

# Durrington Infant & Junior Federated Schools

Week ending  
23rd November 2018



## AUTUMN TERM

INSET DAY 3.9.18 & 4.9.18

### Term Begins:

Wednesday 5.9.18

INSET DAY 19.10.18

### Half term:

22.10.18 to 26.10.18

### Term Ends:

Wednesday 19.12.18

## SPRING TERM

### Term Begins:

Thursday 3.1.19

### Half term:

18.2.19 to 22.2.19

INSET DAY 25.2.19

### Term Ends:

Friday 5.4.19

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## News Roundup

Things are very autumnal in the nursery, with the children singing autumn songs and playing games with leaves and conkers. They have also been painting using lots of reds, oranges and browns.

Reception has been invaded by aliens! The children have been enjoying the story 'Aliens Love Underpants' and drawing and painting their very own aliens. They have also been playing with silver 'moon rocks' outside.

The children in years 1 and 2 have started the new part of their topic by learning about the Great Fire of London, but they haven't just been using books. Last week they took part in a dance workshop where they re-enacted the event by dancing, and this week they were visited by the Rainbow Theatre company who acted out the story and did a workshop with the children.

Years 3 and 4 have been making their own Roman shields. Some children had already chosen to do this as their challenge homework, so they acted as the 'instructors' and helped the rest of the class by sharing their hints and tips, and offering advice and help.

Children in year 5 have been writing descriptive narratives of the Labyrinth scene, from the perspective of either Theseus or the Minotaur.

There has been lots of excitement in year 6 this week. Some of the children have been on an activity residential trip to Hindleap, whilst the rest of them took part in our very own 'Apprentice' challenge. They designed, baked and marketed their own Christmas cookies.

## 'Nearly New' uniform.

Our stall at parent's evening selling 'nearly new' uniform and PE kit was very successful and we would love to do this on a more regular basis.

If you have any school clothes that your child has grown out of, then we would be very happy to have them. Please feel free to bring them to the office.

## Children in Need

Thank you for all of your donations for Children in Need. We counted over £300 in the buckets. The final figure will be over £600 when we add in the money raised from merchandise sales.

## Christmas Shopping

If you are shopping online, don't forget to use our School Angel account to help raised funds for us at no extra cost to yourselves.

Just log onto: <https://www.schoolangel.org.uk/durrington-infant-and-junior-federated-schools.html> and click through to your usual shop. It is very quick and easy to do. Thanks.

### Letters & emails sent home recently

- \* Christmas Shows
- \* DVD permission (infants only)
- \* Topic celebration evening

If you have not received these letters, please ask at the school office for another copy.



# Pi's Challenges

Pi, our Maths Mascot has set the children a challenge.  
Answers can be emailed to Pi - we wonder if he will reply?

## KS1 challenge



Q: Lots of KS1 teachers are rocking out with their times tables! Miss Hooper asked Pi what  $9 \times 5$  was the other day, could you help him out?

Email your answer to Pi, at [durringtonpi@dfed.co.uk](mailto:durringtonpi@dfed.co.uk)

## KS2 challenge



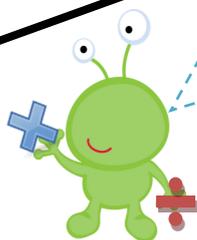
Q: Three children set their Rockstar speeds really fast this week.

Child A set theirs at 5.4, Child B set theirs at 4.1 and Child C set theirs at 3.4.

What is their mean speed?

Email your answer to Pi, at [durringtonpi@dfed.co.uk](mailto:durringtonpi@dfed.co.uk)

## Reception challenge



Q: Pi loved Children in Need. He counted lots of spots on the playground! If Mrs Roy's outfit had 3 spots on the front and 5 on the back, how many was this altogether?

Email your answers to Pi, at [durringtonpi@dfed.co.uk](mailto:durringtonpi@dfed.co.uk)

## A FEW LITTLE REMINDERS

- All children need a water or drinks bottle in school in addition to anything that may be in their lunchbox.
- If your child wears tights, please put a pair of socks in their PE bag.
- With the colder weather, children may wear jogging bottoms during PE.
- Please remember a coat! Even with the chill this week we have a lot of children without one.

## School Crossing Patrol

There will be no crossing guard on Salvington Road between Monday 3rd December until Friday 11th January. Please take extra care on your journeys to and from school during these dates.