



Remembrance Day Worship

This afternoon Copper Beech class have led the whole school in a Remembrance Worship.

The children spoke to everyone about the reasons why we mark Remembrance Sunday, how people pay their respects and the significance of the poppy. We also shared what we have been looking at in our WW2 topic including the artwork, poppies and poems to mark Remembrance Day.

Thank you to all those who were able to make a donation to our Poppy Appeal.

Parents Meetings

We are looking forward to meeting parents next week to discuss how your child has been settling into their classes in the new school year. Appointments are still available to book online at dursleycofe.schoolcloud.co.uk. We are offering a mix of online and face-to-face appointments this term, and the booking system will remain open until Monday 13th November at 15.30pm. We will schedule appointments for Maple Class parents, once Miss Lyons is feeling better. Sadly, we have also had to cancel Larch Class parents evening due to Mr Lord experiencing a bereavement. These will be rearranged for when Mr Lord fully returns to class. If you are experiencing issues with the booking system, please speak to Miss Mills in the office. Thank you

DSP Photos and Christmas Fundraising orders

If you have ordered photos for school delivery, or items from the School Association Christmas Shop your child should have come home with them. If there are any issues with your delivery, please do get in touch with the school office and we will look into it for you.

Years 3 and 4 DT Project

The D&T project for Cedar, Magnolia and Maple classes includes making a Christmas stocking. If you have a stocking at home and you are happy to do so, please can your child bring it into school this week to share with their class its design and the materials used in it to help inspire their designs. Thank you from the Year 3 and 4 Team.

Open Morning for 2024 Reception Children

Our next open morning for prospective Reception class families will be on Thursday 16th November 9.00-10.30am. We look forward to welcoming families through our doors to show them our fantastic school. This morning is led by our Year Six children who are responsible for the grand tour, followed by an informal chat and a chance to answer any further questions with school staff. If you have a child who will be of Reception age in September or if you know anyone who would like a visit, please let them know. Booking not essential.

Children in Need Non-uniform day Friday 16th November

We are really excited to celebrate Children in Need on Friday. This year the theme is 'spotacular' and in return for a **donation** we are encouraging the children to come into school either wearing **spotty clothes** or clothes which are the **same colours of the spots in Pudsey's bandana**. Teacher's will be collecting the donations at the entrances around the school on Friday morning.



Holidays During Term Time

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Staffing Update and Absences

You will be aware that a number of staff are currently absent due to long term sickness, and family bereavement. We will endeavour to keep the parents/carers of any impacted classes informed of any updates. We really hope to welcome them back soon, and keep them in our thoughts and prayers. Sadly, Mrs Holford-Wright is currently unwell and we anticipate her to remain off for remainder of the week. In her absence, please do not hesitate to speak to Mrs Gregory, who will be more than happy to help.

Clubs

As we have parent meetings, there will be no afterschool clubs this week. Clubs will resume as normal next week.

 **Value Leaves Awarded** 

| Respect | Responsibility | Kindness |
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| Karys B CJ S Isla P Toby T | Zayne W Malachy B Ellen S Jasper S Ruby C Freddie R | Prisha S Molly A |
| Thankfulness | Forgiveness | Perseverance |
| Maison C | | Tess B Xavier K Daisy B Mia W |

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| | Dates for your diaries |
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| Monday 13th November | Booking system closes for Parent meetings |
| Tuesday 14th November | Parent Meetings - Remote |
| Wednesday 15th November | Year Five and Six Boys football tournament |
| Thursday 16th November | Open morning for new 2024 Reception families 9.00-10.30am Parent Meetings – Face-to-face |
| Friday 17th November | Children In Need Non-uniform day Christmas Bazaar Donation Day – Jolly Jars |
| Thursday 23rd November | Year One and Two Family Fun (details to follow) |
| Tuesday 21st November | Year Five and Six Family Fun (details to follow) |
| Friday 24th November | School Association Cake sale – Cakes provided by Willow and Copper Beech Christmas Bazaar Donation Day – Chocolate or Wine |
| Friday 1st December | Christmas Bazaar Donation Day – Colour Hampers |
| Friday 8th December | Christmas Bazaar |
| Wednesday 13th December | Caterlink Christmas Lunch KS1 Christmas Performance |
| Thursday 14th December | KS1 Christmas performance |
| Tuesday 19th December | Year Three and Four Carol Service |
| 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. |
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| Coming Soon | More dates coming soon! |

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School Association

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 17th 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 24th 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 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.

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| 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).

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