



Dunster First School

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Newsletter No 5



Parent and Teacher Meetings Monday November 14th and Tuesday November 15th

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Dear Parents,
May I please bring the following to your attention:

Diary Dates

Friday November 11th

Remembrance Day Service, 10.40 am

Year 2 Theatre Trip to Taunton (further details to follow)

Monday November 14th to

Friday November 18th

Monday November 14th

National Anti-Bullying Week

Parent and Carers Meetings with Teachers, 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Tuesday November 15th

Parents and Carers Meetings with Teachers, 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Monday November 21st

Flu vaccinations for Year 1, 2 and 3

Friday November 25th

Friends of Dunster First School Advent Fair, 6.00pm to 9.00pm

Monday November 28th

Meeting of the full Governing Body, 7.00pm

Wednesday November 30th

Year 4 visiting Somerset Museum (further details to follow)

Thursday December 1st

Film Club Christmas Film Night, 6.00pm

Friday December 2nd and

Saturday December 3rd

Thursday December 8th

Dunster by Candlelight

Year 3 and Year 4 Nativity Play, St George's Church, 2.00pm

Friday December 9th

Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 Nativity Play, St George's Church, 2.00pm

Wednesday December 14th

Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 Christmas Party, 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Thursday December 15th

Year 3 and Year 4 Christmas Party, 2.00pm to 4.00pm

Friday December 16th

Last Day of the Autumn Term

Saturday December 17th to

Monday January 2nd

Christmas Holiday

Tuesday January 3rd

First day of Spring Term 2017

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Member 2015-2016

Parent and Teacher Meetings

Meetings for parents and carers with teachers will take place on the following dates:

Monday November 14 th	6.00pm to 9.00pm
Tuesday November 15 th	4.00pm to 7.00pm

We would hope that all of the parents and carers with children at our school would want to attend these meetings. In order to help us with our appointment planning, could you please complete the accompanying reply slip and return it to your child's teacher. When all of the slips have been received they will be returned to you with the approximate time of your appointment. We are aiming to give parents and carers about ten minutes with their child's teacher(s).



If you feel that you need longer to discuss your child's progress, I would ask you to contact their teacher(s) to make an appointment for another date.

Wherever possible we will do our best to accommodate those parents and carers with children in different classes.

By giving you plenty of notice for these meetings we hope that you will be able to make childcare arrangements for your children and that they will not accompany you on these evenings.

Flute Lessons for children in Year 4

Try a FREE Flute Taster session with Sue Fletcher DipABRSM. Fluting is fun - join a band, play in an orchestra, take exams or simply go solo!

Sue Fletcher has an exemplary 100% pass rate for all her exam candidates and has enabled several former students to secure places at prestigious schools such as Wells Cathedral School and Taunton School. She is an experienced performer and teacher and comes highly recommended: "She is a most accomplished flautist and musician, as well as a highly respected, first-class teacher" Nicholas Vallis-Davies Phd ("One of Europe's leading flautists" - Classic FM)



Individual Flute lessons will be available at £8.00 for 20 minutes and details for low cost instrument hire can be provided.

To book a Taster Session, email Sue@flutetuition.co.uk or call on 07891 218302.

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Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion is a UK charity that provides financial and emotional support to millions who have served or are currently serving in the armed forces and their dependents. One source of the charity's income is through its annual Poppy Appeal. To support the appeal the school is offering poppies for sale. The poppies and a collection box will be in the front lobby outside the Year 4 classroom until Remembrance Day.



We will be holding our own Remembrance Day Service on Wednesday November 11th.

SEAL - Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning

Getting On and Falling Out

As part of all the children's Personal, Social and Health Education the children are continuing to follow a programme called Social and Emotional Aspects of Learning, known to the children as 'SEAL'.



Getting On and Falling Out

Each half term there is a new theme which is introduced in a special whole school SEAL assembly. This half term we are working on the theme called 'Getting on and Falling Out'. The children will have the opportunity to work on good team work and learn how to be a good friend. They will also learn that everyone falls out sometimes, but the important thing is how we make it better and resolve our problems. There will be a celebratory assembly at the end of this half term to share their work and honour their learning and achievement.

These are some ideas you can do at home to support this theme:

- 1) Brainstorm the qualities of a good friend.
- 2) Can your child tell you the processes in place at school for when children fall out?

Say No To Bullying

In addition to this half term's theme of 'Getting On and Falling Out' there is also 'Say No To Bullying' week which will take place on the week commencing 16th November for National Anti-Bullying Week. This theme focuses on how to recognise bullying (as opposed to an unkind act), how it feels, why people bully, how we can prevent and respond to it and how children can use their social, emotional and behavioural skills to understand and tackle it. The children will learn that bullying behaviour is 1) on-going (not an isolated incident) 2) deliberate 3) unfair. There will be a celebratory assembly at the end of the week to share their understanding and any work they have produced.



If you have access to the internet, go onto the following websites and find out more about bullying and how it can be tackled; www.antibully.org.uk or www.bbcllc.com

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Eco Action Team

Just before the Autumn Half Term Holiday each class voted to elect their representatives for this year's Eco Action Team. The results in the election were as follows:

Reception Class	Amelia Langdon and Jasper Mayhew
Year 1	Amy Green and Wilfie Staley
Year 2	Honey Cotterell and William Bishop
Year 3	Evie Ware and Matthew Sherrin
Year 4	Holly Lofts, Molly Phippen, Ben Sokol and Leo Griggs.



The school's new Eco Action Team will be meeting with Miss Turton within the next two weeks to plan their projects for the year.

Christmas Performances

This year we will be putting on two separate Christmas Nativity performances.

The children in Years 3 and 4 will be performing their Christmas Nativity Play in Dunster Church at 2.00pm on Thursday December 8th.



The children in the Reception Class, Year 1 and Year 2 will be performing their Christmas Nativity Play in Dunster Church at 2.00pm on Friday December 9th.

Further information about these performances will be sent home in due course.

Yours truly

Peter Hoyland
Headteacher

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Please complete the slip below by ticking the times at which you would be able to attend and return it to school as soon as possible.

We would be grateful if you could be as flexible as possible

Monday **November 14th**

6.00pm to 7.00pm

7.00pm to 8.00pm

8.00pm to 9.00pm

Tuesday **November 15th**

4.00pm to 5.00pm

5.00pm to 6.00pm

6.00pm to 7.00pm



Name of child

Year

Signature of parent

Please return this form to your child's teacher