

COMMUNICATION UPDATES

A few weeks ago, I explained in the newsletter that we were going to explore new ways of improving our communication between parents/carers and the school. I am pleased to share that we are going to begin using Class Dojo as a way of enabling you to find out how your children are getting on at school. Parents and carers will be able to download the ClassDojo App, and communicate directly with your child's class teacher. Over the next week your child will come home with a letter explaining how to download the App, and how to connect with your child's information and class teacher. This is an exciting step in improving our communication, and to support this we have created a clear **Communication Strategy document** (attached to this newsletter). The document explains how ClassDojo will be used, as well as our other Communication methods used at Dursley.



SCHOOL ASSOCIATION UPDATES!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Easter Egg Hunt at the end of term. We raised £170 which continues help to support purchase a range of equipment and resources, such as brand new PE Kit. Our Year 3 and 4 children debuted the kit at the Rugby Tournament and they looked the smartest team out on the pitch! The School Association also have an exciting Surprise Treat Planned for the end of the Summer Term which will be enjoyed by all of the pupils! From September 2024, the School Association will be in need of a new Treasurer. **Please find attached a letter from the School Association about this role!**

	Dates for your diaries
Wednesday 24 th April	KS1 Panathlon at KLB
Thursday 25 th April	Reflect and Connect Committee Fundraising Visit
Friday 3 rd May	Reflect and Connect Committee Fundraising Event
Tuesday 7 th May	Year 6 Leavers and class group Photos
Friday 10 th May	Y6 School beat visit
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATS Week
Tuesday 14 th May	School Association meeting
Tuesday 4 th June	KS1 Multi Skills Event
Monday 10 th June	KS2 Church Theatre Visit
Wednesday 12 th June	Y6 Cathedral Leaver Service
Saturday 15 th June	Summer Fair featuring the Dursley Colour Run!
Week beginning 17 th June	Y6 Bikeability
Week beginning 24 th June	Y6 Residential
Wednesday 17 th July	School Association Treat Day!

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.

Sorry to moan but....

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A number of children are coming to school wearing crocs (or similar). Please be advised that these are not suitable for school due to health and safety concerns. We will contact parents/carers and ask for you to bring in alternatives.

SMOKING AND VAPING ON THE SCHOOL SITE

Please remember we are a no-smoking, and therefore a no-vaping site. This is a sitewide ban, and members of our community who are spotted smoking or vaping will be asked politely to stop.

We appreciate your support with this.

SUMMER FAIR ft. DURSLEY COLOUR RUN

This year the Summer Fair will be extra special, as we will also host the Dursley Colour Run on the same day. Pop the date in your diary: **Sat 15th June. Gates open at 12 noon, all welcome.**

BBQ, Bar, ice cream, raffle, traditional games Colour run, ticket only, at 2pm (infants) and 3pm (juniors). Tickets can be purchased on line here:

<https://www.peoplesfundraising.com/dursleyr>

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 **Value Leaves Awarded** 

Respect

Responsibility

Kindness

Thankfulness

Forgiveness

Perseverance

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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: 8 th April 2024	
Elm	
Palm	
Oak	
Cherry	
Larch	
Maple	
Cedar	
Magnolia	
Willow	
Sequoia	
Copper Beech	

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](#)

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