



Dear Parents and Carers



This week we managed to continue with our winning streak, with our Year 5 Dodgeball team who competed against 16 local schools at Wildern Secondary School last week. The children had a fantastic time and finished in **FIRST** place against 14 teams. Well done to the team.

Thank you to everyone who brought in items for the Bags2school collection. Your contributions raised an incredible £162.

The DSA held their AGM last week and elected a new committee. Chloe Collins agreed to continue as Chair, Josie Felton as treasurer, Hannah Porter as secretary. Andy Mooge and Gwen Heywood-Waddington will be stepping down from the committee and were thanked for all their hard work. Lise Sellers was welcomed onto the committee.

A well-deserved **THANK YOU** to Mr Swiech who kindly gave up his time last week to put shelving in all five of the Key Stage 1 storage sheds – what a superstar!!

Thank you everyone who came along and joined the fun at the church pet service yesterday. The pets all got on very well and enjoyed the stories and singing.



**This is a very busy week for you all so just a few reminders:**

### **Wednesday morning 9:15am - Harvest Festival**

We will be holding our Harvest Festival on **Wednesday 27 September at 9:15am** in the school hall. Everyone is welcome to join us and to listen to the children singing. This year, we will be supporting the local Food Centre at Hedge End, which would welcome any non-perishable produce to be brought in on the day. All items gratefully received however, items that would be particularly welcomed would be:

- Jars of sauces
- Rice and noodles
- UHT milk
- Tea and Coffee
- Toiletries
- Squash
- Biscuits and snack bars

### **Thursday afternoon - Sponsored Fancy Dress Fun Run**

Your child will be taking part in our annual Sponsored Sports Fancy Dress Fun Run on **Thursday 28 September**. The children will run laps around the school field – dressed in fancy dress!

Please ensure your son or daughter has their trainers in school for this event. All money raised will go towards a new interactive flat screen panel for the school library. Children in:

Blue and Yellow classes will run from 2:30pm

Red, Green and Purple classes from 2:50pm

Please could children bring in their fancy dress outfit in a named carrier bag on the day. Parents are very welcome to come along and join in the fun from 2:30pm. Your child will be given a Sponsored Sports card before the event, please ensure that it is brought into school on the 28th, to have the form signed. Donations can be made through the Gofundme site: <https://gofund.me/ac79a3b4>

### **Friday evening - Family Reading Night – Friday 29 September 5:30-6:30pm**

We are delighted that Mrs Cook has organised a family reading night for this **Friday 29 September**. Everyone is most welcome to come along and join us. Once again the reading evening will be supported by P&G Wells book fair where you can purchase books for your home library after school or on the night. Please speak to someone in the school office if you would be willing to be a reader. We look forward to seeing many of you in school this week.

### **Year 3 and 4 residential to Beaulieu – 2-4 October**

We are all looking forward to the residential trip to Beaulieu next week (Monday-Wednesday). If you have any questions regarding the trip, please do not hesitate to speak to the school office, Mrs May or myself this week. I will be accompanying the children and therefore out of school for that period. If you have any urgent matters you wish to discuss with me, please either email [adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@durley.hants.sch.uk), speak to the school office staff or Mr Firth.

### **Parent's Meetings**

This week we will be sending out the letter for you to sign up for parent's meetings on 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> of October. Year 6 parent's evening will now NOT be on Tuesday 17 October due to a football fixture and has been moved to Monday 16 October.

Kind Regards

*Kirstie Baines*

Kirstie Baines – Headteacher

## DIARY DATES 2023

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

Friday 1 December 2023

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.**

### Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 27 September	9:15am Harvest Festival for Hedge End Food Bank - all welcome
Thursday 28 September	2:30pm (KS1) 2:50pm (KS2) Sponsored Fancy Dress Fun Run – all welcome
Friday 29 September	5:30-6:30pm Family Reading Night – all welcome.
2-4 October	Year 3 and 4 Residential to Beaulieu
<b>From Monday 2 October</b>	<b>Begin to bring in books for the book swap</b>
Thursday 12 October	Annual Open Day for prospective parents 2024 9:30-11:30/13:30-14:30
<b>Friday 13 October</b>	<b>NO SWIMMING LESSON – pool out of action (moved to 8.12.2023)</b>
<b>Monday 16 October</b>	<b>4:00-6:00pm Parent's meeting YEAR 6 ONLY</b>
<b>Tuesday 17 October</b>	<b>3:00-6:00pm Parent's meeting with classteacher – Years R-5</b>
Thursday 19 October	4:00-7:00pm Parent's meeting with classteacher (all classes)
Friday 20 October	Book Swap

### 23-27 October HALF TERM

<b>Tuesday 31 October</b>	<b>Shoe Box Collection</b>
Tuesday 7 November	Year 6 visit to D-Day museum, Portsmouth
Thursday 9 November	Year 3 and 4 visit to Roman Palace at Fishbourne
Friday 10 November	10:45am Remembrance Service (No swimming). All welcome.
Monday 13 November	Photographer in school (portraits)
Friday 17 November	Children in Need
Sunday 26 November	9:30 for 10:00am start Church in School, stir up Sunday cake making service
Friday 1 December	School closed for staff training
Monday 4 December	School Christmas Post Box open
Wednesday 6 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
Thursday 7 December	9:20am Blue and Yellow Class Nativity
<b>Friday 8 December</b>	<b>Final Year 3 and 4 swimming lesson (date change due to pool closure)</b>
Friday 8 December	KS2 church rehearsal
<b>Saturday 9 December</b>	<b>DSA Christmas Fayre (Date Change)</b>
Tuesday 12 December	Whole School Flu immunisation

Tuesday 12 December	pm Class Christmas parties
Wednesday 13 December	Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 15 December	1:30pm Carol Service in Holy Cross Church
	School ends at 3:30pm. No after school child care or clubs.

### **SPRING TERM 2024**

Tuesday 2 January	8:50 school opens for the Spring Term
Friday 2 February	2:45pm Christingle service – all welcome
<b>12-16 February</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Tuesday 20 February	3:00-6:00pm Parents Meetings
Thursday 22 February	4:00-7:00pm Parents Meetings
18-22 March	Year 5 and 6 Residential visit to Isle of Wight
Thursday 28 March	1:30pm Easter service Holy Cross Church. All welcome
	3:30pm school closes for Easter break. No after school club.

### **SUMMER TERM 2024**

Monday 15 April	8:50am School re-opens for the summer term
13-16 May	Year 6 National SATs week
Monday 20 May	School photographer –class and whole school photos
<b>27-31 May</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Thursday 13 June	7:30-8:30 new parents meeting
Saturday 15 June	Church Fete
Wednesday 19 June	1:30pm SPORTS DAY all welcome
Saturday 29 June	School Summer Fayre
Tuesday 2 July	Year 6 Wyvern Induction day –
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 19 July	1:30pm Leavers service Holy Cross Church
	School ends for the summer break. No after school club.