



Dunster First School- Friday News

Headteacher: Naomi Philp

20th October 2017

Dear parent, carer,

Well we are at half term already, I hope you enjoy the newsletter and get a sense of the wonderful school we are all part of. Calendars for 'fridges' will be out after the half term break for November and December, but key dates are in the newsletter, such as superhero dress up day the first day we return from the holiday. There are INSET days on both the 30th and 31st October so we start back on the 1st November, with Superhero day!

There is a whole page in the newsletter dedicated to the Grand Advent Fair, and work is already underway to make this a success, but we really do need your help, so please read the section carefully and donate generously.

Our first Butterfly report has been included with the post this week, this report is formulated from the results of the parent survey that you undertook for us as 'school guardians.' Work is still being done to analyse the lunchtime survey and this will be published after the half term break.

With regards to Children in Need, we are part of the Wellington Walk and excitingly, are due to be joined by Pudsey himself, and Claire Carter from BBC Somerset. The theme this year is 'fill a wellie with your spare change...' We will give more information of how we are marking this occasion after the half term break. We appreciate this clashes with our usual Grand Advent Fair activities and are sorry if you feel a little overwhelmed. It was just too good an opportunity to miss for our pupils to meet Pudsey and Claire. Suffice to say on Tuesday 14th November, when we are due to see Pudsey, everyone will be able to wear mufti: yellow, spots, teddy bear suits, or anything Children in Need related to school, so that when we greet the walkers we will look the part and be ready to have some fun!

There is a group of us planning on coming in on the first Sunday of the half term holiday (weather permitting) to undertake a 'winter tidy up' of our grounds. If you can come to help, even if it is just for an hour, we should be here from 10:30am-1pm. Please bring your own gardening equipment.

If you are stuck for things to do this holiday, the castle have some great 'spooky themed events' that look great for all ages and the Exmoor Dark Skies festival has lots going on to tap into, including some interesting night swimming events... not sure I am brave enough for those!

Have a great holiday,

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Weekly Notices:

Safeguarding/ Safety Notices:

- If you would be interested in attending a workshop regarding how to keep your child safe online, please let Mrs Thrush know and we will aim to get a session organised for the new year.

Other notices:

- **Raffle Tickets for The Friends of Dunster Advent Fair:** This week, you will have received 2 books of raffle tickets that we hope you will be able to sell to family and friends. Tickets are £1.00 each with a book costing £5.00. There is a top prize of £200 and, as always, many, many other fabulous prizes!
If you sell all of your books and would like some more. please contact Mrs Thrush in the School Office. ☺
Please return your books, including any unsold tickets, to school in an envelope with your name on the front!
- **Flu Vaccination for all children on 9th November 2017.** We have been informed by many parents that they have not received the consent form for the flu vaccination. Having spoken to the School Nurse Team, we have been informed that there has been a delay sending out some of the forms but it is hoped that you will receive them by 2nd November.
- **Super Hero Day at Dunster First School** is on 1st November 2018 when all the children (and staff ☺) are invited to dress up as a super hero, their idol, a real life hero or even a super food! We are being joined by two 'real life' heroes on the day (subject to them not having to defend the universe) and so it will be a very special return to school!

