



**Merry
Christmas
from
Dursley C of E
Primary
Academy!**

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.



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

 **Value Leaves Awarded** 

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

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

VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Caretaker/cleaner. Please visit our [website](#) 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 send us an email absence@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk 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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