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DORCHESTER PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



£3000 raised at the May Fair!

A big thank you to the FODs Committee and to everyone who helped on Saturday to make the May Fair such a great success. It raised £3000 for the school and was great fun. Thank you to everyone who attended, helped and supported the fair by sending in toys, bric a brac, cakes, bottles etc.

Well done to the staff and Year 6 pupils who gave up their time to support this event. A great community spirit was felt especially as the Community Police came and gave up their time to support our school!

Thank you to everyone!

This term.....

Assemblies:

Year 5 at 9.00 on Friday
27th May.

Copper Class on Friday
17th June at 2.30

Year 1 on

Thursday 30th June at
2.30

Year 3 on Friday 8th July

Year 6 Final Performance
at 7.00p.m on
Wednesday 20th July



We welcomed Miss Lianne Pullen in April. She is an experienced teacher who will be taking over Blue Class after the half term as Mrs. Watson is going off on maternity leave. We all wish her well and look forward to meeting a new little Watson soon.

Congratulations to Mrs. Hindocha who had a lovely little girl, Sia in April and to Mrs. Ives who gave birth to Harrison today!

Attendance

It is so important for every pupil to be in school every day. It is amazing what they can miss out on if they are away from school for even a day. It is school policy NOT to authorize any holidays or planned events and parents can be liable for a penalty notice of £50 per child per parent.

In school we have a competition weekly to see which class has the best attendance and SAPPHIRE Class have won overall with an attendance of 98%. Well done Sapphire they are a very healthy and determined class. We would like every class to reach 100% next half term.



TAKE PRIDE!

I am very proud of all the Dorchester Primary pupils. It is amazing what they achieve over time and they are all

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individually great children.

We all expect good behaviour in and outside of school. It is important that when the children are wearing school uniform outside school they behave in the same way as they know how to behave in school. Swearing and fighting are NOT tolerated at all in school and therefore when the children are in the park or out and about wearing their school uniform the same rule applies. We want to continue to have a good to outstanding reputation in the area and for all parents and staff to be proud of the pupils and their achievements.

School Lunches

The children enjoy the school lunches cooked daily on the premises. For £2.10 a day they receive a delicious lunch with lots of choice.

House Team

Blue Team is in the lead at the moment for collecting the most house points. Red Team won the Famous Person House Team Competition and was very knowledgeable about famous people last Friday.

Parent Governors

We are very grateful to our parent governors – Mrs. Karen Dukes,

Mr. Chris Lee, Mr. Ian Phipps, Mr. Mark Cordery Mr. James Bullock and Mr. Grant Bulbrook for supporting the school and giving up their time to attend meetings and give objective opinions. All governors serve a term of 4 years. Mr. Bulbrook who has 3 children in the school at the present time is coming to end of his term of office however he would very much like to continue to support the school by being a governor. Unless any other parent would like to take over this role, Mr. Bulbrook is happy to continue for another term of office. If any parent would like to become a governor please do contact the head teacher.

Funding

As many of you are aware the government is constantly changing things in education. Recently they have changed the way the school budget is formulated and allocated as part of their drive to cut back public services. The school can gain extra money up to £400 per child if a parent receives specific benefits or tax credits. This income would be beneficial to every child in the school. If you do please could you speak

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confidently to a member of the office or email the school so we can get as much money as possible for your children into the budget.

The Willow Tree

As many of you can see our poor willow tree is suffering at the moment. It is NOT because of the dry weather but because it is being stripped by a family of beautiful parakeets which are proving to be pests. We are trying to find out how we can control them. If any parents have any tips please do let us know.

DATES

The school will be closed on the following dates:
Half term week beginning Monday 30th May; school reopens Monday 6th June; the school will be closed for two staff training days on Friday 24th June and Monday 18th July. The school closes for summer holiday on Friday 22nd July at 1.30 p.m.

*Enjoy the half term break and the sunshine
Best wishes from
Louise Austin, Head teacher*