



# DPS News

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Dear Parents and carers,

One of our key objectives this academic year is to find more opportunities to give our children the chance to develop responsibility and independence. I know many of you have signed your children up for the Micro, Mini and Junior Duke schemes – we were very excited that the materials for these arrived last week and we look forward to launching the programme after the half term break. It has also been wonderful to see the beginnings of our 'Big Friend, Little Friend' mentor scheme, between our Year 6 children and our Reception children this week. The children have been carefully paired up so that our oldest children can support the younger ones as they settle into the routines of school life. We have lots of ideas for great shared activities that the children will do together across the year and the Year 6 children have already proved themselves to be so caring and responsible in this new role – it was just lovely to see. Well done Year 6.

We have had more fun in our learning this week including a Diwali workshop for the Year 5 children and a visit from a Tyrannosaurus Rex to Year 1. It was wonderful to welcome so many parents to our assembly this morning to share in Flamingo Class's learning – the children did brilliantly. Please do look at the Class Notes below to give you an idea of what goes on in school outside of your own child's year group/s.

This week we also welcomed our School Improvement Advisor to the school. He met with myself and Mrs Hall took a learning walk through the school looking particularly at children's learning behaviours and early reading and phonics teaching. He was really impressed with the children's engagement with their learning, the consistency and progression in teaching and in the opportunities taken to develop children's cultural capital across the school. At Dorchester, we are committed to continuous improvement so it is always useful to have external evaluation of our provision to ensure we continue to go from strength to strength.

Thank you to everyone for your Harvest Festival donations – it was lovely to see the generous offerings at the front of the hall during our Harvest assembly on Monday. The goods will be taken to the foodbank on Tuesday before being distributed to families in need. Remember that the Foodbank works both ways; they are delighted to get donations from us but also want to help; if you are struggling to afford to buy food for your family, you can get in touch with us and we can refer you for support from them.

## **Welcome:**

This week we have welcomed Melisa to Lavender Class, her sister Olivia to Rose Class and Callie to Topaz Class. I am sure you will join me in welcoming these new children and their families to our school community. It is wonderful to have you with us.

## **Sports News:**

High-5 Netball Festival – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October

A squad of 7 of our Year 5/6 netballers represented Dorchester at the first netball event of the season held at Nonsuch High School. It was aimed at being a friendly event to kick off the year and get back to playing inter-school matches again.

Our team played some great netball during our five matches showing how well they've developed all their technical skills and most importantly they worked brilliantly together as a team to win some of their matches in dominant style. We now look forward to some more friendlies before Christmas and the league starting in the new year to challenge our team even more.

Really well done to Alice, Maya, Isla, Lila-Violet, Ines, Demi and Evie who were fantastic representatives of our school and thank you to Carol, our Sports Assistant, for accompanying the children to the event.



## **FODS Events**

I know that lots of the children (and some of the teachers!) are very excited about the FODS party (EYFS) and KS1 and KS2 discos next week. A huge thank you to everyone involved in organising these wonderful events for our children.

## **Support for Hong Kong families**

Attached to this newsletter you will find some information relating to events being run from Mr Luck's church to welcome Hong Kong families to the local area. We hope you find it useful.

Have a lovely weekend,

Cathy Bell

Headteacher



# DPS Notices

## School absences

Please may we kindly remind all parents and carers to call the office and let them know if your child is going to be absent from school. This will save our staff the lengthy administrative task of chasing up all absent pupils. You can either leave a message on our school answer phone or send an email to the school office [office@dorchesterprimary.com](mailto:office@dorchesterprimary.com) before 8.45 preferably, we would really appreciate the contact. Thank you for your kind cooperation.

## Halloween Mufti Day Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October

Our school council have been very busy organising a Halloween themed clothes as a mufti day. Mufti day usually means wear your own clothes, but as it is so close to Halloween, we thought it would be ghoulish (foolish!) not to take the opportunity to dress up! If you wish just to come in regular home clothes though, that is of course also fine.

If you would like to take part, we kindly ask that each family bring in a recommended donation of £1.

Also, there will be a variety of sweet treats available to buy on the Thursday afternoon after school outside the office.

All this is in aid of school council's first charity event. Currently, school council are in the process of deciding which charities to support as a school this year. We agreed as a council that this year we would focus on supporting a few different local charities and share out what we raise. We have a shortlist of charities already, but not yet finalised. If and parents or carers know of any particular local charities they think might be a good idea to support, then please do let us know.

*Please may we kindly remind everyone to be sensitive if arriving in Halloween mufti, as these costumes will be seen by ALL children from Nursery to Year 6, so please be mindful to ensure costumes are suitably age appropriate.*



# DPS Notices

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

07895848390

£15 FULL DAY (9AM - 3PM.)

£70 FULL WEEK



# Class Notes

## Who are your friends in Nursery? Why are they good friends?

This week in **Nursery** we have been reading the story 'Lost and Found' by Oliver Jeffers. In this story a little boy finds a penguin who is very sad. He thinks the penguin must be lost and tries to help him by taking him back to the South Pole. However, when he leaves the penguin there he notices that he is then really sad. In fact, the penguin was lonely and when the little boy and the penguin are reunited they both become good friends. We have based lots of our learning around this story and have had lots of fun making our own penguins to remind us of the story. We have been thinking about who our new friends are and why they are good friends. The children have all used the iPad cameras to take photographs of their friends to add to our penguin display. We have also been finding out about animals that live in cold places and have even had to experiment with different ways to rescue animals who were frozen in the ice. We have also painted with frozen paint! For our Maths learning we have been learning to sort objects and explain how we have sorted them.

## What items in your home can you compare the sizes of?

This week the children in **Reception** have been looking at the changes that autumn brings. We read the book 'Leaf Man' and followed the journey of a lone leaf as it was blown across the landscape. Inspired by the illustrations, which are all made with leaves, they have collaged their own leaf men. As well as leaves, the children have been finding pine cones, conkers and many other things from nature, to add to our autumn trays. They have studied them through magnifying glasses and used them as a backdrop to their mini-me adventures.

In Maths we have been comparing things that are larger and smaller from different sized pine cones to large pieces of classroom furniture.

Outside, the children have been using real hammers to put golf tees into pumpkins and pliers to pull them out again. They have used tweezers to extract conkers from beneath a web of sticky tape and concocted many aromatic meals in the mud kitchen

## How many different fossils did you discover?

Wow! What an exciting week we have had in **Year 1**. On Tuesday the children had a great time at the 'Lifelong ago workshop' where they spent time discovering different fossils. The children even got to meet 3 real dinosaurs - a baby Triceratops called Bella, a baby Velociraptor called Mia and a young T-Rex called Sophie. The children have produced some excellent writing from the visit, explaining who they met and what they saw.

The children have worked hard in Maths this week and during their independent learning they have made posters showing the different representations of numbers to 10. We have been recapping the skills we have learnt so far to ensure the children are secure in their knowledge before moving on.

In PSHCE we have been thinking about RRS (Ready, Respectful and Safe), we thought about how we could show respect to everyone in our class and at home. Together we made a list and over the week we have been checking to make sure we are being respectful to others.

## How many time adverbs can you think of?

This week in **Year 2** we have completed our first star write retelling the story of 'The Lonely Beast', making sure to include correct punctuation and expanded noun phrases. In Maths, we have been subtracting two 2 digit numbers on a blank number line. In History, we have been learning about Mary Seacole and why she is significant. We have enjoyed finishing our butterfly decorations. Yellow enjoyed doing leaf painting in forest school and Buttercup are looking forward to this.





# Class Notes

## What are the key features of a diary entry?

This week began with Mental Health day on Monday. We thought about how important it is to be aware of our mental health and how to look after it. In English, we continued the theme of emotional language by empathising with the characters from Julius Zebra and how to use these to write an effective diary entry. Hot seating some of these characters helped us to do this.

In Maths we are continuing with addition and subtraction and how to exchange. We also continue to succeed using Numbots and TTRS to help with speed and accuracy of number and multiplication.

Through our Art lessons this week we have created Mosaics in a similar style to those found in Roman houses. The formation of the Roman army was the focus for our History lesson which helped us understand why the Romans were so successful and in RE we made Fanoo lamps to represent the 4th pillar of Islam - Sawm.

Flamingo class finished their week off by sharing this terms learning in the first class assembly of the year to the rest of the school and their parents.

## What do you remember from the story of Rama and Sita from the Hinduism workshop?

This week, **Year 5** have been immersing themselves in Black History month activities, reading poetry by Grace Nichols, then writing their own in the same style as well as analysing the powerfully important historical speech from Dr Martin Luther King Jr.

In Maths, they have been learning to interpret line graphs, as well as having a go at drawing their own – which were very successful in fact and they all showed tremendous progress.

They took part in a fantastic Hinduism workshop where they learned all about the story of Rama and Sita, as well as a detailed journey into the life of a Hindu.



## What are you looking forward to sharing with your Little Friend later in the school year?

This week, we introduced 'Big Friends Little Friends', which you hopefully have seen photos of, on our various social media pages. Year 6 children were linked up with a child in Reception, and they met for the first time this week. They were all very excited and the 'Big Friends' got to find out about some of the learning that their respective 'Little Friend' had been doing in Reception. The Year 6 children were commended by the Reception staff for their very sensible, warm and friendly approach. We were very proud of them. They will have other opportunities throughout the school year, to meet up and share their learning together. As part of our PSHE programme, we had a visitor, Neil, from an organisation that works with Year 6 and high school children, and he spoke about the dangers of drugs and alcohol. The children had a chance to ask appropriate questions and were very mature about the subject. In Maths, we have continued working on Fractions and have been comparing and ordering them as well as adding and subtracting. These require several steps to complete each question and the children have persevered to get to the correct answer.



# 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.

### Start talking PANTS!



The NSPCC explains how a simple conversation will help to keep your child safe from sexual abuse online and offline

**Privates are Private**

**Always remember your body belongs to you**

**No means no**

**Talk about secrets that upset you**

**Speak up, someone can help**

Simple conversations to keep your child safe from harm, like crossing the road, bullying and dealing with strangers, are subjects you probably discuss with your child. But what about staying safe from sexual abuse?

It's a conversation no parent wants to have. But thankfully it doesn't have to be scary. In fact, you don't even have to mention 'sex' or 'abuse'.

The Underwear Rule is a simple way to help keep children safe. It teaches children that their body belongs to them, they have a right to say no, and that they should tell an adult if they're upset or worried.

We would suggest the PANTS rule is suitable for children between 5 and 11 but parents or carers know their own children best and may feel comfortable covering elements of the rule earlier.

### **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, class trips, events :

[www.pay360educationpayments.com/Home](http://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.**

It's only when you take responsibility for your life, that you discover how powerful you truly are!

Alannah Hunt



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	Homely 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

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



## Christ Church London: Sutton Service

倫敦基督教會:薩頓分堂

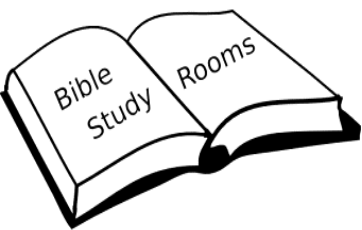
### 歡迎香港人的教會

我們十分歡迎來到英國的香港朋友，並誠邀大家來到我們當中。逢星期日的上午10:30，在The CryerArts Centre (39 High Street, Carshalton, SM5 3BB) 這裏，我們有英語主日崇拜，同一時段設有廣東話聚會：詩歌敬拜、聖經分享、代禱服侍等。為了增進彼此聯繫與溝通，我們有說英語和廣東話的牧者與兒童事工同工。希望星期日能與大家見面，更多的認識和彼此支持。

If you have recently moved to Sutton from Hong Kong, we want to offer you a very warm welcome to the area! We are a diverse church meeting every Sunday at 10.30am at The Cryer Theatre in Carshalton! We have both a Cantonese speaking pastor & Cantonese & Mandarin speaking children's worker & we would love you to join us on Sundays!

此外，我們明白初來埗到的香港人，各方面都有很多適應和學習。因此，我們特別為大家主辦了以下活動，費用全免或自費。因名額有限，請記得報名參加。查詢請致電 07307 915132(廣東話) 或電郵至 [vivian@christchurchlondon.org](mailto:vivian@christchurchlondon.org)

As a way of serving the many Hong Kongers who have moved to the local area, we are offering free English lessons, Local tour and Bible Study Group on Zoom! If you would like to join, please sign up as places are limited. For enquiry, please call 07307 915132(Cantonese-speaking) or email to [vivian@christchurchlondon.org](mailto:vivian@christchurchlondon.org)



廣東<sup>zoom</sup>話查經小組「激流中的堅信：〈啟示錄〉」

(Cantonese Bible Study Group – Book of Revelation) 費用全免

**課程簡介：**處身異國中的基督信徒，面對各種轉變帶來的挑戰，身、心、靈更需得力面對。〈啟示錄〉為信徒開啟了一扇門：甚麼元素使信徒得力從而堅守所信

**日期：**2021年10月12日至11月30日，逢星期二

**時間：**上午10:30-12:00

**課堂模式：**網上視訊(Zoom)

報名請登入 <https://forms.gle/QM4kDpvrqo5efWXo7>

或 掃描二維碼

