

Durand Academy Weekly Newsletter

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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 and videos on social media.

Thank you.

Online Payments

Once again we would like to thank all the parents who are using our online payments system to pay for school meals and after school club.

Parents please be reminded If you are making payments online and your child does not attend the after school club (ASC Main or ASC Mostyn), please ensure you always make your payment in the school meals section and not the after school club section. This is the third option on the page of the website.

Year 6 parents are now able to make payment for the school journey online. Year 10 and 11 parents are also able to make payments for the tuck shop online also.

The website is www.durandacademy/scopay.com

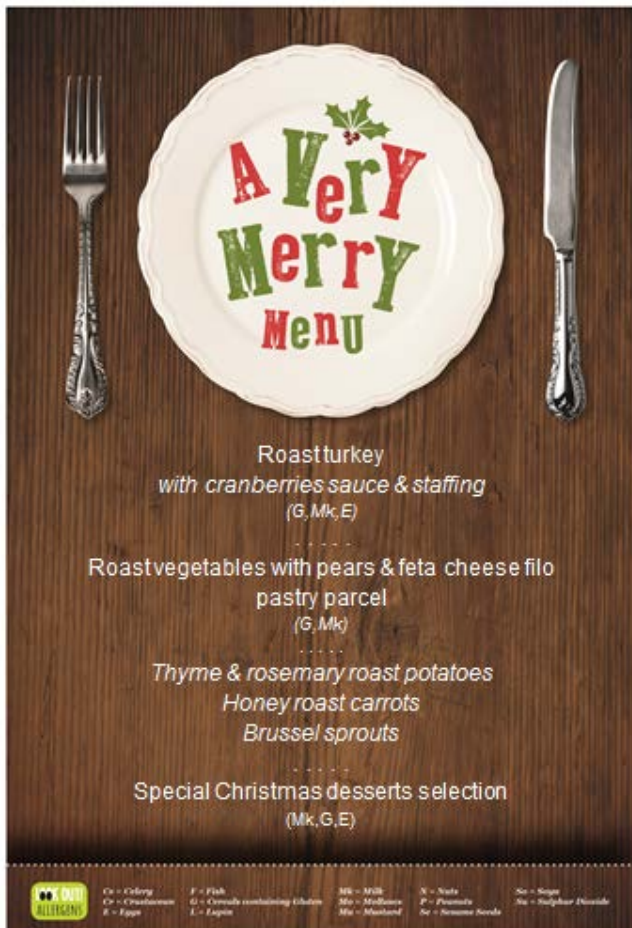
If you have not already signed up and wish to do so, please email admin@durandprimary.com to request a code.

Christmas Lunch

The school will be serving Christmas lunch on **Monday 19th December 2016.**

If your child presently brings a packed lunch to school and would like to have the Christmas lunch, please ensure you make payment to cover the cost of the meal (£1.30 Mostyn and £1.50 Hackford Road) to the office by Friday 16th December 2016.

If your child presently has packed lunches and you have outstanding dinner money, this will need to be cleared in full before your child can have the lunch. Please check with the office for your balance.



Swimming News



On Wednesday 30th November 2016 children from Durand Academy took part in the Lambeth swimming gala against other schools in Lambeth.

Twelve of the fastest children from Year 5 and Year 6 competed in front crawl, backstroke, breaststroke and relay races. Their attitude and effort were amazing.

The girls did very well and finished 2nd and the boys finished 6th. In overall ranking Durand Academy finished 4th in Lambeth!

It was fantastic experience and we will try to do even better next year.

Well done!



We are getting festive on Mostyn!



The children in 3C designed and made some Christmas decorations for the office and foyer on Mostyn 😊



Attendance

Attendance percentages for last week are:

Nursery	97%	Year 6	97%
Reception	96%	Year 7	96%
Year 1	94%	Year 8	96%
Year 2	97%	Year 9	93%
Year 3	97%	Year 10	93%
Year 4	98%	Year 11	93%
Year 5	95%	School Total	96%

The national average is 95%

School Term Dates 2016-17

Autumn Term 2016

Finish Date Wednesday 21st December

Spring Term 2017

Start Date Tuesday 3rd January

Finish Date Friday 10th February

Half Term **Monday 13th to Friday 17th February**

Start Date Monday 20th February

Finish Date Friday 31st March

Uniform

As the winter is approaching, it is important parents are reminded children may wear a plain black or royal blue hat (no logos allowed). We have beanie hats available in the offices on both sites to purchase.

Hoodies are not permitted to be worn to school.

Stars of the Week

Congratulations go out to our stars of the week:



Daniella – RA

Rueben – RB

Kendrea – RC

Ololade - RD

Daniel – RE

Tyler – 1A

Chanai – 1B

Fatma – 1C

Reem – 1D

Katalina – 1E

Abdul – 3A

Zhi – 3B

Picetra – 3C

Deo – 3D

Ashwagh – 3E

Shanhi – 3F

Devaunte – 4A

Emmanuel – 4B

Leshay – 4C

Karimot – 4D

Racheal – 4E

Shakina – 4F

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.

The last day for After School Club is Tuesday 20th December 2016.

Please ensure you collect your child promptly at 3.30 pm on Wednesday 21st December 2016

Important Dates

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, RD & RE 10.00 am

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

Boarding School Dates

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.

School Journey

The Year 6 School Journey to the Kingswood Centre in Staffordshire will take place from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd June 2017.

The third payment instalment is due on by Friday 6th January 2017. Payments can be made online at www.scopay.com/durandacademy. If you wish to register to pay online, please email the office (admin@durandprimary.com) to request a code.

Please ensure prompt payment is made as the centre requires regular deposits.

Reception Swimming

After Christmas children in Reception A, B and C will start to have swimming lessons in school. The children will have a swimming lesson once a week in the Mostyn swimming pool.

Your child will need to bring in the correct swimming kit which is a navy blue or black swimming costume or trunks, a towel and a swimming hat. Swimming trunks and costumes are available to purchase in the office.

Swimming lessons will begin on Friday 5th January 2017.



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.

Footballs/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.

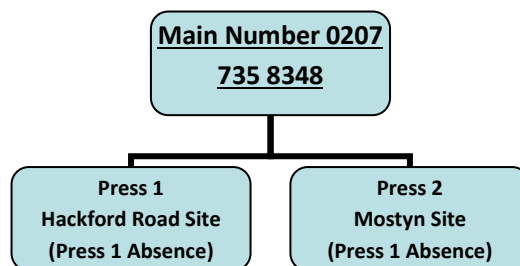
Labelling Clothes/Lost Property

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.

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.