



Durand Primary School Newsletter Autumn 2020 Issue 3



*Learning Together, Achieving Together
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I can't believe that the end of term has come along so quickly! I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone in our Durand School Family for the support given to us during this term. We really appreciate your kind words and messages, it really does mean a lot to us all during these challenging times! There has been a real sense of community around our school!



I would also like to take this opportunity to thank all our staff who have made a difficult term one of purposeful and productive learning. By going above and beyond, staff have ensured that pupils have been kept safe and happy. Their dedication and kindness has been shown through the smiling faces which I greet daily and the wonderful atmosphere that is felt throughout the school.

Christmas Food Bank Donations

A HUGE THANK YOU to everyone who donated an item / items for the Caldicot Food Bank which was in place of Christmas Cards this year. They really appreciated our contributions.



Nursery Nativity

I am sure that our Nursery parents have really enjoyed seeing the Nursery Nativity film that was sent to the Children's Hwb emails. I am sure that you would agree that it was fabulous and it really got us all into the Christmas spirit. A HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs Wilton for putting that together for us! Well done Nursery, a fantastic Nativity!



Christmas Concerts

The Christmas Concerts have now been filmed and currently are being edited! They should be ready to send home securely via the pupils' Hwb email addresses by the end of the week. We will send a Schoop with instructions on how to access these once they have been sent. A HUGE THANK YOU to Miss Ley and Mrs Noblet for producing these for us! Well done to all of our pupils who took part!

Community Links

This Christmas we have started a link between our pupils and the residents of the Local Care Home, Cherry Trees. A HUGE THANK YOU to Mrs Manship for setting this up for us and organising, with our Year 3 pupils, the whole school in sending Christmas cards to the residents. Also thank you to Mrs Sisson for putting together a 'Carol Concert' of songs performed by each class that we have been able to send to the residents to watch. We are looking forward to further developing this link with the possibility of being able to visit in the future when we return to 'normal'!



Winter Jumper Day

Just to remind you that tomorrow we will be holding a Winter Jumper Day. We are not asking for donations for this - it is just for fun on the last day of face to face learning for this term!



Next Term

Just to remind you that the new term starts for our pupils on Monday 4th January.

May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year from all of us here at Durand!

Let's hope 2021 is a kinder year for us all!

Take care, keep safe!

Many thanks to you all for your continued support!

Happy Christmas / Nadolig Llawen!

**Mrs Allison Waters
Headteacher**

