



Dear Parents and Carers,



Well done to our Year 6 pupils who have pulled out all of the stops and given their best this week in completing the National tests. They have remained calm, cheerful and resilient throughout the process, making us all very proud.

Next week we have a special grounds morning where we are looking forward to sprucing up the outside areas of the school in preparation for the second half of the summer term. We are keeping hopeful that we can have a rain-free morning. Please see the letter coming home tomorrow with more details and an opportunity for you to sign up to help out.



This has been a very difficult time for us all in school following the sad news of the passing of Mrs Laura Fealy. We have sent our condolences from all of the staff, Governors, children and parents past and present to her family. Despite her illness over the last five years, she was a huge support to staff and children past and present as higher level teaching assistant, class teacher and friend.

Mrs Fealy was a huge asset to our small team, always keen to help out whether it was a residential visit with year 3 and 4 to the New Forest, the school play, vocal festivals, church fete. As well as being a wonderful teacher, she was someone children would turn to when they had difficulties in their own lives. Mrs Fealy was such a talented, supportive and thoughtful person who has left us with so many happy memories of her time with us which we will always cherish.

I am sure that you would like to join us in doing something in school that will be a lasting memorial to Mrs Fealy, and we will let you know the details in due course.

The funeral will be over the half term break in May and we will not therefore need to close the school.

Staffing for September 2024

There will be a change of staffing in Yellow class in September, with Miss Phillips leaving us to begin her maternity leave and Mrs Bishop taking on an exciting new role within the NHS as a physiotherapist. We thank them for all of their work with yellow class this year and wish them well.

Last week we held interviews for a full time teacher for Yellow class next year and appointed Miss Ella Bradley. Miss Bradley is currently working in Hertfordshire and is a music specialist as well as a KS1 class teacher. We look forward to her joining us this term to meet the children and being a part of our team.

REMINDERS for next week

- **Monday 20 May** - we have the photographer in school for class and whole school photographs. Please ensure full uniform is worn.
- **Wednesday 22 May** - Pirate dress-up day for Blue and yellow classes.
- **Thursday 23 May** – Blue and Yellow class students last day in school.

- **Friday 24 May** – Grounds morning – sign up letter for helping out to follow

Green and Red classes have also added an Egyptian dress up day to the school diary on **Thursday 13 June** and Blue and Yellow classes have arranged a trip to the Sea City Museum in Southampton on **Friday 5 July**.

Durley School Association

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the sponsored triathlon last term. We raised nearly £2000 towards 15 ipads and their cases which are currently on order.

We are now hoping for support with the Durley bear Hunt. Remember the closing date for the bears is **Monday 20 May** and we look forward to them all appearing at the end of next week.



We welcome entries from outside Durley, if you live outside the village please simply let us know the road and area 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 and return 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. They will also be sold on the school playground each day next week.

Church Fete

The church fete in Wintershill Hall will be upon us shortly after the half term break on **Saturday 15 June**. Please make a note of this wonderful event in your diaries to come along and enjoy the fun.

Virtual SCARF Meeting for Parents only

There has been a lot in the national news this week about the teaching of relationships in schools, and I am sure you will all have questions about the Durley primary School changing and growing curriculum for our pupils. Coram Life, who produce our PSHE curriculum, will deliver an online meeting for parents and carers on **Thursday 6 June at 6.30pm**. There will also be a question and answer session. I will send you the link closer to the time.



A reminder to you all that the school will be closed on Monday 3 June for staff training and reopen after the half term break on **Tuesday 4 June** for the second half of the summer term.

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

Thursday 16 May

3:30-5:00pm 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

HALF TERM

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

Thursday 13 June

Red and Green class Egyptian dress-up day

Thursday 13 June

7:30-8:30pm 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

5:30-6:30pm 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

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