



Executive Head Teacher

Please make a careful note of the various dates contained in this newsletter, especially the many Christmas performances and services.

Parents are welcome to attend their child's class performance along with other family members. Please do remember that photographs/videos taken at these events are for your own family use only. We ask you to respect the privacy of often family by not posting images on social media.

Thank you.

Please Note: Due to Open Evening taking place on Wednesday 30th November 2016 there will be no Year 6 SATs club on this day. Club will resume on Monday 5th December 2016.

Absence Reporting

Thank you for ensuring your child arrives to school on time.

Please remember to notify the school first thing in the morning for each day your child is absent so to avoid unnecessary checks being made by the school.

If your child is absent for more than three days, you will need to provide a written letter from your doctor or the prescription information to verify the absence.

Failure to provide any medical information will result in your child being marked unauthorised absent.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations go out to our stars of the week:



Amaya - RA
Shilah - RB
Joao - RC
Katalina - 1E
Juan - 2A
Daniel - 2B
Samwuella - 2C
Travaly - 2D
Adejoke - 2E
Courtney - 3A
Sienna - 3B
Michelle - 3C
Rayna - 3D
Keith - 3E
Debbie - 3F
Rayaan - 4A
Martin - 4B
Iqrah - 4C
Flourish - 4D
Alayah - 4E
Bethanie - 4F
Shayne - 5B
Etchan - 5C
Abdulbaki - 5D
Salma - 5E
Christina - 5F

We are very pleased to be giving these stars of the week for a variety of accomplishments across the curriculum and more improvements in behaviour and presentation.

Important Dates

Tuesday 6th December 2016

Flying Pizza Company visiting Hackford Road
RD & RE 10.00 am

Wednesday 7th December 2016

Flying Pizza Company visiting Mostyn Site

Thursday 8th December 2016

Year 1 Performance – 1A, 1B & 1C – 10.00 am

Friday 9th December 2016

Year 1 Performance – 1D & 1E – 10.00 am

Monday 12th December 2016

Early Years 'It's a Baby' Performance – Nursery – 10.00 am

Visit to St John the Divine Church – Year 2 & 3 - 2.00 pm

Tuesday 13th December 2016

Early Years 'It's a Baby' Performance – RA & RB – 10.00 am

Visit to St John the Divine Church – Year 4 & 5 - 2.00 pm

Wednesday 14th December 2016

Early Years 'It's a Baby' Performance – RC,

Thursday 15th December 2016

Year 2 Performance 2A, 2B & 2C – 10.00 am

Friday 16th December 2016

Year 2 Performance 2D & 2E – 10.00 am

Monday 19th December 2016

Christmas Lunch

Tuesday 20th December 2016

Class Parties

Wednesday 21st December 2016

Last Day of Term 3.30 pm finish

Tuesday 3rd January 2017

First Day of Term

Open Evening

Open Evening for Nursery to Year 9 will be held at school on Wednesday 30th November 2016 between 3.45 and 6.20 p.m. with the last appointment at 6.20 p.m.

Please complete the slip sent out this week if you wish to make an appointment and we will try very hard to give you the time you ask for. We will make these appointments on a first come first serve basis, if it is not possible to give you the time you request we will make other arrangements with you.

Parents are asked not to turn up without an appointment, it may well be that you will have to wait a very long time.

Boarding School Dates

Tuesday 29th November 2016 – Year 11 Geography trip to Historic Portsmouth

Thursday 15th December 2016 – Christmas Party

Friday 16th December 2016 – Last Day of Term

Tuesday 3rd January 2017 – INSET Day

Wednesday 4th January 2017 – First Day of Term – Coaches will leave promptly at 8.30 am.

Notices

Medicine

If your child needs to take medicine at school parents must send a signed and dated letter confirming this. Please ensure the letter includes the child's full name and the date. The school is unable to administer medicine to your child.

Football/Basketballs

Please do not bring footballs or basketballs into the school. The school will provide balls for children to play with.

Contact Information

If you have recently changed your number or address please let the school reception know. It is important to have up to date contact details for all the children in case of emergency.

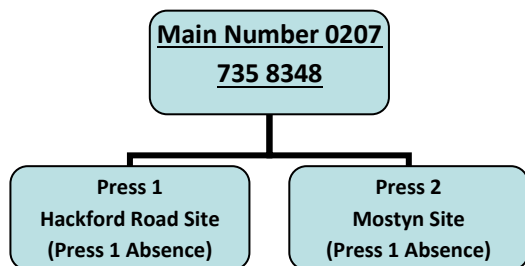
Labelling Clothes/Lost Property

Please ensure you label your child's clothes. This helps parents identify items of clothing kept in the lost and found.

If your child mistakenly brings home an item of clothing which does not belong to them, we ask parents to ensure this is returned to school the next day.

Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, we kindly request parents to leave a clear message on the school voicemail and not call to speak to the administrators directly.



Parents must leave a message on the voicemail for each day your child is absent from school.

If your child is absent for more than three days, you must provide a letter from your doctor confirming this. Without this, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised.

Attendance

Weekly attendance percentages are:

Nursery	93%	Year 6	97%
Reception	96%	Year 7	98%
Year 1	96%	Year 8	95%
Year 2	97%	Year 9	88%
Year 3	96%	Year 10	93%
Year 4	98%	Year 11	93%
Year 5	96%	School Total	96%

The national average is 95%

School Journey

The Year 6 School Journey to the Kingswood Centre in Staffordshire will take place in June 2017.

The next payment instalment is due on by Friday 2nd December 2016. Please ensure prompt payment is made as the centre requires regular deposits.

Never say,
"I can't"
Always say,
"I'll try"

Have a good weekend!

You can view past newsletters on our website at <http://www.durandacademy.com/news/>.

If the school does not have your email address please give it in to reception or email admin@durandprimary.com.