

CLASS DOJO

Hopefully your child came home today with their Class Dojo Account information for parents and carers.

We are confident that the implementation of this will help improve our communication, however, please bear with us as we get to grips with this new website. Class teachers will use the App to share information with you, and you will be able to contact class teachers directly.

Please read our Communication Strategy which outlines expectations of it's usage.

If your child has lost the log in details, please contact the office and we will reprint off.



SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Don't forget the School Association are still looking for a volunteer to take over the role as Treasurer! Please do email

schoolassociation@dursley.dgat.org.uk if this is something that interests you!!

REFLECT AND CONNECT COMMITTEE

Mrs Elliott and the Reflect and Connect Committee visited the food hub, at the Tabernacle on Thursday this week. The children found the visit really interesting, and enjoyed the opportunity to see how one of our local Churches support the community. The children helped pack Food Parcels, practised budgeting and learnt all about healthy eating. One pupil shared how the visit reminded them of this term's value, 'thankfulness. He said 'we are so lucky to have so many people helping us here at Dursley.' The committee were excellent role models, and represented Dursley Primary well.

Inspired by their visit, the committee are keen to act as Agents of Change, and have organised a Fundraising Event to raise money for the Food Hub.

They are asking for all of the children at Dursley to have a look through their toys and games at home, and bring in anything which they don't play with any more. The committee will then sell at their stall on Friday 3rd May. Mums and Dads, this is a fantastic opportunity to have a clear out, and anything which is in good condition drop into school. The children will be given a slot on Friday afternoon to visit the Toys and Games stall, and purchase some new toys and games. What a sustainable, and fun way to raise money for such an important to charity. **You can bring in the toys and games (good quality please) from Monday 29th. These will be stored in the Deputy Headteacher office. Please see the poster on page 2 of the newsletter for more information!**

KS1 PENTATHLON

On Wednesday, a small group in KS1 travelled to KLB, along with some other surrounding schools and participated in a Pentathlon. This included several different activities including a Beanbag Throw, Skittles Basketball and finished with a very fun and very energetic parachute game. Our children represented our school proudly and showed all our school values. We also had some great sportsmanship by congratulating each other and giving each other high5s. More importantly, they had a great time and tried their hardest! We are so very proud of our Dursley children.

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.

	Dates for your diaries
Wednesday 24 th April	KS1 Panathlon at KLB
Thursday 25 th April	Reflect and Connect Committee Fundraising Visit
Thursday 2 nd May	Election Day (School Hall out of use)
Friday 3 rd May	Reflect and Connect Committee Fundraising Event Reception Local Walk
Tuesday 7 th May	Year 6 Leavers and class group Photos
Friday 10 th May	Y6 School beat visit (E-Safety and Staying Safe in the Community Focus)
Monday 13 th May	Y6 SATS Week
Tuesday 14 th May	SARA Lifeboat talk (Y3 and 4) School Association meeting
Wednesday 22 nd May	Y6 Residential Information Evening
Thursday 23 rd May	Y5/6 Mountain Biking Comp (4x pupils)
Tuesday 4 th June	KS1 Multi Skills Event
Monday 10 th June	KS2 Church Theatre Visit
Wednesday 12 th June	Y6 Cathedral Leaver Service KS2 District Sports Event
Saturday 15 th June	Summer Fair featuring the Dursley Colour Run!
Week beginning 17 th June	Y6 Bikeability
Thursday 20 th June	KS1 Trip to Slimbridge
Week beginning 24 th June	Y6 Residential
Wednesday 17 th July	School Association Treat Day! Reports due to go home today!



FUNDRAISING EVENT

WHAT: WE ARE FUNDRAISING FOR THE DURSLEY COMMUNITY FOOD HUB!

WHEN: FRIDAY 3RD MAY 2024

HOW: CHILDREN TO BRING IN £1 TO BUY AN ITEM FROM THE DONATION STALL. THE STALL WILL RUN AFTER SCHOOL TOO FOR PARENTS TO ALSO HAVE A BROWSE!

PLEASE DONATE GOOD QUALITY...

- Games
- Toys
- Books
- Clothes
- Puzzles

'You are the light of the world...'
Matthew 5:14

'Together we shine brightly because together we make a difference'

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ATTENDANCE

A number of requests for Term Time Absence have appeared on my desk this week. I have attached our Attendance Policy to this Newsletter. I will not authorise any Holiday requests, except those whose reasons fall in our limited criteria.



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/dursleyrun>

 **Value Leaves Awarded** 

Respect

Jack W
Tilly B
Louie R
Amaya
Rory

Responsibility

Anaia
Miss Sibert & Miss Lyons
Reflect and Connect
Committee
Isla M
Caitlyn L
Blake C

Perseverance

Ella T
Daron
Toby
Xavier
Lara
Charlie K

Thankfulness

Forgiveness

Purdie

Kindness

Emma
Elsie-May

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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: 14 th April 2024	
Elm	88%
Palm	90%
Oak	86%
Cherry	94%
Larch	96%
Maple	92%
Cedar	98%
Magnolia	96%
Willow	95%
Sequoia	90%
Copper Beech	95%

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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