



DPS News

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'He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay.' Matthew 28:6

1st April, 2022

Dear Parents

It has been a wonderfully fun filled and action packed last week of term.

Our Year 5 production of The Easter Story was simply amazing. The children put their hearts and souls into the performance, singing enthusiastically and acting brilliantly. Given that it has been some years since children have been able to perform in this way, we were blown away by their talent. The play was a fantastic team effort, but a special mention must go to our soloists – Caleb, who played Jesus, North who played Peter and Dominic who played Barabbas. Thank you, parents and carers, for being a fantastic audience and for all your support with costumes, line learning etc.

Despite the surprise of a flurry or two of snow outside, we enjoyed a wonderful Spring Festival on Thursday, where the children had the opportunity to sing their favourite spring songs and show their wonderful spring hats to the school. Mrs Hall and I had a really tricky job picking out the winning hats – the children did a fantastic job of making them. Thank you to FODS who donated the Easter Egg prizes for the hat parade winners, and to the Easter Bunny for putting in an appearance and sharing some Easter treats with the children.

We also held our Easter Pause Day, which gave the opportunity for children to explore the Easter story in an age appropriate way, and learn more about why the feast is so important to Christians. We were fortunate to be joined by Rev Hannah from Christ Church with St Philip who led a fantastic assembly (remind the children to tell you about it when they open their Easter egg) and spent the day visiting classrooms to get to know our staff and children a little better. Remember that the church are running events for children during the break as shown – Dorchester children will be made very welcome.

Alongside all of this, the children's in-class learning continues, with learning activities from designing and making apple pies to understanding how to find unknown angles in polygons. Do have a look at the class notes below to see the huge range of learning opportunities the children have had this week. We have even squeezed in a couple of sports fixtures – again, more details below.

On behalf of all the staff at school, thank you for your support across the term. We wish you all a wonderful break and a very happy and blessed Easter. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 18th April.

With kind regards,

Cathy Bell



Tuesday 5th April 2pm – 4pm

St Philip Churchyard, off Cheam Common Road, Worcester Park

An outside, hands on, exploration of the Easter Story for all ages.

GOOD FRIDAY ALL AGE SERVICE

Friday 15th April 10.30am at Christ Church with St Philip Worcester Park

A service exploring the Easter story for all ages.





DPS Notices



George's emotional goodbye in assembly this week – we will Miss him dearly!

SCR COLTS FC - BOYS & GIRLS PLAYERS WANTED

On the day timings -
 Under 7's to 11's Boys Players -
 Registration times: 09:30 @ 10:00
 Session times: 10:00 @ 11:15
 Under 11's to 11's Girls Players -
 Registration times: 11:00 @ 11:30
 Session times: 11:30 @ 12:45
 Under 12's to 11's Boys Players -
 Registration times: 12:00 @ 12:30
 Session times: 13:00 @ 14:15

FA Chartered Sutton Common Rovers Colts (established in 2010) are holding trial sessions for both new teams & players for the upcoming 22/23 Season.

To register for trials please email the club with your son or daughters full name, date of birth, home postcode plus a parent, guardian or responsible adult full name & daytime contact number: scrplayers@outlook.com

Sessions are scheduled for April 3rd & 10th at our Hannibal Way, Wallington home. If for any reason you're unable to attend on the above dates please contact Karen for more information on how you can still join (07773 973374).

EASTER FAIR At The Conservatory Christ Church with St Philip

We are excited to announce that we are holding an Easter fair ☺ on: Saturday 9th April 2022, 10am to 4pm

At The Conservatory, Christ Church with St Philip, Ruskin Drive, Worcester Park KT4 8LG

All proceeds to baby bereavement charities, The Lullaby Trust and 4Louis, in memory of our beloved baby Ellen.

There will be homemade cakes, handmade crafts and gifts, an Easter basket tombola and a raffle to win;:

- a luxury Harvey Nichols gin hamper (kindly donated by O'Halloran & O'Brien) and
- an exclusive Hot Tub Hire experience (kindly donated by CJR Spas)

Polling Day Thursday 5th May – Year 6 in school

On **Thursday 5th May 2022**, the school has been identified as a polling station for local government elections. We are unable to open to the whole school due to the hall being in use and the volume of visitors that would be on site throughout the day. However, we have given some consideration to how we can best use the staff who will be available and the space which we can block public access to, whilst still accommodating voters and will remain open for **YEAR 6 ONLY** on this day. Further information will be sent specifically to Year 6 Parents closer to the time, but children will be able to work in small groups on this day using the expertise from across the school to help children with any individual gaps in their learning following lockdown, ready for them to go to Secondary School. **For all other year groups, including Nursery, the school will be closed.**



Rose class assembly on the last day of term.



DPS Sport

Netball vs St Mary's

A Team Won 13-3

A fabulous team performance from start to finish of this game saw the girls take control early on and steadily extend their lead throughout. Alice and Lila shot with confidence converting our opportunities to score from both under the post and at distance. Through centre court Isla, Martha and Maya showed composure in both attacking and defending, keeping possession while bringing the ball down court and feeding the circle accurately. Meanwhile Kiki and Jayme Leigh defended hard, turning the ball over time and again.

The team showed their trademark calm approach, working hard and pushing for more goals right up to the final whistle.

A well-deserved win and a great display of what this team can achieve – really well done girls!

B team Lost 6-1

This was an impressive performance against a team that beat us earlier in the year by double this amount and the score here still doesn't fully reflect the game play in this match - much of it was contested in the centre court with both teams winning back possession and turning over play. Our opportunities to score came from excellent passages of play where the ball had been brought down court from defence to attack – really lovely netball using space well, good ball handling and excellent footwork throughout the team. The amount of progress that this team has made this year is testament to their hard work and enthusiasm and I am very proud of them and the netball that they are playing – as should they be.

Very well done to Lily, Isla, Elsa, Ella (on her debut!), Esmeralda, Ines and Evie.





Class Notes

What did you enjoy most about 'The Easter Story?'



This week in Nursery we have been learning all about the Easter story and finding out why Christians celebrate Easter. We started off by reading the story of Palm Sunday when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. Crowds of people gathered and waved palm leaves to celebrate. We took it in turns to dress as a donkey and help Jesus through the crowd as they waved their leaves that they had cut out of green paper. We then learnt all about Jesus having the last supper with his friends and had a special supper with biscuits and juice. We also learnt that Jesus washed his friends' feet and Annabel and Carol washed all the children's feet. On Wednesday we read the story of The Angel and the Dove and heard about Jesus dying on the cross. This prompted a sensitive conversation about people we know who have died. The children all made their own Easter gardens and decorated crosses. Our last day was a fantastic Easter celebration as we made Easter nest cakes and had an Easter egg hunt. The children were excited to find out that the story had a happy ending and Jesus rose from the dead.

What can you remember about the Easter Story?



Reception have been immersed in the Easter Story this week. On Monday we heard the first part of the story as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey while people lined the streets and waved palm leaves. We all made palm leaves and waved them to the tune of Hosanna in the Highest as we paraded from class to class. On Tuesday we heard about and then re-enacted the last supper using biscuits and orange squash. The teachers then washed the children's feet, as Jesus did for the disciples. Those who participated really enjoyed the feel of the warm soapy water and enjoyed having their teachers wash and dry their feet. In the afternoon, Reception was joined by their Year 6 Big Friends who came to help the Little Friends decorate Easter Hats. On Wednesday we heard the last part of the story when we read The Angel and the Dove. The children were captivated by the story and asked some really thoughtful questions about what they saw happening in the illustrations. They made Easter gardens and decorated crosses to remember the crucifixion and that Jesus rose again. We sang songs that Christians sing to celebrate that Jesus has risen. As the week drew to a close, we had a visit from the Easter Bunny, who brought everyone a chocolate egg. We also took part in the school's Easter Hat parade in front of the whole school and exhibited our wonderful spring themed hats. After our Easter Egg hunt on Friday, we are all looking forward to a lovely Easter break and to coming back, refreshed and ready to learn in the Summer Term. Happy Holidays everyone!



Class Notes

What are the main parts of a castle?



The children have had a very busy half-term, and we hope they have a well-deserved rest.

This week, in Literacy, the children have used all of their knowledge and skills they have been working on to create their own stories. They have worked really hard and written some amazing versions of Little Red Riding Hood.

In Maths, we have continued with numbers to 50. We have looked at numbers that are greater than and less than a given number and continued to show different representations of a number.

In History, we have finished our topic 'Once Upon a Time' and looked at the different parts of a castle. The children have enjoyed sharing their knowledge of what they have learnt.

In Geography, we have looked at aerial photographs and why we use them. The children have spent time studying the photos and labelling what they could see.

Can you retell the Easter story?



The children have worked incredibly hard in English this week learning lots of new skills. We have looked at lots of new vocabulary and using them in sentences. We have also learnt how to use contractions such as: don't, wouldn't, haven't and I'm. We then learnt about possessive apostrophes and how they show belongings.

In Maths we have been looking at measurement and measuring and comparing mass and temperature.

In the lead up to Easter we have been learning about the Easter story and the symbolism of eggs. We also made spring hats to show off in our spring parade.



Class Notes

What did you enjoy most about all your Easter experiences?

We could tell you that this week we have fed pink Llamas or watched pigs fly, but that would be an April fool! Instead, we have enjoyed a great Easter Pause day creating an Easter garden based around some of the main events of the last week of Jesus' life. In DT, we spent time designing, making and evaluating a zoo enclosure for an animal of our choice. To finish our Africa Topic we have written our own versions of Anansi folk tales from Ghana, using all the features from stories that we have read. We made Easter hats which we were proud to show off in our special Spring festival.

We hope you have a great Easter break, and we look forward to more fun learning next half-term.

What did you enjoy most about baking your apple pies?



Well Year 5 had an exhilarating time planning and preparing their apple pies to bake. They were peeling, chopping, mixing, stewing, crimping and latticing to name but a few incredible baking terms! The pies turned out marvellously well, with some of the flavour combinations genuinely being quite delicious indeed. Some highlights were strawberry and cinnamon, pineapple and pear as well as banana and chocolate!

In Geography, the children created their own assessment for learning end of unit project; some made posters, some wrote stories from the perspective of a water droplet and some created news documentaries and youtube videos - the idea was to demonstrate as much as they could remember from the Rivers geography unit, but to do it in any sort of creative way they chose.

In Maths, we finished a unit on volume of 3d shapes, and used multi link cubes to explore the difference between shape and space.

This week was also of course the grand finale of the Easter production, so we must say a huge congratulation to all of the Year 5 children for putting in such immense hard work into what ended up being such an emotional production for parents, carers and for the rest of the school too. A special mention too must go to all the understudies who stepped in at quite literally the last hour to take the places of those children who couldn't make the Thursday evening performance. From all of the Year 5 team, we wish you a safe and restful Easter break

What aspect of our History topic have you enjoyed the most?

In Year 6 this week, we have had a big Maths focus, looking at various aspects of Geometry. The children have enjoyed drawing shapes, using a protractor to measure angles and learning some new facts about angles, as well as revising previously known terminology. They have had many opportunities to apply their knowledge to a variety of problems too. Perhaps the most important fact they found out was the need for absolute accuracy in all these skills, especially when measuring and drawing angles and shapes. The children have also been showing off their writing skills in their Star Writing. They have enjoyed finishing our World War Two topic with an explanation of how Britain changed and incorporating formal language and technical vocabulary. We have also spent time considering the Easter story and its significance to Christians. The children have been considering the range of feelings that various characters would have felt, such as despair, jubilation and guilt etc. They explored synonyms for some of these emotions and then related them to art and shades of colours.



Safeguarding

Supporting our children's safety - Helping your child through friendship issues



How you can use *Play Like Share* to help keep your child safe online – watch with them over the holiday break

You can watch *Play Like Share* with your child and use this to start a conversation with your child about the internet and staying safe. All three episodes can be found on the [Thinkuknow website for 8-10 year olds](#), where you will also find a fun interactive game called *Band Runner* that helps this age group learn how to stay safe from risks they might encounter online.

When opening the conversation with your child start with positives, finding out as much as you can about what your child does online and what it means to them.

Things you could try:

- Ask your child to show you their favourite websites, apps and social media services and what they do on them. Listen and show interest. You could also encourage them to teach you the basics of the site or app. them to teach you some basics.
- Ask your child if anything ever bothers or worries them about going online. You could use examples of events from the films and ask if they've ever heard of something similar happening. Talk in general about what children can do to stay safe online.
- Use examples from *Play Like Share* to start a conversation about online 'friends' or 'followers'. Ask them about who they chat to online, and whether they know and trust them 'in real life'.
- Talk about the importance of privacy settings and how they can help your child stay in control of what they share with others. Together, look at the privacy settings for the services they use, encourage them to only share things with people they know and trust in real life.
- Using examples from *Play Like Share*, talk to your child about what it might be appropriate or inappropriate to share online – this includes photos, videos, comments and personal information.
- Talk to your child about how their online actions can affect others. Remind them to consider how someone else might feel before they post or share something.
- Ensure your child understands that if anything ever happens online which worries or upsets them, they should always tell you.
- Explain that you would never blame them for anything that might happen online, and you will always give them calm and non-judgemental support.
- Make online safety an on-going conversation in your house... and involve the rest of the family in the conversation too.

We have [further advice](#) to help you start a conversation with your child and information on what you can do if your child tells you something that concerns you.

Are you regularly checking yours and your children's privacy settings and phone, device or gaming usage?

www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents www.childnet.com www.saferinternet.org.uk www.parentinfo.org
www.internetmatters.org www.nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety www.common sense media.org



DPS Links

School Nursing Duty Line

We have set up a duty School Nurse line to enable telephone contact for parents and young people to offer support to replace some current face-to-face contact at this time.
0208 770 5409

Useful links

All school information and communication www.classlist.com

Payment link for school dinners and class trips

www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home

Our website <http://www.dorchesterprimary.com/>

Use the website for our Twitter @DorchesterP

Our Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/dorchesterprimary>

The value for this half term is **Perseverance**



		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 18/04 09/05	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Pork Sausages * with Potato Wedges	Roast Beef * with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Chilli * with 50/50 Rice	MSC Fish in Batter with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice	Vegan Sausages with Potato Wedges	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Peas Mixed Peppers	Baked Tomatoes Sweetcorn	Carrots Cabbage	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Pear & Strawberry Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding with Berries	Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Ice Cream with Mandarins	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce
Week Two 25/04 16/05	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese * with Pasta	Roast Pork * with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken * with 50/50 Rice	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Shepherdess Pie with Gravy	Vegetable Pasty with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese and Pepper Frittata with New Potatoes	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Peas	Fresh Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Mixed Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt	Apple Cake with Custard	Chocolate & Mandarin Brownie
Week Three 02/05 23/05	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger in a Bun * with Wedges	Roast Chicken * with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka * with 50/50 Rice	MSC Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Roasted Cauliflower Curry with 50/50 Rice	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Wedges	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Lentil Pasta	Vegetable & Bean Fajita with Chips
	Vegetables	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked Tomatoes Green Beans	Carrots Cauliflower	Roasted Vegetables Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard	Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard	Raspberry Jelly with Peaches

- Added Plant Power
- Vegan
- Wholemeal

Available Daily:
- Freshly cooked Jacket potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised)
- Bread freshly baked on site daily
- Daily salad selection

ALLERGY INFORMATION: If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please ask the school for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance, you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross-contamination.

*** HALAL OPTION AVAILABLE**



DPS Diary

Tuesday 19th April	First day of Summer 1 term
20th and 21st April	School Class Photos – schedule to follow
27th April	Junior Maths Challenge Year 5 and Year 6
29th April	Year 3 and Year 4 Sleepover
2nd May	Early May Bank Holiday
Thursday 5th May	Polling Day – YEAR 6 IN SCHOOL ONLY
6th May	Spelling Bee Final
9th – 11th May	SATS Week + Year 5 Residential
23rd - 27th May	Year 6 Residential
27th May	Last day of term – Mufti Day – donate bottle for summer fair
30th May – 3rd June	Half term
6th June	INSET DAY
7th June	First day of Summer 2 term
15th – 16th June	Father's Day craft (£2)
1st July	Cake donations for Summer fair
2nd July	Summer Fair
5th July	Year 3/4 Fairfields Hall Ukelele 12 – 7pm
18th July	Disco (details after half term)
19th July	Nursery end of term – Leavers Prom (details and timings tbc with Y6 parents)
20st July	End of Summer 2 term
21st July	INSET Day