



YEAR FIVE AND SIX FAMILY FUN

Thank you to the Y5/6 parents who came along to family fun on Tuesday afternoon. The children did a great job of preparing and cooking dishes using World War Two rations- it smelt delicious! The corned beef stew went down well and carrot cookies were very popular! The children also prepared spam sandwiches, tea and bread and butter pudding. We hope you enjoyed the afternoon as much as we did!

YEAR ONE AND TWO FAMILY FUN

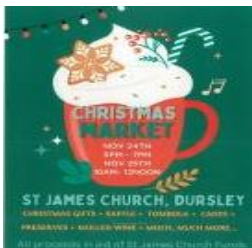
The families of Oak, Cherry and Larch classes had lots of fun on Thursday afternoon. The children had a variety of craft activities to share with their grown-up. These activities were all connected to their current English unit, "All about Zog". This is a lovely book about a persevering dragon called Zog by Julia Donaldson. One of the children's favourite activities was creating a 3D dragon! Thanks to all who were able to join us.

RECEPTION NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

The children of Elm and Palm classes are looking forward to performing The Nativity to their families. We have two performances for families to attend on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December. Both of these performances will be at 2pm. We look forward to welcoming you into our school hall to watch the children. Please can you enter the hall via the side entrance. Thank you.

KS1 CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

The children of Oak, Cherry and Larch classes are looking forward to performing Christmas with Aliens to their friends and families. They will begin with a dress rehearsal performance to school on Tuesday 12th December 2pm, before the two performance to parents on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th December. Both of these performances will be at 2pm. We will not be issuing tickets this year but will be requesting that families only send a maximum of 2 audience members per performance.



FESTIVE DURSLEY

This evening is Festive Dursley Christmas light Switch-On and St James' Christmas Market. Activities start at 5pm and include carols, shopping, Christmas Fair, raffles, tombola and the official light switch on. If you look closely at the Christmas tree you will see it is adorned with Christmas tree garlands, some of which were designed by our year five and six children.



YEAR FIVE AND SIX FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT

"The whole football tournament was extremely fun. Mr Tyne gave us a talk and some formation planning before we walked to Rednock. It was a bit of a hike, but it was worth it. The head of PE at Rednock gave us a talk and introduced the referees.

We lost our first game, but we managed to keep the spirits up. We won the next two then we lost the last to Berkeley. We were all exhausted by the end of it but everyone contributed to all the matches. We had another talk from the Head of PE. He announced the top three. Berkeley came first winning every match and we came third, and we were very proud. It was a great experience and the whole team all enjoyed it". Thank you to our roving reporter, Hector, for a great post match analysis!

Holidays During Term Time

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BIKES AND SCOOTERS

Please can we remind you that children should be pushing their bikes and scooters once they are on school property.

SCHOOL SPORT KITS

If you have any school sport kit items, please can you return them to the school office. Thank you

CHURCH CHOIR

There is still time to come along and sing with the church choir!

If your child enjoyed listening to the choir sing in the church at the end of term service, and they would like to sing similar things we have a few spaces available. We rehearse after school on Wednesdays in the school hall. Please contact the school office for a letter and further information.

The choir have some performances already booked into their diary:

- Shoppers' Carols Saturday 16th December, in the morning. The church will be open for people out in town to come in and sing Christmas Carols. Everyone is welcome and it is free. Choir members join in to help and you and your families will be very welcome.
- Christmas Carol Service: Sunday 17th December in Church, 6.30pm. There will be a short rehearsal with the choir on Friday 15th and again on the Sunday before the service.
- Live Nativity Performance: Saturday 6th January in the church.

Many thanks Mrs. Walton (Dursley Primary Foundation Governor)

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 2024 and we will contact you when we receive further information from the nursing team.

VACANCY

We have a vacancy for a Teaching Assistant. Please visit our [website](#) or contact the school office for further information.

 **Value Leaves Awarded** 

Kindness	Responsibility	Perseverance
Ada C	William M	Louie M
Noah D	Leo C	Niko M
Josh D	Ralph G	Logan M
Jack D	Sapphire K-P	
Jack D	Lyla R	
Maisie G	Delilah S	
Logan P	Emilia Z	
Thankfulness	Forgiveness	Respect
		Elsie-May P

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	Dates for your diaries
Friday 1 st December	Christmas Bazaar Donation Day – Colour Hampers
Weds 6 th December	Reception Nativity Performance – 2pm
Thursday 7 th December	Reception Nativity Performance – 2pm
Friday 8 th December	Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 12 th December	KS1 Dressed rehearsal performance to school
Wednesday 13 th December	Caterlink Christmas Lunch KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm
Thursday 14 th December	KS1 Christmas performance 2pm
Monday 18 th December	Reception Family Fun Session 2.30pm
Tuesday 19 th December	Year Three and Four Carol Service 2.15pm and 6pm
Thursday 21 st December	Class Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 22 nd December	Christmas Church Service Last Day of Term
Friday 19 th January 2024	School Association – School Disco
Sunday 25 th February 2024	School Association Pub Quiz at The Old Spot.
Coming Soon	More dates coming soon!

School Association

CHOCOLATE AND WINE DONATIONS

Many thanks to everyone who has dropped off donations today ready for our Christmas Fair. If you have forgotten to bring a donation or a jolly jar in, it is not too late. Please drop them into the school office.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Please return any raffle ticket monies and stubs to the school office. If you have any unsold tickets, please return them to the school office. Thank you.

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Christmas Bazaar (Friday 8th December) – Donation Days

For those that are new to the school, every year the School Association organise a Christmas Bazaar, which has a mix of stalls, games and festive fun for the children. We ask the parents/carers of the children to bring in the below items if they can - these donations all contribute to becoming a stall at the bazaar and in turn raise vital funds for the school and your children.

Friday 1st December – Colour Hampers donation

Please can you bring in a tombola type item in the colour that represents your child's year group (see below) and we'll put them altogether to create seven beautiful hampers to raffle on the night of the Christmas Bazaar.

Reception classes	BLUE
Year 1	ORANGE
Year 2	GREEN
Year 3	PURPLE
Year 4	PINK
Year 5	YELLOW
Year 6	RED

Thank you very much for supporting the school, your donations are really appreciated.

Would you like to help with the Christmas Bazaar? If anyone is around on the mornings of the above donation days, please meet outside the school office after morning drop off. The type of work we do on these mornings include;

- Collecting items from the various classrooms
- Sticking raffle tickets to the items
- folding raffle tickets
- preparing & wrapping the colour hampers

Many hands make light work, anyone is welcome to help (little ones are welcome too).

If you have any questions at all about donation days or being involved in the Christmas Bazaar planning and volunteering at the event itself, please email the school association:

schoolassociation@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk

We hope you have a lovely weekend!
From Dursley C of E Primary Academy.

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