

DURSLEY C_{of}E PRIMARY ACADEMY



First Cross Country Race of 2019/20



Principal : Paul Daniels

Telephone : 01453 542304

E-mail : admin@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk

Website : www.dursleycofeprimary.org.uk

Newsletter —October 2019/20

TOGETHER WE SHINE BRIGHTLY

TOGETHER WE SHINE BRIGHTLY

Parents' Evenings

As you know, we have been running parents' meetings over the last few years, offering a range of times during the school day and after school. Unfortunately, this year we do not have sufficient funds in our budget to cover the time teachers would need to be out of the classroom for the meetings during the day. We will therefore be returning to the format of evenings only and the appointments will be for 10 minutes, **however, we will be asking you to sign up for appointments in a different way.** A letter with full details is coming home today.

October has absolutely flown by and here we are at half term already! We have had lots of events and activities this month including the Harvest Festival and Reception dress up day followed by Family Fun. Of course, the children in Maple, Cedar and Magnolia Classes are currently enjoying their trip to Bristol Museum where they will be taking part in a 'Discover Ancient Egypt' workshop as well as exploring the museum's Egypt Galley along with visiting the rest of the museum, I hope they're having a lovely day.

Earlier this month, Mr Lee took a group of children to Stratford Park Leisure Centre in Stroud to take part in a Badminton Festival. The children did really well in the competition and thoroughly enjoyed the afternoon. Many thanks to Becky Colliver for helping with transport and supporting them on the day.

I had the pleasure of taking Nancy and Ross to Minchinhampton School in Stroud for a special Philosophy for Children debating event last week, which Nick Moss, their Head Teacher, and I ran. It was a very enjoyable session and the children were wonderful ambassadors for our academy.

You may have seen that Broadwell House received the most value points this term and were rewarded with a non-uniform day yesterday. Congratulations to Broadwell for this great achievement.

Special Bonfire Menu—Tuesday 5th November

Apologies, the Caterlink menu we sent out in last week's newsletter was the wrong one! Please see the amended menu below:

Bonfire Bangers (hot dogs) - choice A
Catherine Wheels (Cheese & Tomato Pinwheel) - choice B
Half Cheese Baguette—choice C
Jumping Jacket Wedges
Bonfire Baked Beans
Homemade Toffee Apple Pudding

Cross Country Report

Our first Cross Country race of the season took place at KLB on Saturday 12th October. It was a slightly wet early morning, but the team didn't let the weather dampen their spirits! All the runners were amazing, tried their very best and did our academy proud. It was a great turn out with some new runners and good old favourite ones too. Mrs Christopher and Mr Lee have told me they are very proud to take on the Cross Country Club this year and look forward to seeing how the team develops.

Reception Trip to Redwood Forest—cancelled

Unfortunately, due to essential tree safety work, Reception have had to cancel their trip to Redwood on November 5th. They have already booked two other visits in March and May, however the staff at Redwood have offered us an additional date later in the summer. In the meantime, a member of their team is going to be visiting us and working with the children on our own grounds during the winter months so that they can still benefit from lots of outdoor learning opportunities.

Upcoming Dates

Half Term – **w/c 28th October** – returning to school Monday 4th November
Open Morning for Reception 2020 – **Wednesday 6th November – 9.30-10.30am**
School Association Meeting at The Spot – **Thursday 7th November at 7.30pm**
Book Fair – **Wednesday 13th – Wednesday 20th November**
Christmas Bazaar – **Friday 6th December 3.30 – 5.30pm**
Year 5/6 Trip to Stroud Vue Cinema—**Monday 11th November**
Jonathan Jungle here to visit Y1/2—**Tuesday 5th November**

School Association

Christmas Bazaar 2019—Friday 6th December—3.30-5.30pm

We would be very grateful for donations of good quality, clean teddies to be used on the teddy tombola. Please bring these in **before the end of November**.

Other collection dates are:

Friday 22nd November—Jolly Jars

Friday 29th November—chocolate and/or wine

Friday 6th December—Christmas themed hamper items

Anything Christmas themed/related for hampers. Items such as Christmas tree decorations, Christmas books, Christmas themed foods, anything Christmas themed! No alcohol please and please ensure all items are suitable for families and not too large to fit in the hampers!

We are also looking for helpers before and during the event. Please contact us via our facebook page or email schoolassociation@dursley.gloucs.sch.uk

<https://www.facebook.com/dursleycofeprimaryschool/association>.

Our Values in Action

These children have demonstrated our Values during October

Responsibility



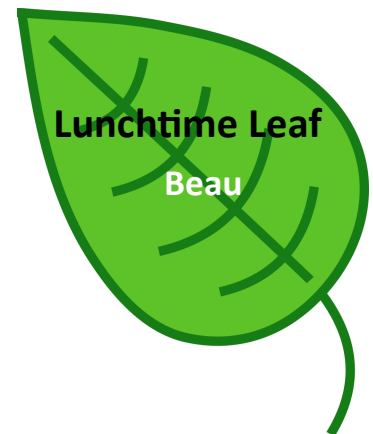
Thankfulness



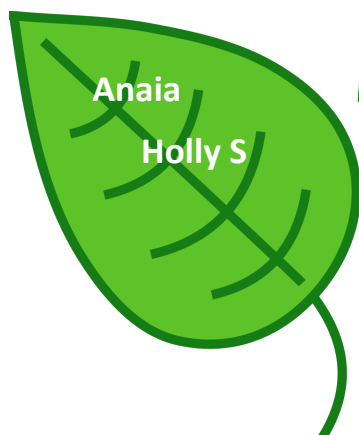
Perseverance



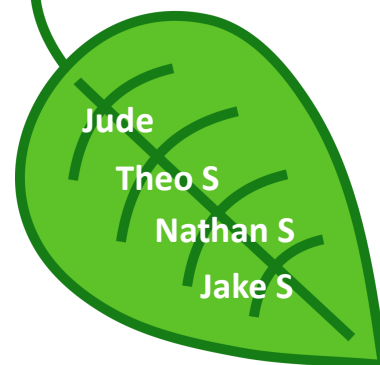
Lunchtime Leaf



Friendship



Respect



Holidays During Term Time

Whilst I realise absence through illness is unavoidable, I have concerns about children missing a significant amount of school through holidays and the impact this makes on their learning. There are also important assessments which take place throughout the school year and which children need to be present for, therefore

I cannot authorise any requests for holidays during termtime