



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported the Summer Fayre on Saturday and to the School Association and stall holders for their amazing organisation. We were blessed with wonderful weather and the whole event raised an incredible **£2,979.54!**

Congratulations to Phil Foxton for winning the first prize in our Grand Prize Draw.

Thank you to the Acton family who have brought the Durley Bear Hunt back to life this year. The whole event takes an enormous amount of organisation, but is great fun for all of us who can just take part, and with 62 bears to find, we were delighted to see that some families managed to find them all.

Favourite bear: Teddy bear street party (D.DAY 80)

Best dressed bear: Bearcule Poirot

Most creative bear: Teddy bear street party (D.DAY 80)

Funniest bear: Poo bear

Best community/ business bear: Bear-st mobile bar

We have photos of the all the bears in the A-Frame by the pupil entrance to school. 21 people found all 62 bears. We raised an amazing total of **£851**. The DSA will be running the Bear Hunt again in 2025!

We have a number of projects on the go at the moment following the purchase of 15 ipads last term. We are looking forward to the muddy area on the Key Stage 2 playground between the PE shed and the double green gates being resurfaced with artificial grass over the summer break and being able to finish off the refurbishment of the school library.

We also thank local farmers, the Rappini family for donating delicious strawberries for every child and adult in the school.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at sports day last week and the children all giving their best for the races. Thank you for your support.

Family Reading Night

As you will see from the diary dates, although we only have a few weeks left of school, we still have a number of events booked including our third and final family reading night of the year. This one will be a little bit different – starting off in the school hall, before - weather permitting – moving to the school field for stories. Please come along!

Integr8 Dance Show

I was honoured to be invited to go along and watch the Integr8 dance show last week. We had two entries to the competition with our minis in Key Stage 1 putting on a Scooby Doo dance and Key



Stage 2 with an Alice in Wonderland themed dance. The evening was quite spectacular with many schools taking part and the children having spent a number of weeks working to

perfect their dances. I was very proud to see that our minis won an award for most entertaining dance and Key Stage 2 for best overall dance. 2 of our pupils in Y5 and Y2 were the best stand out performers. Well done to them all.

Church in School – Thank you for the music



Thank you to everyone who came along and joined our church service to celebrate the love of music in our lives. Following a call to worship by Scottish piper Chris Davidson, parent James Webb started the service playing 'Wonderwall' on his acoustic guitar for us to all sing along to. Parent Ed Porter sang two solos and we all had fun trying to accompany the hymn 'thank you God for this new day' by playing the xylophone/glockenspiel and enjoyed listening to music from a number of our KS2 pupils on recorder, flute and trumpet. Many thanks also to Mr Burgess for coordinating the musical pieces.

Staffing

It was lovely to see all of the children having a taster day in their new classes yesterday. Yellow class teacher, Miss Phillips will have her last day with the children in school on Tuesday 16 July, before going on maternity leave. Mrs Bishop from Yellow class will be with us until the end of the week until Friday 19 July.

We are also sad that Blue Class teaching assistant Miss Saunders will be leaving us with her last day on Thursday 18 July before she flies out to Romania to support the Dare2Dream project. Following her return at the end of August, she will be taking up a teacher training program. We thank her for all the support she has given us over the past eighteen months and wish her luck in her new career.

Kind regards,

Kirstie Baines
Headteacher

DIARY DATES

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

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

Thursday 4 July	5:30-6:30pm Family Reading Night and book fayre in school hall
Friday 5 July	Blue and Yellow class visit to Southampton Sea City Museum
Tuesday 9 July	1:30pm KS2 school play
Wednesday 10 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
Thursday 11 July	6:00pm KS2 school play
Thursday 11 July	Annual pupil reports to parents
Friday 12 July	1:00pm Y6 Leaver's service Portsmouth Cathedral (children only)
Friday 12 July	6:00pm-8:00pm Y6 leaver's family BBQ and rounders
Monday 15 July	2:30pm Key Stage 2 Music Concert for children who have peripatetic music lessons
Tuesday 16 July	Miss Phillips last day in Yellow class before maternity leave.
Thursday 18 July	Y6 leaver's trip to Gunwharf Quays
Thursday 18 July	Miss Saunders (Blue Class) final day in School
Thursday 18 July	2:00pm KS1 Listen 2 Me Concert for parents
Friday 19 July	1:30pm Leaver's service Holy Cross Church. Whole school walk up to the church and back. 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