



DPS News

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Love is about bottomless empathy, born out of the heart's revelation that another person is every bit as real as you are.

Jonathan Franzen

4th November, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back to school this week and to share in their Hallowe'en excitement. In assembly on Monday the children learnt about the origins of Hallowe'en and it's link to the Christian festival of All Saints Day. It was wonderful to see so many amazing entries to the FODS Pumpkin Competition on social media over the break – a group of our Year 6 prefects had the tricky job of choosing winners in each of the categories, and we celebrated all the entrants and the winners during our assembly this morning. Do check out the FODS page further down this newsletter to find out who the winners were. A huge thank you to the event sponsor, Craft My Day (www.craftmyday.com) for their support and thank you to the FODS team for organising this event.

On the subject of FODS, you many have seen a Classlist message from me last week about signing up to Easyfundraising.

Easyfundraising does exactly what it seems – it raises funds for our school, through your normal shopping, **at no cost to you**. I was amazed to discover that Go Compare donated £17.50 to the school when I renewed my car insurance linked through from their website. It is truly easy too – I have the browser extension downloaded and the app on my phone so that whenever I do a google search it tells me which companies will donate if I shop with them, and what percentage the donation will be – then it is just one click to make the donation. So many brands are involved, including Amazon, Argos, Marks and Spencer, as well as holiday companies, mobile phone providers, and, as I discovered first hand, insurance comparison websites.

The best way to sign up is to follow this link:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=205421&invite=3P3ZFL&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=raisemore

By using this, if you sign up by midnight on 13th November and raise £5 for the school within 12 months, Easy Fundraising will donate an extra £5 to us – amazing.

Since my Classlist we have generated 6 new supporters and raised almost £50 – imagine if that were 60 supporters and we raised £500 – that would really help us to organise trips, visits and those little extras that we are cutting back on, aware that money for lots of families is tight at the moment. Please do sign up if you haven't already– even if you don't use it much it will still make a difference.

Dorchester Primary School Worcester Park

Donations

Donations Total
£1,465.91

Last 30 Days
£49.24

Supporters

Supporters Total
131

Last 30 Days
6

[See Cause Page](#)

Many thanks for your support.

Have a lovely weekend and enjoy the Guy Fawkes Night celebrations and fireworks if you are going to see them. The children have been reminded of the fireworks code in their classes today and further details of firework safety can be found in the safeguarding pages of this newsletter, though the basic message of the firecode is here.



Please remember to re-read the above advice, as well as the more detailed advice in the safeguarding section, and remind your children about it before you head out to fireworks parties or displays so that everyone stays safe.

Cathy Bell
Headteacher



Events

7th November

The Great Dorchester Clear Out! – All week!

The great Dorchester clear out (FODStoy collection for fair donations) – bring in all your donations all week long to make our Christmas fair extra special and clear out some redundant toys, books, nick naks from your homes!

9th November

SEND Coffee Morning 1.30pm – 3pm in school

10th November

Year 5 / 6 Tag Rugby Festival @ John Fisher Playing Fields

14th November

Anti Bullying Week

What is the theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2022?

The theme for Anti-Bullying Week 2022 is 'Reach Out'. Teachers and children wanted a theme that empowered them to do something positive to counter the harm and hurt that bullying causes.

The theme of Reach Out aims to encourage children to speak out about bullying. Whether this is speaking out to a trusted adult about bullying or reaching out to another person who is being bullied; if we can challenge bullying we can change it.

Reaching out isn't just for young people either. Teachers, parents and all other educators have a responsibility to speak out against bullying. By setting positive examples and speaking out against bullying, we can create kinder communities in our schools.

14th November

Primary Maths Challenge Year 4-6

15th and 16th November

Individual and Sibling Photos



Notices

Junior Duke Booklets arrived!



Most of the booklets arrived at the end of last term, but sadly some children have still not received theirs – we are very sorry to those who had ordered and have been disappointed not to receive them yet, so we are putting in a small extra order today for those who have not yet received theirs. This smaller order should arrive more quickly and hopefully early next week. Our Duke's clubs will then start up next week too. Wednesday 9th November will be the first KS2 Duke's club, and the following Wednesday 16th November will be the first KS1 club. On these days, could we please ask that pupils bring in their booklets. If your child does not have their booklet yet for the club this does not matter as others will have theirs so we will still be able to take part in discussing the home challenges.

Do you have what it takes to be a FODS Class Rep?

Would you like to give something back to your school community?

Then please consider joining us. We need at least one rep per class to make sure our events run smoothly and that a few people aren't shouldering all the work.

So, if you are good at dealing with people, enjoy social events and would like to support the school please let us know by emailing Mrs Bell on cbell75@suttonmail.org

Thank you



Notices



Sutton Council & Sutton Parent Carer Forum



PLAY & STAY WINTER 2022

CHRISTMAS PARTY AND SANTA'S GROTTO!

The Christmas Holidays are coming up and, here at Play & Stay, we are delighted to be able to offer **extended** morning and afternoon sessions on **Tuesday 20th December!**

Our sessions are for **children with additional needs and/or disabilities** who are aged 0 – 10 years and their parents/carers and siblings.

If you would like to come along, you **MUST BOOK** a place by emailing

suttonparentsforum@outlook.com

Places will be allocated on a first-come, first-served basis!

This Christmas, we are opening up **our afternoon session** to include **children 11+, young people and adults with SEND or a learning disability** to come along, **meet Santa** and take part in our special activities area!

Morning session: 10am—12.30pm 0-10 years

Afternoon session: 1.30pm—4pm **ALL AGES!**

Parents & Carers are responsible for supervising their family and **MUST** remain with them at **ALL** times.

For Christmas, these sessions will be **FREE!**

Please remember to bring a change of clothes, waterproofs and warm clothing for your children! Our outdoor area will be open!

Come and Join Us At:

**Tweeddale Children Centre, Tweeddale Road,
Carshalton, Surrey, SM5 1SW**

Limited parking is available in the David Weir Leisure Centre car park opposite or on the street





Sport

Yr 5/6 Boys' Football vs Cheam Fields - Lost 3-2

We played a really tight game that went down to the wire! Cheam Fields kicked off and got a goal 2 mins in, but then we battled hard and was rewarded by Bobby who got the equalizer 1-1. An unfortunate own goal just before half time made the score 2-1 to us. In the 2nd half it was very even with both sides having chances, but soon it was back to 2-2. We tried to retake the lead and the best chance was Ronnie through on goal but couldn't score. An unfortunate handball in the box gave them a penalty and despite Daniel going the right way it was 3-2 to them at full time. Jack H got Man-of-the-Match. – year 6 captain Harrison

Yr 5 Boys' Football Cup vs Abbey Primary

Won 3-1

Report by Jack H (Captain)

Everyone played their best against Abbey Primary School.

Our team was Dominic in goal, Hei, Vihaan, Ashwin, Frankie, Jack, Jake G, Ronnie, Archie an Jake S.

Our scorers were Jake G, Ronnie and Jack. Our man of the match was Archie because he played his best and created lots of opportunities for the team to attack. Our defence was solid, most of the game it was Dorchester on the attack and Abbey could not get through the defence. Dominic did really well through the whole game in goal.

What a great team performance! The boys now move into the Quarter Finals of this competition – very well done!





DPS Eco

The Eco Council have met for the second time and started to action some of the great ideas that they have come up with to help the school move forward in a more environmentally friendly and more sustainable way.

Our new Eco Team are:

Heidi, Noor, Eliza, Amelia, Meriem, Theo, Maddie, Alexis, Rosie, Ekansh, Thiago, Anya, Louie, Lucinda, Mariam, Unai, Austin, Juliette, Dylan, Navina, Oscar, Dolly-Mae, Taylor, Dominic, Harshith, Lilly, Elliott, Toby and Sanvi.

Eco Club got off to a fantastic start this week. We have been busy making biodegradable poppies out of wild seed paper and food colouring. The poppies are being added to Dorchester's biodegradable poppy wreath, which will be used in the Remembrance Sunday service at Christ Church with St Phillip.



We have some ambitious plans this year, but with this enthusiastic and innovative collective of Dorchester pupils, I am sure we will achieve great things.



According to plasticpollutioncollation.org, the beauty industry produces 160 billion pieces of packaging each year worldwide! Of which, most goes to landfill as it is very difficult to recycle!

We at Dorchester have come up with a plan. With our sustainability mindset and our passion for wanting to reduce waste, we are looking to collect your out of date and unwanted makeup. This wonderful resource makes for fantastic art materials. Please donate your unwanted makeup to Dorchester and when we have finished with it and our children have created amazing pieces of Art, we will send your makeup packaging to be recycled through Teracycle. A more sustainable solution I hope you will agree?

Please hand in your unwanted makeup into our new recycling bin outside the office.
Thank you for your donations and your continued support.



FODS

FODS Teddy Bears' Picnic & Discos



Last summer, due to the record temperatures, the Teddy Bears' Picnic and Discos had to be cancelled. FODS have decided to automatically carry forward all the purchased tickets so they can be rolled over for this academic year. The Teddy Bears' Picnic for current nursery and reception children will be held on **Tuesday 13th December**. The Discos for current years 1-6 to be held on **Thursday 15th December**. If you would prefer to receive the money back, please email dorchesterpta@gmail.com by 15th November and we will provide you with your refund. We look forward to getting the Disco parties started!

Are you part of our school lottery? If not, you may like to join as it is fun way to raise funds for the school, with regular wins (sadly not £25,000 yet but Mrs Bell won £13.20 last week). To get your ticket visit <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/dorchester-primary-school>



The FODS Halloween pumpkin competition



Thank you to all those who submitted entries into the pumpkin competition. It was great to see such a variety of carved and decorated pumpkins and we hope the children had a lot of fun being so creative. All the entries were original in their own way. We are excited to announce the winners, as judged by the school staff, for the 5 categories plus the two stand out entries who win the Craft My Day £20 Holiday Club vouchers.

The **overall winners** are : *Amira (Fern class) and Oscar (Orange Class)* who will receive the vouchers, well done! All the other winners from the many categories are also on the 2nd attachment, please have a look as the children have done an amazing job creating fabulous carvings.



FODS

Christmas fair poster



Thank you for all the entries for the Christmas fair poster. We will announce the winning entry in next week's newsletter.

Toy donation date



Please note the new date for toy donations for the Christmas fair, which is **28th November – 2nd December**. Any old or unwanted toys in good condition would be very welcome thank you

Easy Fundraising

Starting to think about your Christmas shopping? Remember that our school is registered with [#easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk), which means over 7,000 brands, including Amazon, John Lewis and Argos will now donate to us for FREE every time you use [#easyfundraising](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) to shop with them. These donations will help SO MUCH, especially in the current climate, so please sign up to support us – it's completely FREE and doesn't take long.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a.../step-1/...>

We have pinned the link to Easy Fundraising to our Facebook page (Friends of Dorchester School PTA) for ease of reference. Thank you for your support.

Many thanks,

Faye Shonfeld

(FODS Comms)



Class Notes

Can you think of new activities that the Naughty Bus could do?

Lots of children in Nursery have shown an interest in transport so this week we have begun to think about different ways that we can travel. We had a look in our 'talking tub' and the children were able to tell us what they already know about different types of transport. We will now plan some activities to help them to learn new facts about transport. We have enjoyed reading the story of 'The Naughty Bus' which is all about a little boy who is given a toy bus. His bus is a London bus and drives near tall buildings. Some of the children have enjoyed using our building blocks to build a mini London. In this story we see lots of funny things that the bus does including riding on the dog, falling into the pond and driving through baked beans. The children have enjoyed recreating some of these scenes from the book using our toy buses. For our Phonics learning we have been singing a song about 'Bertha the bus' going to the zoo and thinking about the initial phonemes of some of the animals that she sees in the zoo. In Maths we have been using language to compare groups of objects thinking about which group has more and which group has fewer.

How would you help the Little Red Hen?

This week the Reception children have been learning to retell the story of the Little Red Hen. We have drawn a picture map and learnt actions to the story which are helping us to remember the actions. In the story, the Little Red Hen grows corn and uses it to make cornbread, so we have all made our own cornbread muffins. We had to follow a recipe and work together to mix the ingredients. We have been using our phonics to write words from the story and our greatly improving scissor skills, to cut out puppets to support our story telling.

In maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of how to make 3 using smaller numbers. Another busy week in Reception. Have a great Fireworks Night everyone!

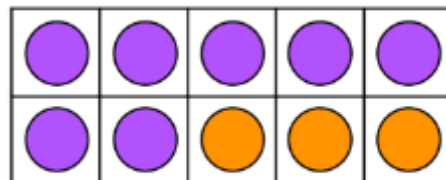
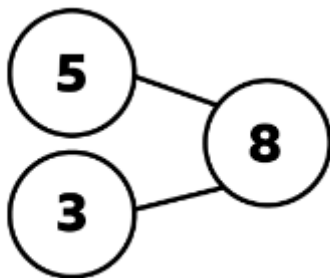
What is an adjective?

Year 1 have had a great start to this half-term. They have settled in to more structured learning in the morning quickly and have been working very hard.

This week in English we have been reading Paddington Bear. We have been labelling pictures and writing sentences about them. We have then begun learning about adjectives and the children are beginning to identify describing words that they can use in their writing.

In Maths, we have been learning our number bonds to 10 and have been using part part whole models and 10 frames to help use.

In Computing we have been learning how to login to the chromebook and learning how to use Numbots.





Class Notes

What are you enjoying most about the Barnabus Project book?

This week in Year 4, we have started our new book in English called 'The Barnabus Project'. This story is all about a failed project called Barnabus who escapes from a lab with his friends. We have used ambitious vocabulary to describe some of the failed projects and wrote a summary of the book. We also looked at how the creatures would feel from inside the bell jars. In Maths, we have been applying our knowledge of addition and subtraction to help us solve a range of problems, some using bar models. For our Science topic of forces, we looked at friction and how objects move over different surfaces. In PSHE, we learnt about human rights and why these are so important for our society. Our new Geography topic is Spain and we learnt how to locate Spain in comparison to the UK.

How do you know if a number is prime or composite?

Great first week back in Year 5! – We've made Rangoli patterns for Diwali in RE, started reading a fictional story based on the sinking of the Titanic in English, exploring factors, multiples and prime number sin Maths, separated mixtures in Science using a range of different techniques and started our gymnastics unit in PE.

It has been wonderful to have everyone back and seeming so happy to be back.

Please make sure you are practising spellings, times tables and reading every day as well as having a go at the dip and do homework 😊

Can you remember what 'MRS GREN' stands for? (Hint: Science!)

Our new Science topic, Classification, started with much humour, as we considered the difference between living and on-living things. The children were able to recall much of their previous learning about reproduction, plant growth, food chains etc so they could learn the correct scientific vocabulary for the seven processes of life. It certainly sparked interesting discussions. In English, we have begun reading the book 'A Series of Unfortunate Events', which a number of the children already know quite well. They have been doing some excellent descriptive writing, about Count Olaf's house, using a range of ambitious vocabulary. Our Fractions unit of learning in Maths, has seen the children multiplying and dividing fractions confidently and many of them have got onto the Super Star Challenge and been really proud of their achievements. We have also begun our new History topic about the Ancient Maya and the children have found out so much already, about their food, gods, temples and the brutal game of Pok-a-Tok.



Safeguarding

Supporting our children's safety

Fireworks <https://www.cheshirefire.gov.uk/public-safety/campaigns/events/bonfire-and-firework-safety/the-firework-code>

We would always discourage the setting light to any fires or letting off fireworks in gardens but if you are determined to do this, despite our concerns, then you need to ensure you do it safely.

Always follow the firework code

- Stand well back
- Keep pets indoors
- Keep fireworks in a closed box
- Only buy fireworks that are CE marked
- Light at arm's length, using a taper
- Follow the instructions on each firework
- Never give sparklers to a child under five
- Don't drink alcohol if setting off fireworks
- Always supervise children around fireworks
- Light sparklers one at a time and wear gloves
- Never put fireworks in your pocket or throw them
- Never go near a firework that has been lit - even if it hasn't gone off it could still explode

Keep kids safe

We want children to enjoy fireworks but they need to know that they can be dangerous if they are not used properly. Each year over half of all firework injuries are suffered by children. The Child Accident Prevention Trust and Direct.gov have more guidance on keeping kids safe.

Did you know that sparklers get five times hotter than cooking oil? They should never be given to a child under five.

If you or anyone else gets into difficulty remember:

STOP, DROP, ROLL

Always remember, if your clothing catches fire - STOP, DROP and ROLL.

If your clothes catch fire, running around won't help. You must always stop, drop to the ground (cover your face with your hands) and roll over and over. Make sure you roll over a few times, to ensure that you put the fire out.

Are you worried about the welfare of a child or young person?

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/what-is-child-abuse/spotting-signs-child-abuse/>

If you think a child could be at risk of significant harm, you can call the children's social care team at the council in Sutton
([Go to their website](#))

[020 8770 6001](tel:02087706001) (Monday to Friday, 9am and 5pm) [020 8770 5000](tel:02087705000) (out of hours)

Always call 999 in an emergency



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>

Our overall value for the school is
Empathy



***Please note- no GAMMON or BEEF on Wednesday it will always be CHICKEN**

SUTTON WINTER 2022/SPRING 2023 MENU						Added Plant Power Vegan Wholemeal
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
WEEK ONE 31 Oct 21 Nov 12 Dec 16 Jan 6 Feb 6 March 27 March	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Lasagne* with Garlic Bread	Roast Gammon* with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy	BBQ or Lemon & Herb Chicken* with Potato Wedges	MSC Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Veggie Chilli with Rice	Mexican Bean Roll with Rice	Crunchy Top Veg Bake with Roast New Potatoes	Rice BBQ or Lemon & Herb Quorn Fillets with Potato Wedges or Rice	Cheese Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Carrots Green Beans	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrot & Swede Mash Cabbage	Sweetcorn Roasted Tomatoes	Garden Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Raspberry Jelly with Peaches Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt & Raisin Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Banana Sponge with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit
WEEK TWO 7 Nov 28 Nov 2 Jan 23 Jan 20 Feb 13 March	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Spaghetti Bolognese* with Garlic Bread	Roast Beef* with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken* Tikka Masala Curry with Rice	Pork Sausages* with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Shepherdess Pie with Gravy	Lentil & Basil Whirl with New Potatoes	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Veggie Sausages with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Green Beans Roasted Vegetables	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrots Roasted Butternut Squash	Cauliflower Green Beans	Garden Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Oaty Cookie with Yoghurt Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Marble Cake with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Fruit with Ice Cream Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit
WEEK THREE 14 Nov 5 Dec 9 Jan 30 Jan 27 Feb 20 March	Option 1	Cheese Swirls with New Potatoes	Beef Burger* in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken* with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sticky Chicken* Noodles or Rice	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes	Veggie Wrap Stack with Rice	Cheese Omelette with Chips
	Vegetables	Green Beans Carrots	Roasted Peppers Sweetcorn	Carrots Roasted Parsnips	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Rice Pudding with Berries Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Orange Jelly with Mandarins Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Peach Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate & Apple Cake with Chocolate Sauce Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit
* HALAL OPTION AVAILABLE						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 to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross-contamination.



DPS Diary

9 th November	SEND Coffee Afternoon – 1.30pm – 3pm
10 th November	Year 5 / 6 Tag Rugby Festival @ John Fisher Playing Fields
14 th November all week	Anti Bullying Week 14th November – Primary Maths Challenge Year 4-6
15 th and 16 th November	Individual and Sibling Photos
17 th November	Year 5 / 6 Sports Hall Athletics @ Wallington High School for Girls
23 rd November	A Team netball vs Nonsuch @ Nonsuch Primary
24 th November	Flu Immunisation Reception – Y6
28 th Nov – 2 nd December	The great Dorchester clear out (FODStoy collection for fair donations)
7 th December	Year 3 Discover Christmas workshop in school (PM)
9 th December	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am – 11am
10 th December	FODS Christmas Fair
15 th December	FODS Christmas Discos 3.30pm – 6pm Nursery Last Day of term
16 th December	LAST DAY OF TERM FOR ALL PUPILS
19 th Dec – Monday 2 nd Jan	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS
3 rd January	FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM
Monday 5 th June 2023	INSET Day
Friday 21 st July 2023	INSET Day



The Willow Club our Wrap Around Care Provision, which includes Breakfast Club, Morning Club, After School Club and Holiday Club.

Places are available 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.

The new contact number for the club is 07597-382949.

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