

PTA UPDATES

We are really lucky to have such an active PTA here at Dursley Primary, and I felt privileged to have been invited to their meeting at the beginning of the week. Through working **together**, we have been able to use the monies raised to support important school priorities such as new phonics books in KS1, resources to support the delivery of our ELSA sessions, and supporting the costs of our new Laptops. All of these new resources will make a huge **difference** to both children and staff. Plans are also currently being made for an exciting fun day! If you would like to get involved with the Association please do contact them directly through the email schoolassociation@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk.

THE GOLDEN GLUE

In Monday's whole school worship, we began to learn about the language of spirituality. We have learnt about 'The Kintsugi Story', and 'the golden glue'. It reminds us that spirituality can be seen as the gold with which we can fill the gaps that may be caused by the 'ows' and 'wows' and even 'nows' of life. **Can your child tell you about the story at home?**



HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUEST

Following an incident this week, please can I ask parents, and carers to take extra care with their belongings when visiting the school site. Sadly some unsafe items have been found on the playground, which are likely to have fallen from an adults pocket. I have also spoken with school staff. Thank you for your support with this.

Many thanks,

Mrs Gregory and Team Dursley

EGGCITING EASTER EVENTS

We have many events taking place over the next few weeks. Week beginning the 11th Children will be visiting the Church to take part in the Stations of the Cross activities, and the PTA have organised our Annual Easter Hunt, which is due to take place on Monday 18th March after school- entry information to follow. We will culminate the Easter Events with a Service at St James on March 22nd.



YEAR 6 REDNOCK TRIP

To support Transition to Secondary School, our Year 6 children have been invited to go and watch the Dress Rehearsal of the production, Peter Pan. They will walk to Rednock on March 11th in the afternoon. I have been told it has a diverse cast of 60 students, and the Drama Department have selected a lively, nostalgic script. The children at Rednock wanted something that would be fun for all ages and have described the play as having a pantomime feel, with adventure, music and humour that will make spirits soar- tickets are available to purchase! Thank you to Rednock for inviting us!



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

Attendance & Achievement

If attendance drops below 95%, then absence begins to have a significant impact on achievement. Catching up after absence can be difficult – this period can last as long as the absence itself. 95% attendance means around 10 days out of school in a year. 90% attendance means:

- ½ day absent each week
- 4 weeks absent each year
- ½ year absent over 5 school years

Being in school is important to your child’s achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. [Evidence](#) shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best results.

% Attendance figures for week commencing: 26 th February 2024	
Elm	94.4%
Palm	94.4%
Oak	94.7%
Cherry	89.5%
Larch	94.6%
Maple	95.6%
Cedar	95.8%
Magnolia	92.6%
Willow	88.5%
Sequoia	88.1%
Copper Beech	92.7%

If your child is finding coming into school difficult please come and ask us for support. We would really like to help you and your child to ensure they are happy and secure in school.

[NHS - is my child to ill for school](#)

Dates for your diaries	
Wednesday 6th March	Y6 SATS Parents Meeting @6pm
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day (Fancy dress)
Monday 11th March	Y6 Peter Pan Visit Stations of the Cross Events this week
Tuesday 12th March	Y6 Transition Meeting with the Door PM
Wednesday 13th March	Y5/6 TAG Rugby Event PM (Parent support required)
Friday 15th March	2 nd Hand Uniform and School Association Cake Sale – donations from Larch class Comic Relief (more information from the Me and My World Parliament to come)
Monday 18th March	PTA Easter Egg Trail
Tuesday 19th March	Y6 Transition Meeting with the Door PM
Wednesday 20th March	Y3/4 TAG Rugby Event (Parent support required)
Thursday 21st March	Parents of children with SEND Coffee and Chat (@230pm)
Friday 22nd March	Easter Service at St James

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