

DULOE SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER



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As we return from a hectic Christmas break, I'd like to take the opportunity to wish you all a very **Happy New Year!** The Autumn term finished in a flurry of performances, carol concerts, dinners and talent shows! Our nativity production 'The Magic Box' was a huge success with every child involved in singing, dancing or narrating the Christmas Story. The costumes were magnificent and added to a very 'professional performance' by all ages. Our Christmas Fair was another busy and successful event and the hard work of our P.T.F.A, all the children and staff helped us to raise £690.00. Thank you so much for the support and help given by so many people. This money will help us to continue to enhance our outdoor learning environment and resources.

Maths Workshop

Our second maths workshop focussed on *'calculation - how do we ensure children feel secure in all processes?'*

We were able to discuss our calculation policy and see some 'maths in action' with small groups of children showing parents 'how it's done'. We all had great fun and not only learnt different methods for calculation, new games and activities but also the language that is used as we develop and build on our numerical skills in school. Following the session we have been able to plan further opportunities for the spring term. We hope more parents and carers will be able to join us for what are proving to be very enjoyable afternoons.



Science—Class 3 will be taking part in a new BBC science campaign **Terrific Scientific**, this Live Lesson will help our pupils to think and work like a scientist, with a focus on taste, nutrition, and the energy that food provides.

We will be looking at the relationship between human taste and nutrition and encouraging pupils to learn how to think and work scientifically - including planning, measuring, observing changes, controlling variables and using test results.



We were fortunate to have a visit from Celloist Charlotte Heritage, who gave us a demonstration. This complements the lessons already available for violins in key stage 2. If your child is interested in having lessons for either instrument please contact Mrs Davies in the first instance.



Bikeability— **Year 5 and 6** also managed to complete and achieve gaining their Bikeability Award. Mrs Jenny Nash worked with the class over several weeks to teach them the basic skills for road safety and cycling. Congratulations to all of you!



This term our theme investigates - *'Rivers and Mountains - What impact do they have on Life around the World?'* We

will have the opportunity to explore local and global features and places. How these are interdependent and how they bring about variation and change over time. We will develop skills such as map reading, data analysis, using a range of sources for research and reading and writing at length. Our Creative Days will start at the end of January and as usual will introduce this theme using an exciting range of media and resources. Each class will be investigating the theme in a variety of ways covering different aspects of the curriculum appropriate to their age and ability.



We continue to work to develop children's skills in a range of activities and broaden their understanding of health and well being . We will be taking part in Basketball sessions with the Plymouth Raiders, Life Skills Lessons which look at Health and Safety in the home and our netball team will commence the local High 5 Netball League.

Don't forget to visit our school website for up to date information—www.duloe.cornwall.sch.uk

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Mon 9 Jan • Swimming—Year 3 & 4 (Every Monday)
- Tues 10 Jan • Violin Lessons
- Wed 11 Jan • Hi 5 Netball—Looe Sports Hall—4.20
- Thurs 12 Jan • Woodwind Lessons
- Fri 13 Jan • Pantomime—Theatre Royal, Plymouth
- Tues 17 Jan • Violin Lessons
- Wed 18 Jan • HI5 Netball—Looe Sports Hall—3.45
- Thurs 19 Jan • 'Make your own Burger' lunch!
- Tues 24 Jan • Violin Lessons
- Thurs 26 Jan • Woodwind Lessons
- Tues 31 Jan • Violin Lessons
- Class 3 Junior Life Skills—Liskeard
- Wed 1 Feb • HI5 Netball—Looe Sports Hall 4.20pm
- Thurs 2 Feb • Woodwind Lessons
- Fri 3 Feb • Cross Country—venue to be confirmed.
- Mon 6 Feb • **SAFER INTERNET WEEK**
- Tues 7 Feb • Violin Lessons
- Toad of Toad Hall @ Looe Academy
- Thurs 9 Feb • Woodwind Lessons
- Fri 10 Feb • Parent eSafety Workshops

Mon 13 Feb to Fri 17 Feb—HALF TERM

Don't forget our

Breakfast Club!

It's open every week day morning from 8am until 8.40am— you don't need to book, just 'drop in' on the day! Supervised care including breakfast!

£3 per child, £1.50 thereafter per sibling.

Unless they are attending our Breakfast Club, please can we ask that children are not dropped at school before 8.40am - thank you.

'Pupil Premium' Free School Meals

We have attached the application form for Free School Meals. We would **encourage all parents** to complete this **even if you have a Key Stage 1 child currently receiving a Universal Free School Meal**. Registering now has 2 major benefits :

- Your child's entitlement will be continued throughout their time at school subject to your continued eligibility.
- The school will then receive **pupil premium funding**, currently worth **£1300 a year to allocate per child**, throughout your child's education. If you are eligible and don't register, that funding could be lost until such time that you make an application at a later date.

We can check your eligibility very easily and in the strictest confidence, if you complete and return the form to Mrs Davies.

Duloe Pre-School is open 5 days a week (during term time). We offer ***three to four year old funded care***, and fee paying sessions the term before a child is three years old. For further information please speak to Mrs Davies in the School Office.

Under 5's Playgroup

Our **Baby/Toddler Group** meets every Thursday at 9.30-11.30—please spread the word!



School Dinner Money -

It would really help if you could please **remember to place dinner money in a named envelope**— not only will this simplify the 'rush' in the school office in the mornings, but more **importantly** ensures we allocate correctly the monies received against your child's dinner money account. The cost of a school meal is £2.30.



Always remember to notify the School Office of any changes to address, telephone and mobile numbers. It is vital that our records are up to date in the event that we have to contact a parent/carer.

All clubs start week commencing 9th January 2017— **Monday—Football, Tues—Crossfit, Wed—Netball, Thurs— Running**

Swimming starts Mon 9 Jan
Years 3 & 4



Our **After School Care** continues this Spring term.

Several families regularly use this flexible childcare service, which offers a wide range of daily supervised activities and includes a light snack.

We can offer this care for just an hour or up until 6pm, Mon to Fri (term time only) on a regular basis or just occasionally—**places must be pre-booked.**

If you need further information including timings and charges please pop in and see Mrs Davies.

