



# DPS News

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If life gives you lemons, make lemonade!

25<sup>th</sup> March, 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been a week blessed with sunshine and good spirits in school with lots of fantastic things going on. Do please see our Sports page for more information about our wonderful Personal Bests week – the children have just loved competing with one another in inter-house basketball and benchball competitions and showing fantastic perseverance in achieving their individual personal bests across their PE sessions. Just brilliant – and a huge thank you to Carol and George for organising the events, and to our Year 6 Sports Leaders for all their support. It has been a busy week for our sports teams too, who continue to show great commitment and represent their school with such pride – we are so proud of them.

It has been one of those weeks when it is not unusual to pass a Roman soldier, a High Priest, or even Jesus himself in the corridors as year 5 have put the finishing touches to their dramatic retelling of the Easter story. The children in school have enjoyed watching the play this morning and I am looking forward to watching it with parents next week.

There is lots going on next week – please take a look at the FODS page later in this newsletter so that you stay on top of it all. There are Easter raffles, Egg Hunts, Spring Hat making and a Break the Rules day to look forward to – should be lots of fun – and, of course, there will be plenty of learning going on too.

We wish all the mums, grandmas and mother figures a very happy and blessed Mothering Sunday this weekend. The children I have spoken to this morning tell me they will make sure they don't argue with their siblings and they are helpful around the house. Let's hope they live up to their word!

Enjoy the weekend

Cathy Bell  
Headteacher



# DPS Notices

## British Summer Time

Remember that the clocks 'spring forward' by an hour at 1am on Sunday morning as we head into British Summer Time.

## Staffing News

It is with a good deal of sadness that I share the news that our lovely Coach George will be leaving DPS at the end of this term. George has been instrumental in developing the children's love of sport, and although his services are contracted from his own company, he really is part of our team here. We will miss him immensely. Whilst this is sad news for us, it is amazing for him as he has been offered employment with Chelsea Football Club, developing a team to support vulnerable young people. He is as sorry to leave us as we are to see him go, but we all recognise what a great opportunity this is for George to follow a path he is so passionate about. George has promised that he will come and visit often, and he will of course retain his role as a parent at our school; we are very glad he will still be around in that capacity. Good luck George – we'll miss you.

For children who currently attend George's after school clubs, we are hoping to continue after the Easter break with a new sports coach...we will send out information about these next week.

We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Garnett back to school after the Easter break, following her maternity leave. Welcome back Miss Garnett.

## **Polling Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May – Year 6 in school**

On **Thursday 5th May 2022**, the school has been identified as a polling station for local government elections. We are unable to open to the whole school due to the hall being in use and the volume of visitors that would be on site throughout the day. However, we have given some consideration to how we can best use the staff who will be available and the space which we can block public access to, whilst still accommodating voters and will remain open for **YEAR 6 ONLY** on this day. Further information will be sent specifically to Year 6 Parents closer to the time, but children will be able to work in small groups on this day using the expertise from across the school to help children with any individual gaps in their learning following lockdown, ready for them to go to Secondary School. **For all other year groups, including Nursery, the school will be closed.**

## **Free Easter Camp Sessions!**

Here at Mensah Edusport, we are working alongside the local borough to provide a free camp for children from 8-16 years old. It will run for 8 days from the 4th to the 7th and 11th of April until the 14th, and it is a perfect opportunity for children and young people to have some fun with us.

The venue is within a 0.2 to a 2-mile radius from Dorchester and we really think your students will benefit from our service. We will be doing sessions that will focus on sports, enrichment such as healthy eating, arts and crafts, and this will run alongside our R.E.A.L. Mentorship programme that ran over summer and Christmas.

There will be two sessions a day 9am – 1pm and 2pm – 6pm depending on age. Email [admin@mensahedusport.com](mailto:admin@mensahedusport.com) or call us on 07956479095



# DPS Notices



**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2pm – 4pm**

St Philip Churchyard, off Cheam Common Road, Worcester Park

An outside, hands on, exploration of the Easter Story for all ages.

## GOOD FRIDAY ALL AGE SERVICE

Friday 15th April 10.30am at Christ Church with St Philip Worcester Park

A service exploring the Easter story for all ages.



**YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY**

**WIN**  
**A WHEELIE AWESOME PRIZE!**

**WIN A**  
**£500**  
**BIKE**  
**VOUCHER**

- Help give our fundraising a much needed boost
- Tickets cost £1 each
- Cash prize every week
- Win up to £25,000

**PLAY NOW**

Players must be 16 years of age or older. Offer ends 23rd Apr 2022. T&Cs apply (see website for details).

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/dorchester-primary-school>



# DPS Sport

## **Girls' League Football vs Nonsuch**

**0-0**

The sporting week kicked off with Dorchester's final league match of the season. It proved to be a tight match and having defended well in the first half the girls put in a fantastic second half performance creating a number of chances and proving to be the more dominant team. They kept pushing forward until the final whistle but just weren't able to convert any of their chances on this occasion. A great all-round team performance.

## **Netball vs Cheam Common**

**A team L 6-5, B team L 2-0**

Both of these matches could have gone either way, the play was evenly balanced and both teams had chances to take the lead.

The A team did go ahead at the beginning of their game but Cheam Common pulled a couple of goals ahead going into the second half. A calm and steady fight back saw us within a goal for much of the second half and the girls were ultimately unlucky not to have snatched a win. Player of the match: Maya

The B team played a solid first half and were just one goal down at half time. Some excellent defending by Lily and Isla kept them in it until the very end but sadly this time we just couldn't match Cheam's score line. Player of the match: Lily

As always, both teams played with a positive and sporting attitude and their technical netball just keeps getting better and better – well done to the whole squad.

## **Girls' Cup Quarter Final Football vs AS Carshalton**

**L 5-0**

A busy sporting week culminated in this exciting Cup tie.

As the teams settled into the first half it became clear that our opposition were strong and Dorchester were going to need to work together to get a result here – and that they certainly did. The girls defended hard throughout and proved impenetrable until well into the first half. In the second half AS Carshalton stretched us further but the girls never gave up and kept working to produce some good chances on the counter-attack. As our opposition proved more dominant Kiki continued to make key saves and the whole team chased until the final whistle.

Congratulations to the team for getting to this stage of the competition and for making Josh proud with their 'never give up' attitudes – they should be very proud of their efforts this year.

Squad: Kiki, Zoe, Addison, Martha, Alice, Jayme Leigh, Evie, Julia, Lila-Violet, Callie, Emelie

## **Inter-House Basketball and Benchball**

The sun shone all week on our inaugural Inter-House sports competition with Rashford (red), Yippy (yellow), Elizabeth (blue) and Attenborough (green) competing in each year group for the Inter-House Cup.

In every tournament the games were competitive with everyone contributing to their team's results. We saw some great examples of teamwork and sporting attitudes alongside some exciting matches and very close results. A lot of fun was had throughout the week and every house really gave it their all!

Thank you to our Year 6 helpers who refereed matches in the other year groups and also helped with the running of the individual Personal Bests events – we couldn't have done it without you.

Although every House were winners in our eyes, we did have overall champions in each Year Group so many congratulations to:

Year 1: Attenborough

Year 2: Attenborough

Year 3/4: Attenborough

Year 5: Rashford

Year 6: Attenborough





# DPS Sport



Year 34 Interhouse Winners – Attenborough House



Year 1 Interhouse Winners – Attenborough House







# DPS Sport



Year 6 Interhouse Winners – Attenborough House



Year 5 Interhouse Winners – Rashford House



# FODS NEWS

## Last Week of Term

**Mon – Year 6 Cake Stall**

(3pm – 3.40pm)



**- Spring hat making**

(Reception & yrs 1-6 – remember to bring your spring / craft items)

**Mon – Wed – Year 6 Easter Egg Raffle**

(tickets 20p each available to buy before and after school – winners announced Thurs PM)



**Tues – Year 5 Easter Performance**

2pm-3pm

**Thurs – Look out for the Easter Bunny!!**

**FODS helpers Easter Egg hunt**

(3.15pm in the park beside the school – there's still time to join the helpers WhatsApp group if you want to join us – just e-mail fodsptat@gmail.com)



**Fri – Break the Rules for April Fools**

(break as many of the rules listed on the next page – 50p donation per rule broken)

**School finishes at 1.30pm**



## Break the Rules for April Fools

**You may break as many of these rules as you like on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April**

(50p donation per rule broken – hand to your teacher)

- 1) Wear your uniform backwards
- 2) Wear bright socks / odd socks
- 3) Wear non-uniform
- 4) Wear nail varnish
- 5) Wear temporary tattoos
- 6) Wear earrings
- 7) Wear the biggest hair bow you have
- 8) Have squash / juice in your water bottle
- 9) Have a chocolate biscuit for break time
- 10) Wear a superhero cape
- 11) Crazy hair, hat or wig
- 12) Wear sunglasses

**The class who wins the most rules will win a token for each pupil to use at the summer fair**







# Class Notes



## What facts have you learnt about space?

This week in **Nursery** we have been reading the story of 'Guess How Much I love You' by Sam McBratney. In this story Little Nutbrown hare tries to show Big Nutbrown Hare how much he loves him. Each time he says the phrase, he tries to find something bigger to illustrate just how much he loves Big Nutbrown hare. The book ends by both hares saying "I love you to the moon and back." We have been thinking about how much we love our family members but particularly our mums as we start to get ready for Mother's Day. The children have made some lovely cards, but we don't want to spoil the surprise. We have also been thinking about just how far away the moon is. The children have enjoyed finding out some facts about space and they have been making their own rockets and spaceships. They have also been playing in moon sand.



## What is your favourite thing about Spring?

What a beautiful Spring week, perfect for learning about Spring in Reception. Our week has been based around the story Hello Spring by Jo Lindley. We have explored the changes that happen through the seasons and identified how we know it is Spring. We all agreed that the sunshine, flowers and blossom were our favourite things about Spring.

The children represented their favourite things about Spring by painting still life pictures of daffodils with such skill and detail, producing some wonderful pictures and making blossom trees using tissue paper. They also thought about the flowers they liked in Spring time to make some beautiful gifts and cards for Mother's Day, but that will be a big surprise on Sunday. We are sure all the Mummies will love them.

The children used all their phonic skills to write their cards and to tell us 5 things they love about their Mummy. It was so lovely that cuddles and kisses topped the list for many but Mummy letting them have chocolate was not far behind!

In Maths we have explored repeating pattern in a variety of different ways. We made patterns using our friends, one standing, then sitting, standing, sitting or cardigan, jumper, jumper, cardigan. We then moved on to towers with Duplo and peg board patterns. Independently, the children used a picture of a garden and added their own repeating pattern using flowers. The children are fantastic at making quite complex patterns and being able to explain what that pattern is and, if there is a mistake, how to put it right.

Lots of our learning has taken place outside this week due to the beautiful weather and lots has involved exploring water, how to make stones go down a drainpipe using water, what happens when we water plants over and over and over again. Their exploration and investigation using water this week has been very complex and lots of lovely vocabulary learnt. It has also been wonderful to watch and support as they have used planks combined with our climbing structure to make their own slides and figure out how they can make a plank stable and secure to walk off when it's not supported. Some fabulous problem-solving and collaboration going on and some definite engineers in the making!





# Class Notes

## What events have happened at Windsor Castle?

The children have enjoyed lots of outside learning this week in Year 1.

In Literacy, we have continued with story writing and thinking about the beginning, middle and end of a story. The children have enjoyed creating their own endings for the story of 'The Deep Dark Wood.'

In Maths, we have continued with numbers to 50. This week we have looked at how we can represent the numbers in different ways.

In Science, we have looked at our sense of touch and sight. The children have learnt about the different parts of the eye and explored their sense of touch.

In History, we have looked at Windsor Castle in more detail. The children have discovered how it has changed over time and significant events that have happened there.

## What are the geographical human features of China?

This week in our Year 2 Geography we have been learning about geographical human features. The children have looked at these features in both London and Beijing and compared them.

In Science the children learnt about our local habitats and where different insects live. In PSHE we discussed how we can look after our mental health and strategies that we can use to help us when we are upset or angry.

In English we have been reading Tiny's Big Adventure. The children have learnt about different suffixes including 'ly', 'ful' and 'less' and have worked hard to use them in their writing.

In Maths we have been measuring length in cm and m. We have compared, ordered and estimated different objects.

Please enter some content for your news story here.





# Class Notes

## Where does the story of Anansi originate from?

This week in English, we have been reading and looking at the structure of folk tales. We created our own checklist of features that we needed to include and then we started to write our own folk tale using the character Anansi. On Monday afternoon, we had our inter house competition in our new house teams where we played bench ball and basket ball. In Year 3 maths, we have continued learning about fractions and have been ordering them on a number line. In Year 4, we have been learning about tenths and hundredths as decimals. For our Science topic, we have been learning about different habitats and how animals and plants are adapted to suit their environments. In Computing, we finished our website project where we created web pages about different African countries.

## What did you enjoy most about the Easter experience?

First and foremost, congratulations to all of Year 5 for their incredible efforts and preparation for their Easter production, which they performed for the first time in front of the whole school on Friday morning. They are due to perform twice to parents and families next week, and as a Year 5 team we are so unbelievably proud of them for the hard work and dazzling performances put in – everyone in the audience was extremely emotional! Special mentions must go to: Caleb for playing Jesus with so much passion, and singing beautifully; Elenia, for stepping in at the last minute for Anvee who was unwell on Friday, all the soloists who sang so confidently by themselves; the technical crew for lighting and sound and of course everyone in the production for performing so well as a team.

In maths this week, we finished our unit on fractions and in English we have been writing our own free verse poetry. Next week, we will be baking our own individual vegan apple pies with our own personally improved recipes for D&T – a delicious thing to look forward to!

## What elements of World War Two are you including in your explanation?



In Science this week, Year 6 have planned and carried out a complete investigation about the size and shape of shadows and how the distance of the torch to the object can change it. They enjoyed thinking like scientists and measuring precisely. Analysing the results and describing them proved an interesting opportunity in some cases, to consider what might have gone wrong and why experiments are worth repeating, to ensure consistency. In History, we have been concluding our learning about World War Two and many children have shared their fantastic Home Learning projects. We are very proud of what all the children have learnt this term about this major historical event, and it has provoked some thoughtful questions about the current conflict in Ukraine, as a comparison. This week has seen the launch of our new houses at DPS and the children have enjoyed competing in their new houses for the first time, in a series of sports. The beautiful Spring weather made it all the more enjoyable.



# Safeguarding

## Supporting our children's safety - Helping your child through friendship issues

### 10 ways to help children cope with change

#### Choose health

**Know what affects your child, what makes them grumpy, hyper, disconnected...**



- Do they need snacks throughout the day?
- Do they need lots of sleep?
- Do they need to get out and about and do exercise?
- Do they need time alone?

Trust that you know your child and give them the basics that they need to cope with difficult days

#### Be calm

**Try to stay calm whilst your child is feeling distressed. Your child may show:**



- highs and lows
- blame
- melodrama
- self-centredness
- anger

#### Get learning

**Be involved, find out more and talk about:**

- social media
- internet benefits and dangers
- new music
- language and slang
- current affairs
- what it's like to be young in the current world

#### Communicate

**The small things you do make all the difference:**

Keep talking, texting, listening, hearing, hugging, sympathising, smiling, reassuring, checking, sharing, suggesting, encouraging, respecting

#### Work together



**Share ideas about how to:**

- create action plans
- have a problem-solving approach
- enjoy achievements
- be forward-looking
- show them that we can all get things wrong

#### Be wise

**As they discover new things, try to:**



- be interested
- be non-judgemental
- guide
- give boundaries
- see it from all sides
- listen to their point of view
- choose your words carefully
- act on warning bells

#### Be the anchor

**In times of change you are:**

- constant
- family
- familiar
- routine
- in-jokers
- irritating
- comforting
- home



#### Move on up

**Encourage independence:**

- help them to move positively from child identity towards teen identity
- increase their responsibilities
- be positive whenever they act maturely



Be aware of your child's changing needs. Sometimes it might feel like one step forwards, two steps back.

#### Look after yourself

**Support yourself, to best support your child:**

- lean on friends
- offload on other family
- find 'me time'
- see the GP
- relax, exercise, sleep well, eat well
- remember tomorrow is a new day



#### Have fun

**Provide lots of light relief:**

- be silly
- be embarrassing
- play games
- laugh together
- do stuff together
- make jokes
- make things
- be outside



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

[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/onslinesafety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/onslinesafety)

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





# DPS Links

## School Nursing Duty Line

We have set up a duty School Nurse line to enable telephone contact for parents and young people to offer support to replace some current face-to-face contact at this time.  
0208 770 5409

## Useful links

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

Payment link for school dinners and class trips

[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 Perseverance



By perseverance  
the snail reached the ark.

Spring Menu 2022						
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
<b>Week One</b>  03/01 24/01 21/02 14/03	Option 1	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with 50/50 Rice	Pork Sausages * with Potato Wedges	Roast Beef * with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Beef Chilli * with 50/50 Rice	MSC Fish in Batter with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Vegetable & Bean Fajitas with 50/50 Rice	Vegan Sausages with Potato Wedges	Quorn Roast Fillet with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Wholemeal Cheese & Tomato Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Peas Mixed Peppers	Baked Tomatoes Sweetcorn	Carrots Cabbage	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Pear & Strawberry Crumble with Custard	Rice Pudding with Berries	Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Ice Cream with Mandarins	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce
<b>Week Two</b>  10/01 31/01 28/02 21/03	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Beef Bolognese * with Pasta	Roast Pork * with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	BBQ Chicken * with 50/50 Rice	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta	Shepherdess Pie with Gravy	Vegetable Pasty with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Cheese and Pepper Frittata with New Potatoes	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Peas	Fresh Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Mixed Fruit Crumble with Custard	Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt	Apple Cake with Custard	Chocolate & Mandarin Brownie
<b>Week Three</b>  17/01 07/02 07/03 28/03	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	Beef Burger in a Bun * with Wedges	Roast Chicken * with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Chicken Tikka * with 50/50 Rice	MSC Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Roasted Cauliflower Curry with 50/50 Rice	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Wedges	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato and Lentil Pasta	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Chips
	Vegetables	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Baked Tomatoes Green Beans	Carrots Cauliflower	Roasted Vegetables Sweetcorn	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard	Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard	Raspberry Jelly with Peaches



**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.

\* HALAL OPTION AVAILABLE



# DPS Diary

28 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Pause Day
29 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 5 Easter Performance to parents (1) 2pm-3pm
30 <sup>th</sup> March	Easter Egg Hunt
31 <sup>st</sup> March	Nursery end of term Whole School Spring Festival and Easter Bunny visit Year 5 Easter Performance to parents (2) 6pm-7pm
1 <sup>st</sup> April	End of Spring 2 term – Finish at 1.30pm
4 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	First day of Summer 1 term
20 <sup>th</sup> and 21 <sup>st</sup> April	School Class Photos – schedule to follow
27 <sup>th</sup> April	Junior Maths Challenge Year 5 and Year 6
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 and Year 4 Sleepover
2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Polling Day – YEAR 6 IN SCHOOL ONLY
6 <sup>th</sup> May	Spelling Bee Final
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 – Mufti Day – donate bottle for summer fair
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
15 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> June	Father's Day craft (£2)
1 <sup>st</sup> July	Cake donations for Summer fair
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Summer Fair
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 3/4 Fairfields Hall Ukelele 12 – 7pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Disco (details after half term)
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Nursery end of term – Leavers Prom (details and timings tbc with Y6 parents)
20 <sup>st</sup> July	End of Summer 2 term
21 <sup>st</sup> July	INSET Day