

WELCOME BACK

We have had a fantastic week back here at Dursley. The children have been **shining brightly** by consistently showing our values in action. In Year 1 and 2, they have been **persevering** with their writing about Lost and Found animals. In Reception, both Elm and Palm class have enjoyed their first swimming lessons, and showed **respect** and **responsibility** by listening to the instructors and looking after their belongings. It has been great to see the children in Year 5 and 6 continuing to show **kindness** and **responsibility** by supporting the children in KS1 at break and lunch, and reading buddies in Reception.

TERMLY VALUE

This term's value is forgiveness.

What does forgiveness mean?

Forgiveness cannot be given or received unless it is asked for, and the asking must be genuine and from the heart. Too often 'sorry' is said very easily, implying: 'All I need to do is say I'm sorry and everything will be OK'. **Real repentance demands that we take what we have done wrong with the utmost seriousness and have a deep desire not to do it again.** Jesus was uncompromising in his command to forgive. Forgive, he said, 'seventy times seven' (Matthew 18:21). In other words, forgive and keep on forgiving without limit. Please watch this [video](#)



APOLOGIES

I wanted to take this opportunity this week to offer sincere apologies for the short notice regarding the Parents Evening Booking information and Reception Swimming, as well as other historical communication issues. I am currently reviewing processes to make sure this does not happen again, as well as researching alternative School Based Communication apps. I really appreciate your support and patience with this.

WORLD BOOK DAY MARCH 7 2024

Thank you so much to those who have already entered our Paper Plate Competition, there is still time to enter so please do keep bringing them in! We have been really impressed with the designs so far. Please make sure the paper plates have the name and class on the back. Don't forget we are also inviting the children to come in dressed up as their favourite book character, and hosting a Book Swap event.



Dates for your diaries	
Sunday 25 th February	School Association Pub Quiz at The Old Spot.
Monday 26 th February	School Association Meeting at the Old Spot 730pm
Wednesday 6 th March	Y6 SATS Parents Meeting @6pm
Tuesday 12 th March	Y6 Transition Meeting with the Door PM
Wednesday 13 th March	Y5/6 TAG Rugby Event PM (Parent support required)
Friday 15 th March	School Association Cake Sale – donations from Larch class
Tuesday 19 th March	Y6 Transition Meeting with the Door PM
Wednesday 20 th March	Y3/4 TAG Rugby Event (Parent support required)

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: 19 th February 2024	
Elm	96.67%
Palm	100%
Oak	93.4%
Cherry	96.5%
Larch	94.64%
Maple	91.83%
Cedar	93.06%
Magnolia	89.22%
Willow	93.75%
Sequoia	93.45%
Copper Beech	90.1%

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](#)

 **Value Leaves Awarded**

Respect

Charlie M
Maisie B

Responsibility

Bruce B
Krystian P-D
Grace C
Chayse G
Iola M

Kindness

Maison C
Ben G-T
Evie-Jo G

Thankfulness

Forgiveness

Perseverance

Theo S
Joshua G
Iyla K
Toby T
Leo C
Poppy W

Many thanks,

Mrs Gregory and Team Dursley

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