



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the 'summer' term. I hope you have all enjoyed the break and the children have returned to school refreshed and ready for the excitement of the summer term.

We had many exciting events at the end of last term, with children in Years 3 and 4 attending both the indoor athletics competition and swimming gala against schools in the local area. We were delighted that both teams did exceptionally well with our swim team finishing in first place by a huge margin. Well done to all of the children who represented Durley School and gave their best.



Well done to all of the children who took part in our Key Stage 1 Listen2me drumming concert and Key Stage 2 music concert last term. We are delighted to see so many children having fun learning to play musical instruments, and look forward to the return of our school band in September. If you have a child in Key Stage 2 who wishes to learn to play a musical instrument, please ensure you return the music letter which will be coming out this week.

Durley School Association

The DSA will be starting this term with a sponsored event to raise funds for much needed new ipads to support us in delivering the computing curriculum across the school. Our current ipads are first generation and unable to accept the apps we need to be able to deliver the computing National Curriculum. The children will be undertaking a 'triathlon' of running, reading and computing next **Wednesday 24 April**. If you want to sponsor your child you can either send cash/cheque into the school office or pay directly following the link:

<https://gofund.me/e94739ea>

Thank you to our school Librarian, Mrs Cook who started us off by raising an incredible £355 completing a proper triathlon on Good Friday.

We are all thrilled to see the return of the **Durley Bear Hunt**. Please keep an eye out for more information about this iconic event!



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.

PARKING

I had a number of complaints at the end of last term from the general public regarding the parking outside the school – parking on the yellow zig zag lines and reversing into a resident's

driveway. As outlined in the Highway Code, the yellow zig zags indicate the part of the road where motorists should not wait, stop, or park a vehicle. Governors recognise the difficulties with parking outside the school, however, we would be very grateful if you could park considerately and safely.

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 changes. All changes and new dates in the diary will appear in red.

SUMMER TERM 2024

Monday 15 April

8:50am School re-opens for the summer term

Wednesday 24 April

Sponsored triathlon (run, read, compute)

Sunday 28 April

9:30am Café Church in school (10:00am start)

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.

Monday 20 May

School photographer –class and whole school photos

Friday 24 May

School Grounds morning (with coffee and cakes!)

27-31 May

HALF TERM

Thursday 6 June

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

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 – drop off and collection to be arranged by parents/carers.
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 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