



Dear Parents and Carers

Many thanks to you all for the many offers of help and support over the past few days with our issues over flooding.

I am delighted to say that the carpet cleaners have done a fantastic job and the dehumidifiers have been on over the weekend so we are able to re-open the school tomorrow morning Tuesday 9 January as usual. The breakfast and after school clubs will be running as usual and all of the after school activity clubs will be able to go ahead.

We are having a few issues with the hall floor, however it is still useable, so school lunches will still go ahead.

The Key Stage 1 playground was hit hard by the flood water, and I am extremely grateful to staff for their work to sorting it out.

On Tuesday you will notice scaffolding that is being erected on the walkway at the front of the school. We are having some long awaited essential roofing maintenance carried out and therefore the pathway will be unusable during this time. Please be extra careful when walking on the pavement outside school and use the brook entrance where possible.

Sadly, we were unable to take KS2 up to the church on Friday afternoon to see the Christmas tree festival and are now unable to find time in school to go. If you, your friends or family would like to see the wonderful trees, Durley Church will be open again from 10am to 12 noon on Saturday 13th January. Do go and see the trees. Members of the Durley congregation will also be serving tea, coffee and juice.

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.

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

Tuesday 15 January

3:35pm Year 6 SAT's meeting in Green class for parents and pupils

Thursday 18 January

Y3, 4 and 5 music concert in Southampton Central Hall

Monday 22 January

No Gymnastics

Tuesday 30 January

Blue and Yellow class visit to living rainforest

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

HALF TERM

Tuesday 20 February

3:00-6:00pm Parents Meetings

Thursday 22 February

4:00-7:00pm Parents Meetings

Thursday 14 March

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

Sunday 25 February

10:00am Church in School

18-22 March

Year 5 and 6 Residential visit to Isle of Wight

Sunday 24 March

10:00am Palm Sunday church in school.

Thursday 28 March

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

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

27-31 May

HALF TERM

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 12 July	1:00pm Y6 Leaver's service Portsmouth Cathedral (children only)
Friday 19 July	1:30pm Leavers 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