



DPS News

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"May you see sunshine where others see shadows, and opportunities where others see obstacles."

17th June, 2022

Dear Parents,

As you may be aware from news coverage at the end of last year and earlier this year, new guidelines around school uniforms come into place from September 2022. We agree wholeheartedly with the philosophy of the guidance, which Nadhim Zahawi MP (Secretary of State for Education) describes as follows:

"School uniform provides a sense of identity and community for children and young people, and should be a real source of pride. But it must never be a burden for parents or a barrier to pupils accessing education."

Over the last year we have been in close communication with Schoolwear Inc., our uniform suppliers, to ensure that we are complying with the new guidance. In terms of the cost of our uniform items and the range we offer to our families, and in our extensive provision of second hand uniform sales (thanks to the wonderful Yippy), we are already working well in line with the guidance. We now only need to tweak arrangements with our supplier, Schoolwear Inc, by checking regularly that they continue to provide a good quality product that provides value for money.

From September 2022, we are introducing a further option to our uniform for junior children only (those in year groups 3-6). The children can still wear their white or purple polo shirts to school, with or without the school logo, but will also have the option of wearing a plain white collared short or long sleeved shirt and a purple/silver striped tie. This additional option might suit those who find that some polo shirts can start looking worn and scruffy quite quickly and need replacing, whereas plain white collared shirts keep their shape better and are available from under £1.50 each. The tie, at £3.99, should last the children all the way through from Year 3 to Year 6 as it is an item of clothing that they don't grow out of! We will also add V-Neck purple sweatshirts, again with or without logo that you can opt for your children to wear, as these are more appropriate with ties.

I re-iterate that we are not asking anyone to change to wearing collar shirts and ties; we completely understand that our families may have a stack of polo shirts just waiting for younger siblings to use, and they will still be available at the uniform shop and second hand uniform sales; we are big fans of the reuse of clothes from both an environmental and economic point of view. We just wanted to add in an additional cost effective option for those that might appreciate it.

We hope that you appreciate this addition to our uniform options. If you have any queries about uniforms, Amit and his team at Schoolwear Inc will be very happy to help you. Their phone number is 0203-051-7488 and their website is www.schoolwearinc.co.uk

As a footnote, please also be aware that, if your child grows out of their school shoes between now and the end of the summer term, we do not expect you to replace them straight away; we know that school shoes are an expensive investment and children's feet are likely to grow over the summer break. They can wear inexpensive plain trainers or black plimsolls (which cost £1-£4) until the end of term.

Please do read on in the newsletter to find out about all the amazing things that have been going on in school this week – from cricket success to school trips and so much more. I have been assured that today has been the 'BEST DAY EVER' as the children had fun at lunch play being liberally sprayed with cooling water mist – thanks to Riad and his pressure jet wash machine.



I hope you have a wonderful weekend. Enjoy the sunshine.

Kind regards

Cathy Bell
Head Teacher



DPS Sport



Cricket Success

Congratulations to the Year 6 cricket team on their great victory!

Cameron was a great captain and all the team were great ambassadors for the school, Riad was really proud of all the boys.

Well done to Siddhant, Priyansh, Cameron, Ben, George, Harvey, Mason, Isaac and Dragan.

Played 3 matches and won all 3!

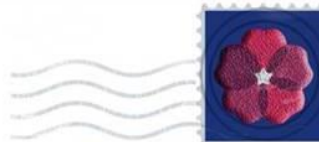
The final score against each team was:

Game 1 -	147-31
Game 2 -	132-101
Game 3 -	97-43



Notices

*Save the
Date!*



Open Evening

You are warmly invited to attend our Open Evening on

Thursday 7 July 2022

4.30pm - 7.30pm

Welcome talks at 5.00pm, 5.45pm & 6.30pm by

Ros Allen – Executive Headteacher &

David Lach – Head of School

Parents/carers and prospective students are invited to visit Rosebery School, to arrive from 4.30pm

Students will provide tours of the school with key members of staff available to answer any questions

Rosebery School, Whitehorse Drive, Epsom, KT18 7NQ www.roseberyschool.co.uk



Class Notes

How does your garden (and your food) grow?

In the nursery this week we have been learning about growing. We planted some cress and potatoes and talked about what they need to make them grow. We will try to remember to water them over the next few weeks and see how they grow.

We have also been staying safe in the sun by wearing our hats, suncream and drinking our water.



What will you eat on Saturday? Will it be as much as the Hungry Caterpillar?



This week the Children in Reception have been reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle. The Caterpillar has a voracious appetite and eats one more piece of fruit each day until, on Saturday he eats his way through a wide variety of food, including a cake, a pie and a pickle! Eventually he emerges from his cocoon as a beautiful butterfly! The children have loved retelling the story. They have even rewritten the story, choosing their own animal - or in one case, A Very Hungry Doughnut who ate a variety of humans all week!

In maths the children have been learning to create and recreate patterns and, importantly, to name their patterns - so identify the first part that gives us the rule for repeating it. We have also looked at *The Snail* by Henri Matisse. The children carefully studied how he used collage to create the spiral of the snail's shell, and they have used torn paper to create their own interpretations.

The very hot weather has meant the children are all wearing hats and sunscreen while enjoying themselves in the outdoor learning space. Liberal amounts of water have been flowing, which is helping to keep us all cool!



Class Notes

How can we find key places on a map?

The children have had a great week and coped well with the hot weather. Please remember to send the children to school with a sun hat, sun cream and a water bottle.

In English, we have continued with the story 'The Gruffalo' and the children have spent time planning and writing their own version of the story. During their independent writing they have enjoyed thinking about what they would do if they met a Gruffalo and describing the characters from the story.

In Maths, we have continued to look at sharing into equal groups. The children have had lots of practical opportunities and by the end of the week had grasped the concept well. They have enjoyed sharing the food equally between their friends.

In Science, we have looked at the different parts of a plant. The children have enjoyed watching their sunflowers start to grow and drew their own plant to label.

In Geography, we looked at map symbols and discussed why they were important. The children spent time using magnifying glasses to explore a large map and identify the different features on there.

What are you most excited to learn about in our new topic 'Sensational Safaris'?

This week Year 2 have been reading the book the Paper Bag Princess. They have written character descriptions, used conjunctions and written a retelling for their Star Write. In Maths, we have been reading scales, partitioning numbers and understanding commutativity with multiplication.

Buttercup Class also enjoyed a trip to Pizza Express where they learnt how to make their very own pizzas. Yellow Class are looking forward to going there soon!

In Science, we introduced our new topic, 'Wonders of Wildlife' and discussed what we wanted to learn about different habitats.



Class Notes

What do you know about Scratch and adapting codes?

This week, we have been learning all about fact files to help us prepare to write our own next week. We have looked at the language, structure and features so that we can make sure our own are our best work! In Maths, Year 3 and 4 have been looking at 2D shapes and lines. Year 3 have been using vocabulary such as perpendicular and parallel to describe different lines. Year 4 have been describing, comparing and deducing quadrilaterals throughout the week. For our PSHE, we have been learning how to keep ourselves safe especially when interacting with strangers. We created slides to present information about the invention of the lightbulb and included information about the 3 different inventors that contributed to the modern day lightbulb. For our Computing topic, we looked inside a Scratch program to find out how it worked and then adapted the code to change how the sprites behaved.

What did you enjoy most about our Space Day?



This week we had our Space Day, which was so much fun. We did astronaut training, space dancing, junk modelling and alien writing. The costumes were fabulous!

In English, we have been continuing to read *The Girl of Ink and Stars*, and it is starting to get very, very exciting. In Maths, we have started our unit on angles and the children have learnt how to use a protractor. In Science, we have been learning about the sun, moon and earth and in Art we designed a space-themed pot.

It has been super hot this week, so we have also been enjoying the sunshine outside!

Which 'Peter Pan' song is your favourite and why?

The children have worked so hard this week, to write an ending to the real-life story of the mystery of Flannan Isle. They have enjoyed creating a variety of different endings and discussing possible outcomes. Working hard to include all the writing features from across their primary education has been challenging, yet it is a challenge they have risen to well. This has definitely been some of the best writing the children have ever written, and we are very proud of them. We have also been rehearsing various scenes and songs for our end-of-year production, 'Peter Pan' and the children are improving their acting skills. They have been learning harmony parts to some songs too, to add an interesting effect to their performance. In Science, they are learning about the circulatory system and how the lungs work. The children have been building working models of the lungs to help their understanding.



Safeguarding

Supporting our children's safety

A learning-to-read book about online safety

A story for children aged 4 and above to share with an adult about being 'on the internet'.



'On the internet' is a learning-to-read book for children aged 4 and above.

How this book works

Sharing stories with your child helps to make learning to read an enjoyable activity!

'On the internet' has been written for your child to read, with your help when needed. There is no 'right' or 'expected' number of words for your child to read in this book. Their interaction will be based entirely on their ability. There are puzzles after the story. You will need to read the instructions for these to your child.

Top tips for reading this book together:

Encourage your child to read as much as they can, and help them to sound out the words if they get stuck.

Encourage your child to begin by sounding out the simpler words, e.g. a, can, for etc., and progress from there. Each sentence begins with, 'You can,' so this repeated phrase will become familiar.

It's a good idea to read the story several times. Practising, and pointing out, the different sound combinations will help to build your child's confidence.

Choose a time to read when your child is not too tired or distracted. You do not need to read the whole book in one sitting and can always return to it later. Only read for as long as your child wants to.

Remember to give lots of encouragement, and praise, for their efforts!

The main aim of this book is enjoyment! If your child wants you to read the entire text to them, that's fine too!

Guidance notes

The following sounds are included:

ll, ch, sh, th, ng, ai, ee, oa, oo (moon), oo (book), ar, or, ear, ure, er.

It is important that your child tries to read these as letter combinations, rather than reading each letter individually. If they are unsure, look at the words together and see if they can spot any sound patterns that they are familiar with.

Non-decodable words included: the, you, so.

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/online-safety 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,
Togetherness

"Sometimes, reaching out and taking someone's hand is the beginning of a journey.

At other times, it is allowing another to take yours."

— Vera Nazarian, [The Perpetual Calendar of Inspiration](#)

		Summer/Autumn Menu 2022				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week One 06/06 27/06 18/07 12/09 03/10	Option 1	Cheesy Vegetable Pasta Bake	* Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	* Roast Gammon with Roast New Potatoes and Gravy	* BBQ Chicken with Rice / Noodles	MSC Salmon Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Vegetarian Burger (Quorn) in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Loaf with Roasted New Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips
	Vegetables	Peas Mixed Peppers	Baked Tomatoes Sweetcorn	Carrots Cabbage	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
		Lemon & Berry Cake	Ice Cream with Fruit Salad	Chocolate Shortbread with Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard	Jelly with Mandarins
Week Two 13/06 04/07 29/08 19/09 10/10	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	* Pasta Bake (made with Beef)	* Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	* Chicken Wraps with Rice	MSC Fish in Batter with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	BBQ Quorn with Rice	Lentil & Basil Whirl with New Potatoes	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Cheese & Vegetable Omelette with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Cauliflower	Fresh Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Apple Crumble with Cream	Chocolate & Mandarin Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Jelly with Mandarins	Yoghurt & Raisin Cake	Ice Cream with Peaches
Week Three 20/06 11/07 05/09 26/09 17/10	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	* Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	* Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	* Pork Sausages with Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Vegetable Wraps with Rice	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Veggie Sausages with Potato Wedges	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips
	Vegetables	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Roasted Vegetables Green Beans	Carrots Roasted Parsnips	Sweetcorn Baked Tomatoes	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fresh Fruit Salad with Cream	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt	Jelly with Peaches	Chocolate & Apple Cake with Chocolate Sauce

- 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

*** Halal Option Available**

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 to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross-contamination.



DPS Diary

23 rd June	New Reception Parents Meeting
28 th June	Year 6 transition talk in school Year 5 Dynamos Cricket Beddington Cricket Club
30 th June	Year 6 Production evening timings tbc
1 st July	District Sports Day
4 th July	Planetarium trip Year 5 Year 6 Residential Week
5 th July	Year 3/4 Fairfields Hall Ukelele 12 – 7pm Reception trip to Bocketts Farm
6 th July	School Royal Quiz
7 th July	New Nursery Parents Evening 7-8.15pm Reports to parents
8 th July	Infants Sports Day
11 th July Week	Personal Bests week
11 th July	Parents evening drop in session to discuss reports
12 th July	Yellow class to pizza express
14 th July	New provisional date for Junior Duke Party
15 th July	Juniors Sports Day
18 th July	Talent Show
19 th July	Nursery end of term Den Day! – Build A Palace Year 6 Prom timings tbc
20 st July	End of Summer 2 term
21 st July	INSET Day



The Willow Club is the new name for our Wrap Around Care Provision, which includes Breakfast Club, Morning Club, After School Club and Holiday Club. We hope you like our new branding!

Places are available for booking for Summer holiday club, and for after school club for the remainder of this term. Just visit The Willow Club Wrap Around Care page on the school website

(<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=The+Willow+Club+Wrap%2Daround+Care&pid=64&action=saved>) to book.

Please note that bookings need to be made and paid for in advance of the booking. This week we have had several children attending club without bookings which means we may have insufficient food, staff or resources for them. Thank you.