

### Welcome

We have welcomed some new members to the Dursley Primary family.

Mrs Sherief has joined us this week as a Teaching Assistant, primarily in our Upper Key Stage 2 classes, whilst Mrs Rudge and Mrs Maniscalco are our new Midday supervisors.

A **BIG** Dursley welcome to them all!



### Year 3 and 4 trip to the Bristol Museum.

The children from Maple, Cedar and Magnolia classes had a great time on Friday (20<sup>th</sup> October) at the Bristol Museum. The children were able to explore the Ancient Egyptian artefacts on display in the museum and took part in an amazing Ancient Egypt workshop!



### Year 5 and 6 WWII Evacuation Experience

The children of years five and six, boarded the steam train at Winchcombe with their “gas masks”, ready to experience the reality faced by hundreds of children during WWII.

They learnt how to put out fires with bucket pumps, and dressed up in authentic uniforms of the time, all whilst apprehending a spy! The children had a fantastic time and it was a great highlight for their topic.

### Cross-Country Race

The first inter-school cross-country race took place on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> October.

We had a small team representing the school across the different age categories, and the children all tried their best as they raced against 21 different schools from across the area. Thank you goes to Mrs. Poskett for organising the children during the event.



### DSP Photos

The proofs for the children’s photos were sent home with them yesterday. If you would like to purchase photos, please visit the [dsp-photography](https://www.dsp-photography.com) website and enter your personal access code. If you would like to have free delivery to school, photos need to be ordered by Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November. All orders placed after this date will be subject to a post and packing charge and orders will be dispatched to the parents’ home address. Thank you

### Bonfire Menu

We will be having a Bonfire Night Special Menu on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

The choices will be:

A - Boom Burger

B - Sizzling Quorn Hotdog

Served with Firecracker Wedges, Bonfire BBQ Beans and Banging Corn

C - Jacket Potato served with BBQ Beans or Cheese

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Catherine Wheel Cookie

### Holidays During Term Time

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**Kindness, Respect, Responsibility, Thankfulness, Forgiveness and Perseverance in Action**



Respect	Responsibility	Kindness
Evie S Thomas D Caitlyn Benito Harry N Jessica Z William P	Connor W Darcy W	Eden Wilkins Olivia L Anwen M
Thankfulness	Forgiveness	Perseverance
		Kristopher W

**House Points**

	Broadwell	Kingshill	Littlecombe	Woodmancote
Weekly Total	332	336	302	322
Term Total	2236	2212	2204	2209
Year Total	2236	2212	2204	2209

Broadwell were the winning house this term. The children celebrated by having a non-uniform day on Wednesday. **Well Done Broadwell!**

**Dates for your diaries**

	Half Term
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	Parent Meeting Appointments open for booking on 1 <sup>st</sup> November
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	First day of Term 2
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Willow Swimming Lessons start – Letter sent home to families
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> November	Magnolia Swimming Lessons start – Letter sent home to families
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Open Classrooms 3:15-4:00 – Come and see your children’s learning
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent Meetings - Remote
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Open morning for new 2024 Reception families 9.00-10.30am Parent Meetings – Face-to-face
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Christmas Bazaar Donation Day – Jolly Jars
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	School Association Cake sale – Cakes provided by Willow and Copper Beech Christmas Bazaar Donation Day – Chocolate or Wine
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Bazaar Donation Day – Colour Hampers
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Bazaar
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	School Association – School Disco
Sunday 25 <sup>th</sup> February 2024	School Association Pub Quiz at The Old Spot.
Coming Soon	More dates coming soon!

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## **School Association**

### **Christmas Bazaar (Friday 8<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> November – Jolly Jar donation**

Please fill a small jar with treats for the children. They could be filled with sweets, small toys, crayons, small craft items or even hair accessories. You are welcome to decorate your Jolly Jar if you are feeling creative!

#### **Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November – Chocolate or Wine donation**

Please bring a donation of chocolate and/or wine. This contributes to two of our very popular Christmas Bazaar stalls/games!

#### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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).

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

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