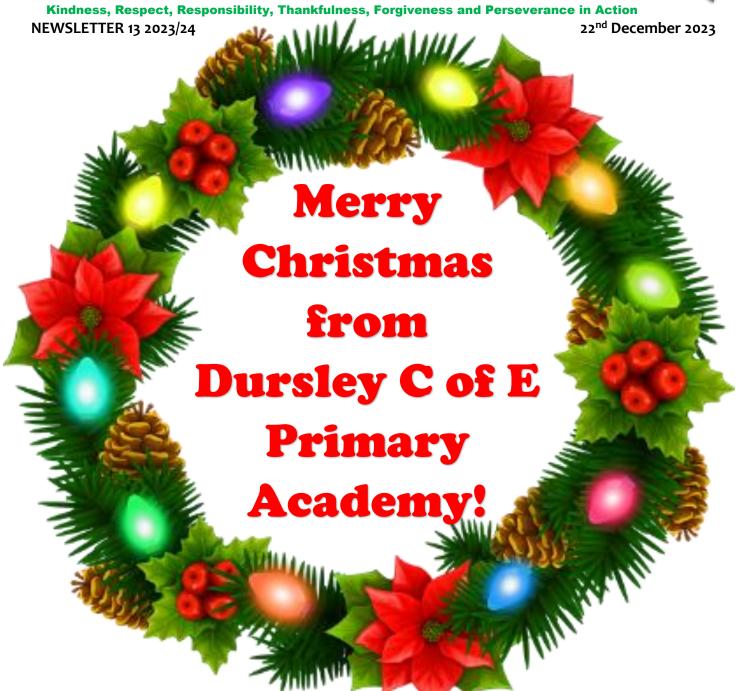


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WISHING YOU ALL A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We've had a very busy December here at the Academy.

We would like to say a **BIG** thank you to every single child and staff member for making the run up to Christmas a special time. We have had some memorable performances from our infant classes, and most recently our Year Three and Four Christmas concert, which we all couldn't resist singing along to. Before our grand finale of our Year Five and Six children leading our Christmas service at the church this morning, including a special performance from our school choir.

We would also like to say thank you to all our families and friends who have helped and supported us this year, we couldn't do it with you all.

We wish you all a Peaceful, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Holidays During Term Time

Whilst we realise absence through illness is unavoidable, we do have concerns about children missing school through holidays and the impact this makes on their learning. Children also need to be present for important assessments throughout the year – there are particularly important tests for Year Six and Year Two in May and Year One in June. We cannot, therefore, authorise any requests for family holidays except in exceptional circumstances. If you do need to take your child out of school for a long absence, please contact the school office for an absence request form.



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

Value Leaves Awarded			
Respect	Thankfulness	Perseverance	
Scarlett W	Molly A	Everyone in Cedar Class	
Erin G	Harry P	Blake C	
Zayne W	Riley W	Junior G	
Eden B		Sophie F-P	
Dean J			
Mitchel C			
Scarlet C			
Hector N			
Responsibility	Forgiveness	Kindness	
Aurora S		Finley H	

	Dates for your diaries
Monday 8 th January 2024	Term Starts
Wednesday 10 th January	Reception and Year 6 NCMP
	Oak Class Swimming Lessons begin
Thursday 11 th January	Cherry Class Swimming Lessons begin
Friday 12 th January	School Association Cake Sale – Cakes provided by Elm and Palm Classes
Friday 19 th January	School Association – School Disco
Friday 9 th February	Last day of school
Monday 12 th - Friday 16 th	Half Term
February	
Monday 19 th February	INSET Day – School closed to all pupils
Tuesday 20 th February	Term starts
Sunday 25 th February	School Association Pub Quiz at The Old Spot.

VACANCY

Stella B

We have a vacancy for a Caretaker/cleaner. Please visit our <u>website</u> or contact the school office for further information.

ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

If your child is unwell or if they have an appointment, please contact the school office to inform us. Our telephone number is **01453 542304** or you can sent us an email <u>absence@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk</u> or admin@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk Please can you notify us by 9.30am. Many thanks

RECEPTION AND YEAR SIX NCMP

Unfortunately, the school nursing team had to postpone the National Child Measurement Programme, planned for earlier this week, for our reception and year six children. This has been rescheduled for January 10th 2024 and we will contact you when we receive further information from the nursing team.

GRITTLETON HOUSE RESIDENTIAL TRIP

Year Six children have brought home a letter about our upcoming residential trip. Please return confirmation slip by 12th January, if your child would like to participate. Thank you.

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