



Dunster First School

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Newsletter No 4



Autumn Half Term Holiday
Saturday October 22nd
to
Sunday October 30th

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

Diary Dates

Friday October 21st

Saturday October 22nd to

Sunday October 30th

Friday November 11th

Monday November 14th to

Friday November 18th

Monday November 14th

Tuesday November 15th

Friday November 25th

Monday November 28th

Thursday December 1st

Friday December 2nd and

Saturday December 3rd

Thursday December 8th

Friday December 9th

Wednesday December 14th

Thursday December 15th

Friday December 16th

Saturday December 17th to

Monday January 2nd

Tuesday January 3rd

School Closed for staff training

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Remembrance Day Service, 10.40am

National Anti-Bullying Week

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

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

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

Meeting of the full Governing Body, 7.00pm

Film Club Christmas Film Night, 6.00pm

Dunster by Candlelight

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

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

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

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

Last Day of the Autumn Term

Christmas Holiday

First day of Spring Term 2017



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Member 2015-2016

Harvest Service

Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Harvest Service on Friday October 5th. It was lovely to see so many families and friends in St George's Church.

The residents of Bampton Court were delighted with all of the harvest gifts that were brought.

Thank you also to everyone who contributed to the collection for Asthma UK. The collection raised £223.00.



Friends of Dunster First School

Thank you to everyone who has returned their Friends of Dunster First School Request for Help sheets to the school office. Those parents, carers and members of staff who have provided their email addresses have been added to the Friends of Dunster First School 2016 to 2017 mailing list and will receive regular updates on the work of the Friends of Dunster First School.



It isn't too late to send in your form, so if you would like to get involved in the work of the Friends of Dunster First School please return it to Mrs Thrush in the school office.

Friends of Dunster First School - Advent Fair Grand Raffle

Tickets for the Friends of Dunster First School Grand Raffle are being sent home this week. This year's raffle has a top prize of £200, a second prize of £100 and many, many prize hampers.



We are sending home two raffle books per family. Tickets are £1.00 per ticket or £5.00 for a book. The books have been sent home earlier than in previous years so that hopefully you will have a chance to sell tickets during the half term holiday.

When you have sold your tickets please return the ticket counterfoils to school in an envelope with your name clearly written on the envelope. For every book sold you will have your name entered into a draw to win a West Somerset Railway Day Family Rover Ticket.



Reception Class attending school on a full time basis

May I remind parents and carers that from the start of next half term, Monday October 31st, the children in the Reception Class will be attending school on a full time basis.

Staffing News

From the start of next half term Mrs Gray will be reducing her teaching days to two days a week (Mondays and Tuesdays) with Mrs Lancaster teaching for the rest of the week (Wednesday, Thursday and Friday).

1610 Year 4 Grease Dance Club

I am pleased to announce that the Monday after school Grease Dance Club for the children in Year 4 will now continue after half term and finish on Monday November 28th.



The club was due to finish at the end of this half term but the 1610 Dance teacher, Becky Jeffries, has been so impressed with the children that the club will now continue for a further five weeks. The last club session will also include a performance for parents and carers starting at 4.00pm on Monday November 28th.



Flu Immunisations - Monday November 21st

The Flu immunisations for the children in Year 1, 2 and 3 will be given on the afternoon of Monday November 21st. The immunisations will only be given to those children for whom the school nurse team have had written authorisation.

Coop Local Community Fund

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to be a member of the Coop and is supporting us through the Local Community Fund. **So far we have managed to raise £899 for the Friends of Dunster First School.**



If you haven't joined up yet but would like to do so then this is how to do it...

Following a successful application last year our school has been one of three local groups selected to receive funding from the Co-op Local Community Fund.

We applied for funding to help improve the school gardens by the Year 3 classroom. The project will include landscaping the gardens, adding new furniture and if enough money is raised purchasing and installing a "Hobbit Hut" which can be used for small group activities, such as story time.

Our successful application means that over the next six months we will receive 1% of Co-op members' purchases of all Co-op branded goods and the other services, such as insurance, that the company provides. Any money raised locally by the scheme can be

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given to the school by logging onto your Co-op membership account and choosing Dunster First School!

If you would like to help raise money for the school you will need to become a member of the Co-op and once registered start to use your membership card every time you shop in the Co-op in Alcombe or Minehead. Existing Co-op members do not need to re-join.

Please encourage family and friends to join up as the more people who support this scheme the more money will be raised for the school.

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.

Yours truly,

Peter Hoyland
Headteacher