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children will be undergoing a National assessment in June 2024 that will look at their ability to read phonically

15th December 2023
Newsletter 6

**Whole School attendance to date this year is
94.48 %**

**Our value this half-term
is **peace**.**



Seek peace and pursue it

*We will make a peaceful school
and world.*

Psalm 34:14

Dear Parents,

'Tis the season to be jolly –
and we most certainly are!
The last few weeks have
been super busy and fun
packed as we get ready for
Christmas.

Our Christmas Fayre was a
great success thanks to
the hard work and
dedication of the FONS
team and the support of
our families and wider
community. Just over
£2,000 was raised, which
is fantastic. We have
already ordered a stack of
maths equipment that

Mrs Denyssen has collated as Maths lead and we will be
looking at more resources that we can buy to support
other areas of learning. With school budgets as tight as
they are, we would not be able to afford these things with
the money raised by FONS.

Our nativity was once again a roaring success and many of
you expressed your enjoyment at the time of watching it.
The children were great and thoroughly enjoyed
performing. Well done to the teaching staff that worked
so hard to pull it together.

Phonics Workshop

Calling **ALL Year 1** parents. On **9th January at 9 a.m.**
(straight after drop-off) Miss Langthorne will be holding a
drop-in phonics workshop to explain the approaches we
use in school and exactly what parents can do at home to
help their children reach the expected standard. All year 1

regular and irregular words as well as made up 'alien'
words. This is so important that we are asking that each
family make sure they send a representative so that they
know exactly what is expected. Please let us know if you
don't think this will be possible and we will try and make
arrangements to share the resources with you.



**From all at Newdigate Infant
School and Pre-school.**

Love -Peace-Trust-Thanks-Forgiveness-Hope

Thank you also for your generous gifts.

Wishing you a peaceful and joyous festive break.

See you again on 2nd January 2024.

Mrs Paula Bliss
(Headteacher)

Love & Peace

Trust & Thankfulness

Forgiveness & Hope

Your Guide to Christmas in Dorking

We hope you're joining us for Hello Dorking's 'Very Dorkensian Christmas' on Sunday, 3rd December from 12 - 6pm.

Everyone is welcome! [Learn more about the event and save the date](#). Here's a snapshot of what's happening:

- Get involved in our friendly, fun and [festive competitions](#), to include our shop [window decorating contest](#). Our competitions are sponsored by Circular Dorking, The White Horse - Heartwood Collection, Seymours Estate Agents, and of course the Dorking BID.
- [Check out our programme](#) - we are finalising it all now and will be featuring our brilliant businesses, artisans, market traders, microbrewery and gin favourites, musicians, entertainers, children's activities, and yes, we even have Ms Ballooniverse joining us! There is something for everyone.
- We are hosting a [street clean up](#) on 17th November, 9:30 - 1pm. Will you be joining us? All are welcome!
- Have you received our latest street closure notification through your letterbox? Please note our street closure and should you have any questions, we are very happy to help and answer your questions. We have maps and details on our website. Our team is always here to help. We have brought on board extra stewards and volunteers to support on the day and the street closure will be clearly marked on the roads. [Learn more on our website](#).

Thank you to our BID Members, our Board, our team, and to our community partners for collaborating to make this a magical, fun and festive event.

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to our generous sponsors for their support! [Meet them](#) online and here:

Term dates Academic Year 2023/24

Autumn Term:

4th Sept 2023 – 15th December 2023

(Half term 23rd Oct – 27th Oct) - INSET 30th October

Spring Term:

2nd Jan 2024 – 28th March 2024

INSET 9th February

(Half Term 12th Feb – 16th Feb)

Summer Term:

15th April 2024 – 19th July 2024 INSET 22nd & 23rd July

(Half Term 27th May – 31st May)

INSET DAYS 2023/24

1st September

30th October

9th February

22nd July

23rd July

Diary Dates for Autumn Term

01.09.23	Start of Term
01.09.23	INSET DAY (1 of 5)
06.09.23	Perform Drama workshop
28.09.23	Reading Café & Curriculum meeting – 8.50am
28.09.23	FONS AGM 7.00pm in School Hall - TBC
29.09.23	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon 3.10pm School Hall – everyone welcome
09.10.23	Individual School Photos
19.10.23	Harvest Festival Service in St Peter's Church at 2pm. All parents welcome.
20.10.23	Nasal Flu Immunisation
20.10.23	Break up for half term 3pm.
30.10.23	INSET DAY (2 of 5)
31.10.23	Back to school
01.11.23	Open Morning for prospective new parents from 9.30am
08.11.23	Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 3.30-6.00pm
15.11.23	Meet the teachers – Parents' Evening 5.30 –8.00pm
24.11.23	Hoops for Decorating to go home
01.12.23	Hoops up in the Hall
02.12.23	Christmas Fayre TBC
07.12.23	Christmas Meal / Christmas Jumper Day – Donation to Save the Children
11.12.23	Dress Rehearsal for Christmas Performance
12.12.23	Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall
14.12.23	Christmas Performance at 10am in the School Hall
13.12.23	Pied Piper Theatre Company - rearranged 18 th january



14.12.23 TBC - School Christingle Family Service, St Peter's Church 6pm – everyone welcome
15.12.23 Last day of term - Break up at 1.15 pm

DATES – SPRING TERM 2024

Term dates – Tuesday 2nd January 2024 – Thursday 28th March 2024

Half term dates – Monday 12th – Friday 16th February

Diary Dates for Spring Term

02.01.24 Back to School
09.01.24 9 a.m. Phonics Workshop Year 1 (Miss Langthorne)
08.02.24 Break up for half term 3pm
09.02.24 **INSET DAY (3 of 5)**
~~22.02.24 SATS talk – Yr 2 classroom (@ 5pm) (TBC)~~
06.03.24 Late Parents' Evening (5.30-7.40pm)
07.03.24 World Book Day – Dress up as a character from a book that makes you learn and grow
08.03.24 Mothers' Day Tea Party for Yr R 9am in School Hall
13.03.24 Early Parents' Evening (3.30-6.00pm)
27.03.24 Easter Bonnet Parade directly after morning bell, parents to Hall. Wear your hats!
28.03.24 Easter Service – 1.10pm, all parents welcome
28.03.24 Last Day of Term – Break up at 2pm

DATES – SUMMER TERM 2024

Term dates – Monday 15th April 2024 – Tuesday 23rd July 2024

Half term dates – Monday 27th – Friday 31st May

15.04.24 Back to School
27.05.24 Break up for half term 3pm
19.07.24 Last day of term - Break up at 2pm
22.07.24 **INSET DAY (4 of 5)**
23.07.24 **INSET DAY (5 of 5)**

