

RECEPTION NATIVITY PERFORMANCE

The children of Elm and Palm classes have been busy rehearsing for their Nativity this week. They're very excited to share their hard work- we have two performances for families to attend on Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December. Both of these performances will start at 2pm. We look forward to welcoming you into our school hall from 1.45pm to watch the children. Please can you enter the hall via the side entrance. Thank you.

YEAR THREE AND FOUR FAMILY FUN

The children of Maple, Cedar and Magnolia classes are looking forward to their upcoming Christmas Themed family fun session. This is being held on Wednesday 6th December from 2.15pm and this term will be in the classrooms. Please can you meet at the main school office to sign in. 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.

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR

Thank you for all of your donations for this year's Christmas Bazaar. Our PTA have been every week, organising and preparing these ready for the big day! They are still in need of some support, so if you are available to help out, please add your names and details to this link
<https://volunteersignup.org/P4YAT>

This will be my first Christmas Bazaar, so cannot wait to see what it's all about, and meet lots of our families supporting this event! I know the children are also excited to meet our special visitor!

DGAT

We have been receiving lots of support from the Trust over the last couple of weeks. This week we had an Early Reading Specialist, Debbie Mallet in to support our phonics delivery within the school. She was impressed with our children and their love for reading. Next term we will be inviting parents to a Phonics Information Evening on the 17th January. We will be sharing our approach to the teaching of phonics, and explain how you can support your child with reading at home.

STUDENT TEACHER IN CHERRY CLASS

You may have noticed a new face in Cherry Class the last couple of weeks. Miss Archbold is a final year teaching student, who is completing her training in Cherry Class. She will be developing her understanding of the responsibilities of a teacher under the careful guidance of Mrs Hardwick. The children have enjoyed having her in the class. As part of her training, Miss Archbold will be gathering data for her dissertation about English lessons. If you have any questions about this please see Mrs Hardwick.

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.

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ABSENCE NOTIFICATION

If your child is unwell or if they have an appointment, please contact the school office to inform us. Our telephone number is **01453 542304** or you can send us an email absence@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk or admin@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk Please can you notify us by 9.30am. Many thanks

YOUNG VOICES CONCERT

Rehearsal are well underway for the upcoming performance in Birmingham. If you haven't been able to do so already, please can you log into ParentPay and make a payment for the coach and any t-shirt or tickets you have requested.

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 10th 2024 and we will contact you when we receive further information from the nursing team.

WINTER WEATHER

As the weather turns colder, can we remind you to label coats, hats, gloves and jumpers with your child's name and to be mindful of icy conditions as you make your way to and from the academy.

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)

VACANCY

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

SCHOOL SPORT KITS

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

AFTERSCHOOL CLUBS

Next week will be the final afterschool club session before Christmas for those children who attend cross-country, netball, board games and active environment clubs.

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 **Value Leaves Awarded** 

Kindness	Responsibility	Perseverance
Lola H Eden B Jaxon M Maisie B Izzy S	Anya R Simeon F Arthur W Fin W Kai W Isla M Scarlett L	Eulita G Josh T Blake C
Thankfulness	Forgiveness	Respect
Mrs Dobbs Mr Tyne & Mrs Delmaine Miss Mills		Darcy S Tilly W Charlie M Rex S

House Points				
	Broadwell	Kingshill	Littlecombe	Woodmancote
This week	781	594	705	718

	Dates for your diaries
Weds 6th December	Reception Nativity Performance – 2pm Year Three and Four Family Fun 2.15pm
Thursday 7th December	Reception Nativity Performance – 2pm
Friday 8th December	Christmas Bazaar
Tuesday 12th December	KS1 Dressed rehearsal performance to school
Wednesday 13th December	Caterlink Christmas Lunch KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm
Thursday 14th December	KS1 Christmas performance 2pm
Monday 18th December	Reception Family Fun Session 2.30pm
Tuesday 19th December	Year Three and Four Carol Service 2pm
Wednesday 20th December	Year Three and Four Carol Service 2pm
Thursday 21st December	Class Christmas Party Afternoon
Friday 22nd December	Christmas Church Service Last Day of Term
Friday 19th January 2024	School Association – School Disco
Sunday 25th February 2024	School Association Pub Quiz at The Old Spot.
Coming Soon	More dates coming soon!

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School Association

COLOURED HAMPERS DONATIONS

Many thanks to everyone who has dropped off donations today ready for our Christmas Fair.
If you would still like 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.

CAKE SALE

Our next cake sale will take place at the Christmas Bazaar where we invite the families of Oak and Cherry classes to provide the cakes. Please bring them into class on Friday 8th December. Thank you

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

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