



# NEWSLETTER 2 – 3rd October 2025

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## DIARY DATES

DATE	ACTIVITY	ADDITIONAL INFO
Wednesday 8th October	Parents Evening	3.30pm till 6.30pm (School Hall)
Thursday 9th October	Individual & Sibling Photographs	All Day Event (School Hall)
Friday 10th October	Friends of Derry Hill School AGM Meeting	9.15am (School Hall)
Wednesday 15th October	Parents Evening	3.30pm till 6.30pm (School Hall)
Monday 20th October	Fox Class trip to Bowood (Art Trip Trail)	10am till 3.15pm
Tuesday 21st October	Owl Class Family Learning Afternoon	2pm (School Hall)
Wednesday 22nd October	Non-Uniform Day	All Day Event (For Raffle Prizes for Christmas Bonanza)
<b>Wednesday 22nd October</b>	<b>End of Term 1</b>	<b>3.15pm</b>
<b>Monday 3rd November</b>	<b>Start of Term 2</b>	<b>8.45am</b>
Monday 10th November	Odd Sock Day (Normal uniform)	All Day Event
Tuesday 11th November until Tuesday 18th November	School Book Fair	All Week Event ( More Details to Follow)
Wednesday 12th November	School Disco	3.30pm until 6pm ( School Hall)
Friday 14th November	Children in Need Day (Non - Uniform)	All Day Event
<b>Friday 28th November</b>	<b>TD Day</b>	<b>Children not in School</b>
Friday 5th December	Christmas Bonanza	4.30pm until 6.30pm (In School)
Monday 8th December	KS1 Nativity Performance - Dress Rehearsal	(Children in School Only)
Tuesday 9th December	KS1 Nativity Performance for Parents	9.15am (School Hall)
Wednesday 10th December	KS1 Nativity Performance for Parents	1.45pm (School Hall)
Thursday 11th December	Whole School Pantomime Trip	All Day Event
Monday 15th December	KS1 Christmas Party	1pm
Tuesday 16th December	Christmas Lunch & Christmas Jumper Day	All Day Event
Wednesday 17th December	KS2 Christmas Party	1pm
Thursday 18th December	Rock Steady Concert	2.30pm (For parents of Children performing in Rock Steady) School Hall
Friday 19th December	KS2 Carol Service	9.15am (Church) All Welcome
<b>Friday 19th December</b>	<b>End of Term 2</b>	<b>2.15pm</b>

### Head Boy and Head Girl

Owl Class held their Head Boy and Head Girl presentations on Friday 19th September.

All the children who delivered their presentations did a fantastic job – well done!

Following the elections we are pleased to announce that Ozzie is our new Head Boy and Quinn is our new Head Girl; congratulations to you both.

Congratulations also to Finley and Lily who have been elected as Deputy Head Boy and Deputy Head Girl.



### Parents Evening - Wednesday

8th October or Wednesday

15th October

Parents' evenings will be held in the School hall where each teacher has a dedicated space.

Parents are asked to wait in Mole Class (entering via the external door on the playground near the small black gate of the corner of Mole Class).

Whilst waiting parents will be able to look at their child's books.

We ask where possible the children do not attend as they are unable to go into the parents evening slot with you.

Thank you for your co-operation.



### Individual School Photos

Braiswick will be in school on Thursday 9th October to take individual school photos.

If you have pre-school children who you would like photographed with their siblings please arrive at school by 8.30am at the school Hall.



### FODHS AGM- 9.15am Friday 10th October

Please come along and support our wonderful school fundraising committee at their AGM ( Annual General Meeting) in the school hall. We need a minimum of 35 people for the AGM to go ahead.

Thank you

### Safeguarding email

Safeguarding all of the children at Derry Hill School is our primary aim. First and foremost our children need to feel happy and safe in order to learn. All of our team are dedicated to the safeguarding of our children and you can approach any of our staff if you have any concerns no matter how small they are. However, if you have concerns of a more important nature and you wish to speak to the Safeguarding Team directly you can contact us via our new safeguarding inbox :

[safeguarding@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk)

All emails sent to this inbox will be viewed by the whole Safeguarding Team which includes Mrs Roberts, Mr Riley, Mrs Asfaw and Miss Hurren – a member of the team will then be allocated to your concern and will make contact with you as soon as is possible. If however you have a safeguarding concern that you would only like to share with Mrs Roberts please continue to contact her via the admin@ email ensuring you use 'CONFIDENTIAL' in the subject.

### MDSA Vacancies

We are currently advertising for a part-time MDSA to work Monday – Friday from 11.40am – 1.10pm.

We are also looking for casual MDSA's to work as and when required to cover staff absence.

For further details please look at our 'Vacancies' page on our website.



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to work through situations  
EVEN *there* OBSTACLES  
WHEN *are* <sup>OR</sup> CHALLENGES  
*in the way*

### Volunteers

Last year we successfully signed up a few volunteers to support us in school with the much appreciated job of volunteering to hear readers.

This was very successful however we would benefit from many more. If you are able to spare a couple of hours per week to come in and hear some of our wonderful children read, support with in class activities or Forest School etc please do get in touch. The process is unfortunately quite a long one, however we will support you every step of the way and value as many parents / grandparents becoming volunteers as possible.



### **Forest Update**

We have started back in the Forest area with gusto; Mole and Hedgehog class are enjoying their sessions in the Autumn sun, long may it last!

I have been thinking for a while about renaming our Forest area, at the moment we just call it Forest School. I would really like something personalized and something that reflects what we do, see and learn.

Last week I launched a competition to the school community to think of a name to rebrand Forest School, your child may have mentioned it to you.

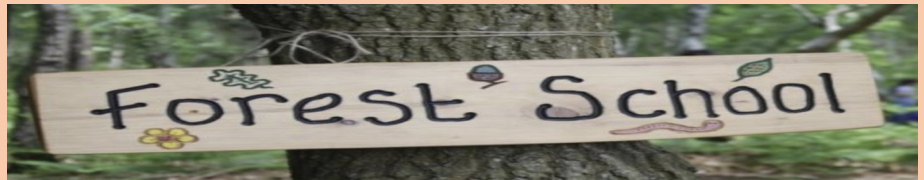
I will be choosing the winner in a couple of weeks, and this will be announced in Act of Worship.

I would like to provide a sign with our new name to display outside the area for everyone to see. If you are a budding artist, tradesman etc and would be able to make a sign, ideally out of natural materials please email:

[DHforest@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:DHforest@derryhill.wilts.sch.uk) or contact the school office.

Thank you for your continued support

Mrs Hand

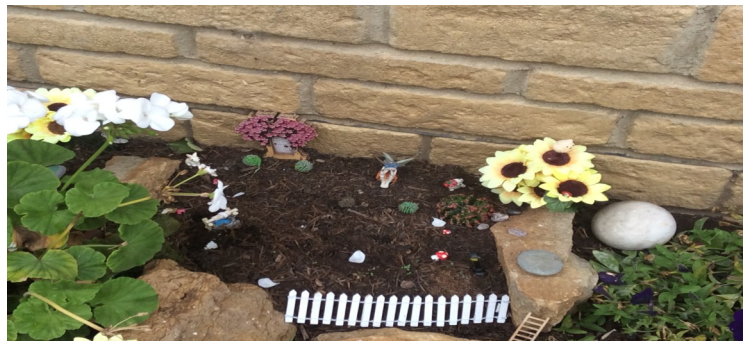


### **Tesco Stronger Starts**

From 1<sup>st</sup> October you will see that you are able to vote for Derry Hill School to receive funding from the Tesco Stronger Starts initiative.

Please encourage all of your family and friends to vote for us.

Thank you in Advance for your support.



The Pupil Premium is an allocation of additional funding provided to schools to support specific groups of children who are vulnerable to possible underachievement. These include pupils who have been entitled to free school meals at any point in the past six years, those looked after by the Local Authority and the children of armed service personnel.

For more details on Pupil Premium, please visit <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/pupil-premium/pupil-premium>

Please check our school's website at <https://www.derryhillschool.co.uk/page/?title=Pupil+Premium&pid=19> or contact the school if you feel that you may qualify for Pupil Premium.

### **Family Service at Christ Church, 10.30 am, Sunday 5 October**

Reverend Sarah will be holding a service and would like to invite all to attend.

We will be gathering in Church to have fun worshipping God, and learning about how much faith is enough.

Our service is aimed at people of all ages; it's very interactive, with something for everyone.

So don't miss out, come and join us!

**Everyone is welcome!**



### **Snacks Reminder**

Just a reminder that all snacks for morning break need to be healthy, apart from on the last day of term when children can bring in a snack of their choice.

All children in Foundation Stage and KS1 are provided with a fruit snack as part of the Government's Fruit for School Initiative.

Thank you for your support.

