pm KS2 school play
Wednesday 10 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
Thursday 11 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
Friday 12 July	1:00pm Y6 Leaver’s service Portsmouth Cathedral (children only)
Friday 12 July	6:00-8:00pm Y6 leaver’s family BBQ and rounders
Thursday 18 July	Y6 leaver’s trip
Friday 19 July	1:30pm Leaver’s service Holy Cross Church School ends for the summer break. No after school childcare club.
Monday 22 July	School closed for IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS
Tuesday 23 July	School closed for IN-SERVICE TRAINING DAYS