



# DPS News

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*'Rest and be thankful' William Wadsworth*

23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

And so the end of another academic year is upon us.

I cannot thank the DPS community enough for making me so welcome since joining the school in January. The children here are truly amazing; they have shown themselves to be enthusiastic learners who enjoy a challenge, as well as showing care, humility and empathy – they truly demonstrate our school motto of *'achieving excellence together in a caring community'* and we are extremely proud of what each one of them have achieved this year, especially in the unusual circumstances we have again found ourselves in; I am sure you are too.

The last day of term is always tinged with sadness as we bid farewell to such valued members of our community. Mr Taylor, who has been interim deputy head whilst Mrs Hall was on maternity leave, is leaving us to join Sherwood Park School in September. Sherwood Park is, like us, part of the Sutton Education Trust; we are delighted that we will be able to continue to work with Mr Taylor in the future. Mr Meza, who currently teaches in Year 4, is leaving us to move to Sunnyhill Primary in Streatham. We will miss Mr Meza greatly; he has been a fabulous class teacher as well as a great ambassador for football at Dorchester, the latter involving both running football clubs for children and organising the Euros sweepstake for the adults. We have also said goodbye to the amazing Mrs Langshaw, who taught in Year 1. Mrs Langshaw is heading off to the Isle of Wight to begin a new chapter with her family. We wish all three members of staff the very best for all that lies ahead and send them on their way with our love and best wishes.

Of course we are also saying goodbye to a very special group of people – our Year 6 children who are moving on to their secondary schools. Everyone I speak to who has taught them tell me what a delightful year group they have been all the way through the school – and they have certainly proved that in the short time I have known them. We are delighted that they have been able to leave us in style as we were able to make the most of their usual leavers' events – the prom, the production, the rounders match - and did somebody mention a water fight? – happen. Thank you to everyone who has contributed to these – we couldn't do it without our parent volunteers and FODS team, and a special mention for our volunteer photographer, Eray Kaya, and our DJ in residence, Tom Wyman, for giving up their valuable time to support the school. There is more information about Eray and Tom below – please do support their businesses if you can; it is lovely to be able to give something back to those who give so generously to us.

Thank you, year 6, for all you have contributed to the DPS community over your time with us – you will be missed.

It only remains for me to wish you all a very happy, restful and peaceful summer break. I am sure the children will prove to be as helpful, kind and responsible at home as they have been in school this year.

With kindest regards

Cathy Bell  
Headteacher



# DPS Notices

Please note that **school re-opens to children on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September**. We hope to be able to start our normal drop off arrangements (which will be drop off for all children in years R-6 between 8:30 and 8:45am) but we will be in touch towards the end of the summer break to confirm these arrangements, as so much depends on the situation with Covid at the time.

## Breakfast and After School Club

Thank you to everyone who has signed up for Breakfast and After School Club for the first half of the autumn term. Your invoice and further information will be with you over the next couple of weeks. If you still need to sign up for these services you can do so using [this form](#).

## Thank you I rock Visuals!

We would like to say a very big thank you to our very own Dorchester community photographer, Eray Kaya, who for the third time has volunteered his services and kindly taken photographs for the Year 6 Prom – you can see some of his amazing photos in the Year 6 Class Notes below. If you need a photographer, look no further!

Website: [www.irockvisuals.com](http://www.irockvisuals.com)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/eraykayaphotography/>

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/irockvisual/>

Telephone: 077515 660 589

Email: [eray@irockvisuals.com](mailto:eray@irockvisuals.com)

“Photography business based in Surrey, I love to capture that natural moment - part of which makes a photo so special. I am flexible to my customers’ needs and will discuss any project with you to make sure I achieve your desired specification. I really enjoy being able to record “that unique shot” and turning your moments into cherished memories”.

(Qualified and Insured. Happy to travel to wherever you need me)

Irock  
VISUALS

## Thank you Tom Wyman!

Tom is a bass player and pianist, and is part of a band that provides music for weddings and other functions. He is also a brilliant composer across a range of musical genres. Please listen to some of his work and follow him on his Facebook page @musictomwyman. Definitely your man for all your musical needs!

## Kids Clothes 4 All Sutton Clothes Donations

Kids Clothes 4 All's mission is to supply children in the Sutton borough with a season's worth of pre-loved clothes, to assist in a small way and to promote them to live their best life.

It is a very simple idea. Clothes are donated by people locally, to one of our many drop-off points across the Worcester Park area. We collect and store the clothes at one of our homes, where we sort into age and gender every single bag. We work via referrals from professionals working with families, such as health visitors, midwives, social workers and others. For each referral, we choose a whole wardrobe's worth of clothes or from stock we have for that child. Then the clothes are ironed, folded and packaged into beautiful eco-friendly gift bags, ready for delivery back to the referring professional. Gift bags are free, and the recipients receive quality clothes that have been put together with care and attention.

We do our utmost to ensure that anything we can't use is passed on to other charitable organisations so that nothing is wasted or sent to landfill.

Every person has the right to feel confident and empowered. We aim to give a little more to any child who needs that support.

[https://www.kc4a.co.uk/about\\_us](https://www.kc4a.co.uk/about_us)

**SUTTON COUNCIL'S CULTURAL SERVICES PRESENTS**

## THE SUMMER PROGRAMME





**Japan Cultural Day**  
10 July, £1



**Fizzpop Science!**  
18 July, FREE



**Mini Farmers Workshop**  
29 July, £4 per child



**Whitehall Goes Green**  
29 Jul, 5 & 12 Aug, FREE

There's something for everyone.  
[sutton.gov.uk/SummerProgramme2021](https://sutton.gov.uk/SummerProgramme2021)

**SUTTON COUNCIL'S CULTURAL SERVICES PRESENTS**



**"Sew Easy!"**  
12 August, £5



**Innovative History**  
14 August, £11



**Errol's Garden: Gardening Workshop**  
19 August, £4

## THE SUMMER PROGRAMME



**Animal Handling in Grove Park**  
24 August, FREE



**Bird of Prey Demonstration**  
25 Sept, FREE

Scan the code  
Book your place now



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## THE SUMMER PROGRAMME





**Follow The Footprints**  
24 Jul - 28 Aug, FREE



**Birds of Britain**  
24 Jul - 28 Aug, FREE



**Beachcombers & Mudlarking**  
26 August, £5



**Quiet Day at Whitehall**  
5 August, £3 per child

There's something for everyone.  
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## SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



**Summer Reading Challenge**  
We want children to read six library books over summer. Sign up now for the chance to win a brand new bike!



**Play Geocaching!**  
A GPS-based mobile game where players find goodies hidden around Sutton.



**Star Book Review**  
Kids create a book review to win the challenge cup and a book token!

Scan the code  
Sign up now





# Class Notes

## Can you retell the Gigantic Turnip story?

The **Nursery** children have had a fantastic last day in Nursery. We had a picnic to celebrate our last day together and we even got to taste the potatoes that we have grown and harvested. We then welcomed our parents/carers to join us for our leavers celebration. The children enjoyed telling one of their favourite '3 a day stories' The Gigantic Turnip. We then sang a song about our lovely year in Nursery. Each of the children received a certificate outlining one of our favourite memories of them in Nursery. They then got to take some lovely photographs which the parents/carers can cherish. We are very proud of them all and will definitely miss them but can't wait to see all of the lovely things that they achieve in Reception.

## What has been your favourite book in Reception and which bit did you like best?

The children have had a fabulous week in **Reception**. We have been using some of our favourite learning resources from the past year and then on Wednesday - for one day only - we were able to experience all the messy play activities that we have had to stop using this year! We had playdough and sand and shaving foam! We had slimy stuff and oodles of soapy water! The expressions on the children's faces says it all! To round off the day we all took part in a big water fight and the teachers joined in! Everyone got thoroughly wet and luckily, we all had a change of clothes!







# Class Notes

## What different coins do we have?

This week in **Year 1** the children have had great fun learning all about money and shops. We have created our own shops, made posters for them using adjectives and then opened up a shop to sell to our friends. The children had to find the correct coins to buy the objects from the shop and some even had to give change to their customers. We have also been learning about Hinduism and the different festivals that are celebrated. We created our own Rangoli patterns and Mehndi patterns.



## What memory will you treasure the most from Year 2?

Wow, what an amazing final week we have had! The **Year 2** children made safari vehicles in DT, thinking about wheels and axles and how everything links together. They used paint to make their safari vehicles stand out! We had animal print vehicles, camouflage and more. We had an amazing time at Carnival on Monday, and the children enjoyed singing The Friendship Song to the rest of the school. In Computing, the children made their own quiz using pictures and facts they have learnt over the year. We watched the Year 6 production which was incredible, and we had a class party on Friday to celebrate our achievements.

Year 2, you have been absolute superstars all year long, and you have shown resilience and perseverance through all the challenges COVID has thrown your way. We will never forget this year and the amazing things you have done. We will never forget the laughs, the smiles, the learning and the fun. Miss Butler, Miss Semmens, Miss Chantler, Toni, Jenny and Angela are so proud of you all. Have a well-deserved summer!



# Class Notes



A special mention this week to Kieran in Year 2 who has been awarded the Managers Player of the Year for his team (Worcester Park Colts U7). We know Kieran is a big football fan and he was able to speak so knowledgeably about different teams' chances in the Euros.

An England player of the future perhaps? Well done Kieran.

## How would you keep safe when crossing the road?

This week in **Year 3**, the children have been spending time looking at their wellbeing and safety. They learnt the important steps needed when crossing the road and what to do in an emergency situation. The children even got to see how to put someone in the recovery position when they are unconscious. They also had some fantastic discussions about secret keeping and how to resolve conflicts. They did an amazing job at Carnival on Monday and despite the heat, performed their song loudly and clearly for the rest of the school to enjoy. There was also a friendly competition between the classes on Times Table Rockstars and each class did an incredible job.

It has certainly been a rather topsy turvy year in school, but the resilience and bravery from all of Year 3 has been nothing short of tremendous – we are all so proud of just how far all of our wonderful children have come on in so many different areas of their learning. We will miss you terribly, but wish you a fantastic and safe Summer, and see you again in September!

## How are you going to remember your time in Year 4?

A bit of a strange final week for **Year 4**. A massive well done to Fern class and Miss Baldwin who have been home learning for the last week of term. Fortunately, Mr Meza and Miss Baldwin will be back in school tomorrow to say their goodbyes in person to the children in school, but Fern class children have done amazingly to take part in the last few days online. In Topic, the children have learnt the story of Theseus and the Minotaur this week. Their DT challenge was to create a model of the maze from the myth and they have done a fantastic job using their DT skills to make their model mazes. Green class were finally able to have their marble jar reward and chose to go to Dorchester park in the afternoon. They were a credit to the school and had a really great time in the sun. In Literacy, Year 4 have been creating heroes, villains and monsters to put into their own mythical stories.

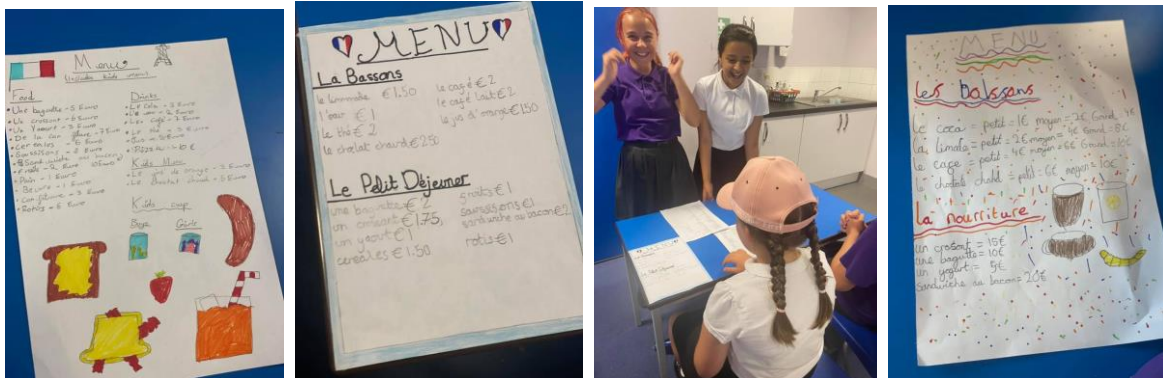
All the Year 4 staff are so proud of the children for a brilliant year and we hope you all have a top summer.



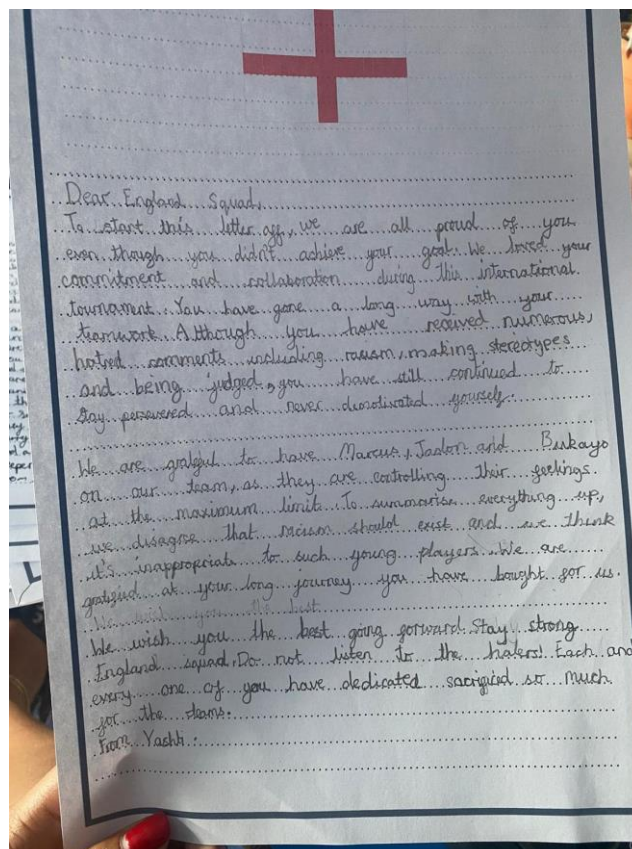
# Class Notes

## What has been your favourite memory of Year 5?

We all cannot believe we have arrived at the final week of **Year 5**! It has been a roller coaster of a year, but the children have continuously shown their perseverance, resilience and we are so proud of them all. During Carnival on Monday the children performed Adele's 'Make You Feel My Love' beautifully in front of the school. In Computing, the children made their own quiz using pictures and facts they have learnt over the year. This was also tested in a special Kahoot quiz, well done to Dragan for coming first! Children also had a lovely French themed morning, where the children designed their own menus and role played visiting each other's cafes! Check out some of the photos below.



For English, children loved studying and performing poetry by Michael Rosen and Benjamin Zepaniah! We would definitely recommend watching and trying some of these over the Summer! Lastly, we discussed the recent issues which unfortunately arose after the Euro final. We were so impressed with all of the children's letters, which we sent off to the England team. You can have a read of Yashti's letter below.







# Class Notes

## What are your favourite memories of your time at Dorchester Primary School?

The final week of primary school has been a very hot one! Final filming of our production happened this week and then, a fabulous editing job took place by Miss Bromley and her fiancé, so that all the children in school and **Year 6** parents have the opportunity to watch the finished performance. The children have worked so hard on this, those on stage and those who played crucial backstage roles - lighting, props, makeup and sound. We are immensely proud of them all.

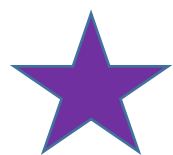
We had a great day on Wednesday, visiting the park, eating pizza and watching a film. The last few days have included Carnival, the Leavers' Prom, the Pirate Game, signing of Year Books, a rounders match and the traditional water fight with some of the staff.

This has been one of the most challenging years in education ever, yet the children have come through it all and it has been a privilege to be part of their journey. We wish them every success at their new high schools and in the future.

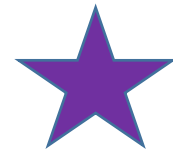
Prom photos by Eray Kaya ([www.irockvisuals.com](http://www.irockvisuals.com))







# Stars of the Week



Nursery	All of Nursery for being superstars in their end of year celebration!!!
R Bronze	All of Bronze Class for learning lots this year and being generally amazing!
R Copper	All of Copper Class for making a wonderful effort all year which you can see in how much you have all learnt!
R Silver	All of Silver Class for a fantastic year of fun and learning. For working hard and being such good friends.
1 Red	All of Red Class have been so amazing this year!
1 Rose	Thomas for working hard on designing his own shop and supporting his friends.
1 Ruby	All of Ruby Class for being Super Stars all year!
2 Buttercup	Absolutely everybody for the most amazing year in Year 2 (staff included!). Every child has been true to themselves, shown Growth Mindset and put laughter and happiness at the forefront of learning and play. Thank you Year 2 for being brilliant in everything you do.
2 Topaz	
2 Yellow	
3 Amber	All of Amber class have been super stars this year – have a lovely Summer everyone!
3 Orange	All of Orange Class have been amazing this year! Well done everyone!
3 Saffron	All of Saffron Class for their constant positive approach to all that they do. Thank you for sharing your jokes too!
4 Emerald	Elliott for always being kind to everyone in the class. He always has a smile for everyone. Emerald class you are all amazing and I've enjoyed being with you for your last 3 weeks in year 4.
4 Fern	Everyone in Fern class for being so patient and working so hard whilst being online!
4 Green	Tobi for being really creative when writing his own Greek myth.
5 Blue	Everyone in Blue class for being a delight to teach all year. Myself and baby bump will miss you all incredibly. I am so proud of you all.
5 Indigo	All pupils in Indigo class have genuinely shone this year and we are proud of each and every one of you!
5 Sapphire	Everyone is a star in Sapphire Class!
6 Amethyst	All of Amethyst Class are stars! We will miss you.
6 Lavender	All of Lavender are amazing! We will miss you.
6 Purple	Purple Class are all wonderful! We will miss you.



# Safeguarding

## Staying safe online this summer

With the summer holidays just around the corner, children are looking forward to having more free time. For some, this will be spent using the internet to keep in touch with friends, catch up with the latest apps and online trends, and playing their favourite games.

For parents, it's a great chance to sit down with your children and visit their favourite sites and games together, so you can keep in touch with their online lives, and show them you are interested. It's a good opportunity to have positive conversations about the internet, so that if anything happened online that worried or upset your children later on, they would feel more confident in confiding in you. Our [conversation starters](#) are a great tool to help encourage an open dialogue with your child.

### Keeping in touch online

During the summer holidays, young people may want to keep in touch with their friends through social networking sites or games. It's a good time to ask them about what sites they use, and remind them you have to be at least 13 to use most social networks.

Encourage your children to use the privacy tools on the services they use, so that the content they post is only available to people they know and trust in real life. To help your children set these up, the UK Safer Internet Centre has a guide to the privacy settings of different sites [here](#). You can also download the UK Safer Internet Centre's [safety checklist's](#) for popular sites such as Instagram, Snapchat and Facebook.

### Managing online friendships

The holidays are also a good opportunity to talk to your children about their online friendships and encourage them to be good online friends. Do this why not:

Watch [Smartie the Penguin talk to Red and Murphy](#) about respecting difference online in our video we created for Safer Internet Day.

Read [Digiduck's Big Decision](#) and help educate children aged 3 - 7 about how to be a good friend online.

Take the ['Play your Part Online' quiz](#) and help 9 – 13 year olds see if they make kind choices when faced with dilemmas online.

It's also important to remind young people that even if you have been chatting to a friendly person on a site or in a game for a while, if you only know them from being online they are still a stranger and you should not give out your personal details to them. If you are worried about an adult pressuring your child online, you should contact the Police and report it to [CEOP](#).

### Sharing those holiday snaps

Some children may want to share photos and videos of what they are getting up to in their summer holidays online. Talk to your children about what types of photos are appropriate to share, and who they are okay to share with. Photos can hold clues that give away personal information. For example, if you share a selfie of you and friends, are there any landmarks or street signs that give away your location?

### Finding a balance

Without the structure of the school day, children may spend a lot of their time on the internet. The internet is a fun place to be, and children may find it hard to manage their time between being online and offline. Talk to them about how important it is to spot the signs that they have been online for too long. For example, they might get tired eyes, a headache, interrupted sleep or mood swings. Setting a time limit can be helpful, but remember to set it before they start playing a game or chatting online, so they get less frustrated when it's time to stop. Offer some alternative activities to being online, and remind them the summer holidays are also a time to enjoy being outside and having a rest.

If you're looking for more information, Childnet have leaflets for parents on [Supporting young people online](#) and [Young people and social networking sites](#) available to download for free. These offer tips and guidance about issues such as privacy settings, reporting and frequently asked questions. The UK Safer Internet Centre's [Parents' Guide to Technology](#) introduces some of the most popular devices young people are using and highlights the safety tools available.

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

We encourage parents and carers to make regular use of the following websites with regards to keeping children safe online.

[www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents)

[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

[www.parentinfo.org](http://www.parentinfo.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

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

## Useful links

All school information and communication [www.classlist.com](http://www.classlist.com)

Payment link for school dinners and class trips <http://www.sim-pay.co.uk/Home>

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

Use the website for our Twitter @DorchesterP

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

Have a  
Safe and  
Happy  
Summer



## 4 Tips for a Healthy Summer

### 1 Stay hydrated

Care for a water?



### 2 Wear sunscreen and hats

You need **at least** SPF 50!

We KNOW, Bob!



### 3 Watch for signs of heat stress

I've got heat stress!

Are you dizzy?  
Nauseous?

No, I'm stressed because my candy melted!



### 4 Stay cool

Oh, I'm cool.

Not that kind of cool, John.







# DPS Diary

<b>26<sup>th</sup> Jul – 1<sup>st</sup> Sept</b>	Summer Holidays
<b>1<sup>st</sup> September</b>	INSET DAY
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> September</b>	First day of Autumn 1 term
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Last day of Autumn 1 term for children
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	INSET DAY
<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Half term
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	First day of Autumn 2 term
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Nursery end of term
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of Autumn 2 term
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Dec – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	Christmas Holidays
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	INSET DAY
<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	First day of Spring 1 term
<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day of Spring 1 term
<b>14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Half term
<b>21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	First day of Spring 2 term
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Nursery end of term
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	End of Spring 2 term
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Holidays
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	First day of Summer 1 term
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	SATS Week + Year 5 Residential
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Year 6 Residential
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Last day of Summer 1 term
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	Half term
<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	INSET DAY
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	First day of Summer 2 term
<b>19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Nursery end of term
<b>20 July</b>	End of Summer 2 term
<b>21st July</b>	INSET Day