

CHILDREN IN NEED

What a fantastic day celebrating Children in Need here at Dursley! Thank you to our, 'Me and My World' Pupil Parliament who organised the event. We are proud to announce that we raised £284.90.



REMEMBRANCE

I felt really proud watching the Remembrance Parade in Dursley on Sunday 12th. It was lovely to see a number of Dursley Academy pupils representing a range of groups such as Scouts, Guides and Brownies, and showing Respect to those who serve and have sacrificed. This week Year 6 have continued to explore the significance of Remembrance Day within English Lessons. They have written some really powerful and emotive poems, which I wanted to share with you all. Well done Year 6!

United in memory, we pause and reflect.
Looking back in history, it's time to connect.
We look forward to the future; what could be next?
But as the years go on, we build our respect,
And the more we look back, the less we forget.

Jack D

Let's build a community, for those who fought.
They went to war so young, their lives were too short.
We'll remember together in silence and peace.
We'll never forget the service they gave.
They were so brave, so brave.
As the gun shots stopped, came to an immediate halt,
The soldiers would cheer, jumping in glee.
On that morning it stopped, now they are free.
The poppies will grow all over the fields.
It is quiet now.

Anya R

WELCOME BACK AND SAD GOODBYES

We are pleased to announce that Miss Lyons will be returning to work this coming week. We have planned a cohesive 2-week handover between Miss Lyons and Miss Powell to ensure the children in Maple Class have a smooth transition. I am sure you will join me in saying a huge thank you to Miss Powell, who has offered consistency for the children in Maple Class. The children have enjoyed great learning experiences with Miss Powell, and I know they will really miss her.

Holidays During Term Time

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Kindness, Respect, Responsibility, Thankfulness, Forgiveness and Perseverance in Action

FAMILY FUN

This week year groups have sent out information regarding our Family Fun Days. The children are so excited about these events, and we hope to welcome as many parents and carers through our doors as possible. If you have not received this information, please email admin@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk and the class teachers will get in touch with you.

Year Five and Six Family is on Tuesday 21st November. Please can the children bring in a £2 contribution towards our ration book menu?

SEND UPDATES

Over the next week our new SENDCo, Mrs Woods, will be meeting with parents of children with a MyPlan+ and/or EHCPs. This will be an opportunity to discuss provision, and review plans. At Dursley we recognise that Parent and Carers views are integral in enabling all pupils to **shine brightly**, move learning forward, as well as provide important information which we can use to improve support within school. We are hoping all parents will have received their invitation to these meetings, if you have not please email admin@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk. For parents of children with a MyPlan, you should have received a copy of their new plan during Parents Evening. If you did not, please email admin@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk and your child's class teacher will make sure this gets to you.

ATTENDANCE

This week we have sent home letters for all pupils with attendance that is less than 90%. Attendance less than 92% is classed as 'persistent absence'. Should we continue to have concerns, we will arrange a meeting with you to discuss the absence, and create an action plan to support and improve your child's attendance. We have attached an information page about attendance to this week's newsletter- have a read through and if you have any questions, please ask! If you have received a letter, and would like to discuss it, please ask to speak to Mrs Gregory via the office team.

CURRICULUM OVERVIEWS

We have been doing some fantastic learning this week, and the children are really engaged with the different topics and activities taking place around the school. We will attached this term's curriculum overviews to an email next week so you can find out what learning will be taking place for your child. I always find them useful talking points for the children to find out more about what they have been learning.

 **Value Leaves Awarded** 

Respect	Responsibility	Perseverance
Jo-Jo C Riley W Nova T-W Esme C Leo R	Bruce B Josh H Daris J Ellie N Tegan C	Harley S Cheryl F
Thankfulness	Forgiveness	Kindness
Pavlos P		Amaya B

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	Dates for your diaries
Tuesday 21st November	Year Five and Six Family Fun (details to follow)
Thursday 23rd November	Year One and Two Family Fun (details to follow)
Friday 24th November	School Association Cake sale – Cakes provided by Willow and Copper Beech Christmas Bazaar Donation Day – Chocolate or Wine
Friday 1st December	Christmas Bazaar Donation Day – Colour Hampers
Weds 6th December	Year Three and Four Family Fun (details to follow)
Friday 8th December	Christmas Bazaar
Wednesday 13th December	Caterlink Christmas Lunch KS1 Christmas Performance
Thursday 14th December	KS1 Christmas performance
Tuesday 19th December	Year Three and Four Carol Service
Thursday 21st December	Class Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 22nd December	Christmas Church Service Last Day of Term
Friday 19th January 2024	School Association – School Disco
Sunday 25th February 2024	School Association Pub Quiz at The Old Spot.
Coming Soon	More dates coming soon!

School Association

50/50 OCTOBER WINNER

Congratulations to our October 50/50 winner – Rachael Mills.

For your chance to win please speak to a member of the school association or email them at schoolassociation@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk

JOLLY JARS

Many thanks to everyone who has dropped off a Jolly Jar today ready for our Christmas Fair.

If you have forgotten to bring your jar in today, it is not too late. Please drop them into the school office.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return any raffle ticket monies and stubs to the school office.

If you have any unsold tickets, could these also be returned to the school office? Thank you.

CHRISTMAS FUNDRAISING SHOP

The fundraising shop for ordering your child's design on cards and gifts will be open again between the 17th and 24th of November. Please go to approve.myfundraisinghub.com and enter the code from your child's design card to place your orders.

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Christmas Bazaar (Friday 8th December) – Donation Days

For those that are new to the school, every year the School Association organise a Christmas Bazaar, which has a mix of stalls, games and festive fun for the children. We ask the parents/carers of the children to bring in the below items if they can - these donations all contribute to becoming a stall at the bazaar and in turn raise vital funds for the school and your children.

Friday 24th November – Chocolate or Wine donation

Please bring a donation of chocolate and/or wine. This contributes to two of our very popular Christmas Bazaar stalls/games!

Friday 1st December – Colour Hampers donation

Please can you bring in a tombola type item in the colour that represents your child's year group (see below) and we'll put them altogether to create seven beautiful hampers to raffle on the night of the Christmas Bazaar.

Reception classes	BLUE
Year 1	ORANGE
Year 2	GREEN
Year 3	PURPLE
Year 4	PINK
Year 5	YELLOW
Year 6	RED

Thank you very much for supporting the school, your donations are really appreciated.

Would you like to help with the Christmas Bazaar? If anyone is around on the mornings of the above donation days, please meet outside the school office after morning drop off. The type of work we do on these mornings include;

- Collecting items from the various classrooms
- Sticking raffle tickets to the items
- folding raffle tickets
- preparing & wrapping the colour hampers

Many hands make light work, anyone is welcome to help (little ones are welcome too).

If you have any questions at all about donation days or being involved in the Christmas Bazaar planning and volunteering at the event itself, please email the school association:

schoolassociation@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk

We hope you have a lovely weekend!
From Dursley C of E Primary Academy.

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