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Dear Parents,

What a week! Panto on Monday, Open Morning on Tuesday, bagpipes on Wednesday and Sharks assembly, Advent on Thursday and Fun Run today! It's all OK though. In Sharks' assembly, when they presented the top ten things they've liked about school this term, spelling came in at number 6!



Open Morning

I don't know who I'm more proud of - the children, the parents or the staff. I was truly blown away by the quality and quantity of work on display at our Homework Open Morning on Tuesday. What was even lovelier was how excited the children were about sharing their work with all of the adults who stopped to speak to them. Thank you so much to everyone who contributed to making this yet another brilliant example of Durweston at work.

Clubs

All clubs have finished now for the term, apart from the last football club (for boys and girls) on Monday. We hope you have enjoyed the range of activities that have been on offer this term. We're just planning clubs for next term - let us know if there's anything you'd like to us to try and arrange (otherwise you'll probably get the same ones again!)

Although clubs have finished, After School Club is still running until the end of term. It might be busy now clubs are over, so book early if you want a place!

Sporting Mufti

Thank you to everyone who brought in raffle gifts for the Christmas Fair this morning. It's not too late if you forgot this morning; wrapping doesn't start until 6pm this evening.

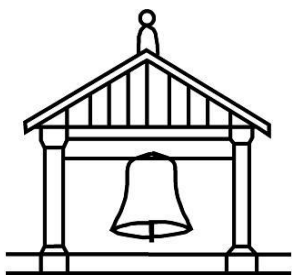
Little Rascals' Christmas Party

Sadly, the gift list has now been sent to Santa so that he can prepare the presents. However if you would still like to come, you can bring your own gift and Santa will pretend it came from him!

Book Sale

We're selling off some books after school on Tuesday. Might be good for the odd gift or just as additions to your bookshelves. Nothing too expensive - pocket money prices.





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Food for the Fair

Get your best baking bibs on (or just pop to Tesco's), the PTA are asking if people could please donate yummy things to eat for the Christmas Fair next Saturday. Cakes, biscuits, mince pies - please bring them into school on the 9th or take them directly to the Fair.

We're looking forward to see you all at the Fair - Sat 10th December from 3.30pm - 6.00 pm in the school. Please do come along. Your children will be singing, there will be a raffle, Christmas stalls, arts and crafts for the children, Andy the Magic man will be presenting a FREE magic show, there will be turkey rolls, mulled wine, story time Santa and much more. Try to arrive promptly, as a special visitor will be arriving by tractor (if it all goes to plan!) at 3.45 pm. There is an event on at the village hall at lunchtime, but they have kindly said that we can use any parking spaces available, and Knighton House have also kindly offered their driveway for parking; however please be sure to park along just one side of the drive on the tarmac, not the grass. Please remember to bring your torches for the walk back to your cars when you are loaded with Christmas goodies. Durweston is VERY dark at night!!!

Attendance this week

A big well done to Porpoises for 100% this week!

Starfish	90.48%
Dolphins	92.86%
Seahorses	97.27%
Sharks	98.57%
Porpoises	100%
Whole school	96%

Countdown to Christmas!

A letter has been sent home today with Christmas dates and information for your diary. Do take a minute to have a look. Let us know if you have any questions/queries/comments or suggestions.

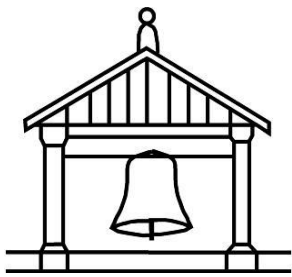
Thank you all for your continued support, good humour and willingness to get involved.

Stay warm this weekend!

Nicola Brooke
Acting Head teacher

Frost at school this week





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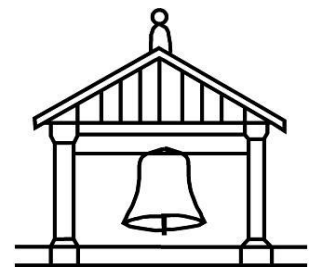
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Dates for Your Diary

New dates added in bold

Tuesday 6th December, 3.30pm

Saturday 10th December, 3.30pm - 6pm

Sunday 11th December, 6pm

Tuesday 13th December, 2pm

Wednesday 14th December, **9.30am**

Thursday 15th December, 6pm

Friday 16th December, 1pm

Monday 19th December

Wednesday 21st December, 6pm

Tuesday 3rd January 2017

Wednesday 4th January

Book Sale after school

PTA Christmas Fair

Durweston Carol Service

Dolphins and Seahorses Nativity

Handy Paws and Starfish Nativity

Sharks and Porpoises Carol Service

END OF TERM

Premier Sport Holiday club

(booking form available from the office)

Stourpaine Carol singing

Staff training day

CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL