



# DPS News

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"The greatness of a man is not how much wealth he acquires but in his integrity and his ability to affect those around him positively." Bob Marley

1<sup>st</sup> October 2021

Dear Parents

We have had another fantastic week in school this week, and there is much to be proud of, as we head into October. It is hard to believe it is only the children's fourth full week back – they are producing some incredible work – do please take a look at the class notes below to see what has been going on.

In addition to the normal routine, we held our first Open Event of the term on Wednesday morning. Our Year 6 children did us proud, meeting and greeting our visitors, talking to them about their experiences at Dorchester, and guiding them on tours around the school. The prospective parents were full of praise for their tour guides – thank you to all the children involved.

We have further open events coming up this term – please do spread the word among anyone you know who might be looking for a school/nursery place for September 2022 – details and booking forms are on our website at [www.dorchesterprimary.com](http://www.dorchesterprimary.com).

Enjoy the weekend.

Kind regards

Cathy Bell  
Headteacher

## **Eating to Help Out.**

On Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October we are inviting all of our infant children (reception, year 1 & 2) to have a free school lunch. This is the day that the Autumn Term school census happens and the number of infant children who eat the lunch on this day impacts our funding for next year. Our caterers, Caterlink, are providing a special menu which has been chosen by children across all of Caterlinks schools.

*The menu is :*

*Pork, Vegan or Halal Sausage in a Roll*

*served with*

*Oven Baked Chips*

*Baked Beans and Sweetcorn*

*Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce*

*Fresh Fruit of Yoghurt*

We hope that you will support us with this opportunity to access further funding for our school. It doesn't cost you anything but helps us a lot and your child gets a tasty meal into the bargain. Unless we hear otherwise we will offer a school meal to all our infant children on this day. If you are concerned they might not eat this then please send in an additional substantial snack. Please let your child's class teacher know if this is the case. We will send a reminder to you next week.

## Welcome!

A Dorchester welcome goes to Paloma in Rose Class, Parisa in Flamingo Class and Arjun in Sapphire Class, and their families, who have joined our school this week. We are delighted to have you as part of our school community.

## Sports News

### The Danone Cup 7-a-side National Football Championships

Many congratulations to our boys' 7 a side squad who won the prelim round of this National tournament yesterday!

This first group stage saw them play Cheam Fields, The Avenue and Westbourne Primary and with two wins and a draw – and no goals conceded – they topped the group and now progress to the Borough Final next Thursday. A great achievement to start the season!

Well done to all the players - Mason, Ronnie, Brody, Ben, Zion, Louie, Ching Fung, Priyansh, George and Alfie - who conducted themselves brilliantly and were excellent role models for our school. Good luck for next week!





# DPS Notices

## Out of this World



We have held our first Out of this World 'chocolate milk tea' today for those children who have gone above and beyond in demonstrating our values. Congratulations go to:

*Arianna in Buttercup Class for always being so helpful*

*Archie in Blue Class for amazing effort in Maths*

*Ashley in Coral Class for being a superstar, showing fantastic concentration, being a brilliant helper and always going the extra mile.*

*Daniel in Fuchsia class for being so kind and helpful to his class and learning Makaton to communicate with his new friend.*

*Dolly in Ruby Class for being an excellent role model, showing how she is Ready, Respectful and Safe.*

*Ivy in Quartz Class for being a brilliant scientist.*

*Jake in Flamingo Class for always going above and beyond with effort in his work.*

*Lenny in Red Class for his amazing reading.*

*Luana in Purple Class for being exceptionally kind and helpful when she buddied with a new child who didn't speak any English.*

*Naveena in Buttercup Class for brilliant behaviour and kindness.*

*Seerat in Topaz Class for excellent effort in maths*

*Summer in Blue Class for making such thoughtful contributions to our learning during assembly.*

Well done to all of you.

We must also mention Mr Luck, who teaches Sapphire Class, who this week was awarded a 1<sup>st</sup> Class Masters Degree. Well done Mr Luck – a fantastic achievement.



## Harvest Festival

Our Harvest Festival will be held on **Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October**. We will once again be making donations to our local Foodbank, who have asked for the following items:

Coffee (100g jars)  
Long life orange juice  
Tea bags (40's & 80's)  
Tinned tomatoes  
Pasta sauce  
Tinned tomato soup  
Tinned tuna  
Tinned veg (peas, carrots, mushrooms, green beans or sweetcorn)  
Tinned fruit (peaches, pineapple, apricots or pears)  
Sugar (500g bags)  
Sponge puddings  
Small bars of chocolate  
Shower gel  
Shampoo & conditioner  
Soap  
Deodorants

The children should bring any of these items in to their classrooms with them and we will collect them as part of our Harvest Assembly.

Please note that these are the only items the foodbank can collect at the moment as they have a surplus of other items which are taking up a lot of space. If you are not able to donate any of the above items then you can make a financial contribution at <https://sutton.foodbank.org.uk/give-help/donate-money/> or put some cash into the buckets that we will have at the school gates on the morning of our Harvest Festival.



G K SPORTS COACHING

# OCTOBER ACTIVE CAMP

Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October  
(Spaces are limited.)

Venue:  
Dorchester Primary School  
Dorchester Road,  
Worcester Park, KT4 8PG

Ages: 4 years old - 12 years old

What we offer:

Basketball, Volleyball, Football, Tennis,  
Children's golf, hockey, Tag Rugby,  
athletic events, cricket & Nerf Gun  
Games.

Friday Pumpkin Carving (We buy the  
Pumpkin.)

Contact George  
[Gkcoaching@yahoo.com](mailto:Gkcoaching@yahoo.com)  
07895848390

£15 FULL DAY (9AM - 3PM.)  
£70 FULL WEEK



# Class Notes

## Can you name some of your new Nursery friends?

This week we have been getting to know our new Nursery friends. The children have been trying really hard to learn each other's names. We have been playing lots of circle time games, the favourite of which was the 'Knock, knock game.' The children took it in turns to hide behind the door whilst we shouted "knock, knock who's there?" The child then opened the door to reveal themselves, and we could all then say hello to them, using their name. We will be creating a class 'open the door' book with each of the children's photographs in so that they can continue to play this game and learn the names of their peers.

## Who is Mary Anning?

This week in Year 1 we have continued to explore our topic 'Digging for Dinosaurs' and have spent time learning about Mary Anning who is a famous palaeontologist. We looked at her influence on the discovery of fossils and the impact she made on Science.

In Literacy, we have read 'Harry and the Bucketful of dinosaurs'. The children have spent time using pictures and actions to create a story map.

In Maths, we have been exploring ordinal numbers and helping the children to understand what ordinal means. The children have enjoyed having races and deciding who or what has come first.

In Science the children have investigated dinosaurs and what the different types of dinosaurs ate. The children sorted the dinosaurs into herbivores, carnivores and omnivores.

## Can you sequence the events in Florence Nightingale's life?

This week in Year 2 we have been learning more about Florence Nightingale's life. We have been sequencing her key life events and learning about what Scutari Hospital was like when she first arrived. In English we have been writing diary entries pretending to be Florence Nightingale and also diaries from the soldiers' perspectives. In Maths, we have been adding ones and tens and learning how to use blank number lines to solve questions. We have enjoyed using Bee Bots in Computing, and programming simple instructions. We have learning about the lifecycle of chickens and thought about each stage in the lifecycle. In RE we have been learning about ceremonies that happen in churches such as weddings and christenings.

## How can you tell what an animal eats by the teeth it has?

This week in years 3/4, we have been learning about Gladiators so that we can write about them in our English lessons. We have developed our note-taking skills and our ability to research and gather information so that we can use them for our non-chronological reports that we will finish writing next week.

In Maths, we have moved on to addition and subtraction and Year 3 have been learning how to use column addition and subtraction for the first time!

We have been learning about our teeth and their different functions as well as how to look after them properly.

In History, we have learnt all about Boudicca's revolt and the events leading up to it. We also learnt some really gruesome facts about her life and the battle that lead to her demise. For RE, we have started to learn in depth about the 5 pillars of Islam, what they mean and their significance to Muslims.

### What 'show not tell' did you use in your retelling?

This week in Year 5, we have been retelling the story of St Cuthbert's Cross; a gory story about a Viking raid of a monastery. In Maths, we have been practising addition, and in Science, Indigo and Blue investigated materials which are good insulators of heat. In RE, we explored local Mandirs on Google Maps, and we also looked at Viking brooches in DT. Some children have finished making their brooches and they are truly beautiful!

Sapphire Class had Forest School this week, making knots to form a giant spider's web. It will be Blue Class's turn next Tuesday.

### Which rainforest animal will you be researching and writing about?

Over the next few weeks, we will be learning about the Amazon rainforest in much more detail, as part of our Geography topic on Brazil. The children are very keen to find out information about some of the creatures that make the rainforest their home. Consequently, we are exploring non-chronological reports, so the children can present their research to a high standard. We have read some this week as well as looking at the key features, in preparation. We have also been comparing Brazil and the UK this week and the children have given their opinion as to where they would prefer to live and why. In Maths, we have introduced the order of operations - BIDMAS - and the children have used very detailed explanations to show they understand how it works.



# Safeguarding

## Supporting our children's safety

Parents and carers often appreciate extra advice and support. This might be about how to cope with a crying baby; working out whether a child is old enough to walk home from school alone; or thinking about how to keep their child safe online. Here, you will find weekly selected advice and information for you to access.

### Tips for Walking Safely to School

Walking is fun, but you need to be safe while doing it. Follow these tips to make sure you get to and from school without any problems.

#### Walk together

Younger children should always walk with an adult. Tell your parents that walking is great exercise and a nice way to spend time together.

If your parents say that you can walk to school on your own, remember these tips:

- Walk with a friend when possible.
- Ask your parents to help you pick a safe route to school; one that avoids dangers.
- Stick to the route you picked with your parents. Don't let friends talk you into shortcuts that are more dangerous.
- When you are near the street, don't push, shove, or chase each other.
- Never hitchhike or take rides from people not arranged by your parents.
- Talk to your parents and teacher about any bullying that may happen during your walk.

#### Be seen

Remember, drivers may not be able to see you well. Always wear bright-colored clothes and if it is dark or hard to see, carry flashlights or wear reflective gear.

#### Look for traffic

Watch out for cars and trucks at every driveway and intersection on your walk to school. Look for drivers in parked cars. They may be getting ready to move.

#### Cross the street safely

1. Stop at the kerb or edge of the street.
2. Look left, right, left and behind you and in front of you for traffic.
3. Wait until no traffic is coming and begin crossing.
4. Keep looking for traffic until you have finished crossing.
5. Walk, don't run across the street. Obey traffic signs, signals and adult school crossing guards

### Help and support if your child is suffering from a mental health condition

Young Minds ([www.youngminds.org.uk](http://www.youngminds.org.uk)) - and its sister site [HeadMeds](http://HeadMeds.org).

Mental Health First Aid England ([www.mhfaengland.org](http://www.mhfaengland.org))

Time to Change ([www.time-to-change.org.uk](http://www.time-to-change.org.uk))

CALM ([www.thecalmzone.net](http://www.thecalmzone.net))

### 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)

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

[www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety)

[www.common-sense-media.org](http://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

<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

<https://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 **Responsibility.**

*Responsibility finds a way, irresponsibility makes excuses!*

caterlink feeding the imagination					
Autumn Menu 2021					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week One</b>					
Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Pork Sausages * with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken * with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Lasagne * with Garlic Bread	MSC Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Vegetable and Bean Fajitas with 50/50 Rice	Vegan Sausage with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Lentil Pasta with Garlic Bread	Homily Pie with Chips
Vegetables	Green Beans Carrots	Baked Tomatoes Sweetcorn	Cauliflower Broccoli	Roasted Vegetables Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard	Oaty Cookie	Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Mandarin Jelly	Carrot & Courgette Cake with Custard
<b>Week Two</b>					
Option 1	Cheese and Tomato Pizza with New Potatoes	Macaroni Beef * Pasta Bake	Roast Gammon * with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mediterranean Chicken * with Rice	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Vegetable Tagine with Couscous	Roasted Cauliflower Curry with Rice	Roasted Quorn with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetarian Lasagne	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips
Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Peppers Carrots	Carrots Cabbage	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Pear Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread	Fruit and Yoghurt Station	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard	Apple Flapjack
<b>Week Three</b>					
Option 1	Vegetarian Tortilla Stack with Rice	Beef Burger * with Wedges	Roast Turkey * with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Arrabiata Pasta Bake	MSC Fish in Batter with Chips and Tomato Sauce
Option 2	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Quorn Burger with Jacket Wedges	Mixed Vegetable Loaf with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	BBQ Quorn with Chips
Vegetables	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Carrots	Carrot and Swede Mash Cabbage	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
Dessert	Rice Pudding with Mixed Berries	Apple Cake with Custard	Pinwheel Cookie	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Fresh Fruit Salad
* HALAL OPTION AVAILABLE					

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 a member of the catering team 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.



# DPS Diary

<b>1<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<b>Start of Black History Month</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>World Teachers Day</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Year 1 Dinosaur morning + High School applications drop in parents session 3.30 - 4 .15</b>
<b>18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>High School applications drop in parents session 3.30 - 4 .15</b>
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<b>SET INSET DAY</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	<b>First day of Autumn 2 term</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Nursery parents phonics workshops 8.45am &amp; 2pm</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Reception phonics workshop for parents 9-10am</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Transgender Awareness/Celebrating Difference Week</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Individual Class Photos</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Booklet Week</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Foundation Stage Nativities 9.15am &amp; 2.15pm</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 2 Nativity 9.30am &amp; 1.30pm</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Nursery end of term</b>
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>End of Autumn 2 term</b>
<b>20<sup>th</sup> Dec – 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays</b>
<b>4<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>First day of Spring 1 term</b>
<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Last day of Spring 1 term</b>
<b>14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>21<sup>st</sup> February</b>	<b>First day of Spring 2 term</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>Nursery end of term</b>
<b>31<sup>st</sup> March</b>	<b>End of Spring 2 term</b>
<b>1<sup>st</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>First day of Summer 1 term</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>SATS Week + Year 5 Residential</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 Residential</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>30<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Half term</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>INSET DAY</b>
<b>7<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>First day of Summer 2 term</b>

20 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery end of term
21 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Summer 2 term
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	INSET Day