



# DPS News

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"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

*Dr Seuss in The Lorax*

23<sup>rd</sup> September, 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many of you at our Welcome Meetings this week; they were all so well attended and the teachers have thoroughly enjoyed meeting you and sharing information about the curriculum and expectations for the academic year with you. Partnership with parents and carers is central to our work - as key educators in your children's lives, we feel it is exceptionally important that you have a voice and that our team are approachable and allow you to share your thoughts. We aim that, through regular communication, parent workshops, coffee mornings and celebration events, we continue to develop strong and open relationships with you all. Do look out for details of future Parent Workshops relevant to your children and come along if you can.

On the subject of parent engagement, I know most of you will be aware of Friends of Dorchester School (FODS), which is the name of our Parent Teacher Association here at Dorchester. The purpose of FODS is partly to raise much-needed funds for the school, which allow us to offer our children those little extras that just would not be possible from the school budget. An equally important part is to play a role in bringing our community together by organising fun events for children, adults and families. All parents at school are automatically FODS members and our aim is that everyone feels welcome to come and help in whichever way they can. There are two important FODS events coming up:

- A welcome coffee morning next Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> September at 8:45am in the school hall. If any super bakers out there would like to provide some cakes for this event they would be very welcome – but most importantly please do just come along for a cuppa and to meet other parents.
- FODS AGM and evening social event on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October from 7pm-8pm. Come along and hear about our plans for the year ahead, and have your say in how the funds raised are spent for the benefit of our children.

I look forward to seeing you there.

In assembly today the children learnt about what genes are and why they are important in creating our differences, as well as how genetic disorders can affect people. The children recognised that, by supporting a charity like this, we are demonstrating our school values of Togetherness and Empathy. I was able to share a success story too – one of my former pupils with Down's Syndrome has gone on to win two gold medals in the Para Commonwealth games earlier this month – just the sort of success story that Genes for Jeans funding can support. Thank you for your donations.

### **Year 3/4 Skipping Festival**

Our Year 3 / 4 children were invited yesterday to take a small group of children to Rushy Meadow to join with other schools for an afternoon of trying out various types of skipping. The aim was for the children to have some fun improving their skipping and maybe learning a few new things along the way. They had a really nice afternoon in the sunshine and some children were rather surprised at how physical skipping can be!

Our children were a credit to us in terms of attitude, behaviour and beautiful manners throughout – it was a pleasure to take them out to represent us – Carol.



Have a lovely weekend,

Cathy Bell  
Headteacher



# Upcoming Events

## Open Mornings

On Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September we are holding our first Open Morning of the academic year. The morning will begin at 9:30 with a presentation from Mrs Bell about everything that we offer here at Dorchester. If you know anyone who is looking for a school place for Nursery or Reception in September 2023 please encourage them to register for the event via our website. Thank you.

## Nursery Coffee Mornings

29<sup>th</sup> September, 12.15pm – 1.15pm in Silver class

30<sup>th</sup> September, AM 8.30am – 9.30am in Silver class

## FODS Welcome Coffee Morning – all parents and carers invited!

30<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am in the assembly hall – see below for details!

## FODS AGM and Evening Social Meeting

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> October 7pm – 8pm

## Harvest Festival

We will be holding our Harvest Festival assembly at 9:00am on **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October**. Parents and Carers are welcome to join us for this assembly if they wish. We will once again be supporting the local Food Bank – please see below for suggested donations.



**Harvest Donations**

**What we need**

- Tinned Fruit
- Instant Noodles
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Vegetables
- Small Jars of Coffee
- Long Life Orange Juice
- Tinned Soups & Cup Soup
- UHT Milk (semi-skim & whole)
- Tinned Spaghetti in Tomato Sauce
- Shower gel
- Shampoo
- Deodorant
- Biscuits
- Sugar (500g)
- Rice Pudding
- Sponge Puddings
- Small Chocolate Bars

\*No open packets or large packs please  
\*Donations need 3+ months shelf life  
\*Please note we have plenty of cereals, baked beans and pasta

Thank you for your donations!  
They will be used wherever they are needed most.

We will also be having a special Harvest Lunch on that day, to which all children, including those who normally have a packed lunch, will be invited. It would be great if our whole school community could share in our Harvest Lunch on that day, so do look out for the message from the office to sign your child up.



# DPS FODS

## FODS Welcome Coffee morning 30<sup>th</sup> September



### **Who are FODS? Friends of Dorchester School (our PTA)**

We would like to warmly invite all parents and carers to first FODS coffee morning of the year – it will be a fantastic opportunity to develop new friendships and strengthen existing ones. There are so many different ways in which parents and carers from the school community can help out and provide crucial expertise and support to the school across the academic year and beyond. We will be there to discuss for instance, our FODS (PTA) activities and how to help out, community links, and much more!

All parents and carers are welcome to attend, and as of now, every parent and carer is officially a member of FODS! We want as many people as possible on board, and would encourage you please to come along on the 30<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am in the assembly hall for what should be a great morning.





# DPS Notices

## Defence Lab Women's Only Workshops



- **Date** – Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2022.
- **Time** – 10am to 1pm.
- **Venue** – Dorchester Primary School, Dorchester Road, Worcester Park, Surrey, KT4 8JW.
- **Who for** – All females from the age of 12 and above. No previous training or experience required.
- **What will be covered:**
  - **Personal Safety** – How to avoid getting into danger in the first place (this is your first line of defence!):
    - Learn easy tips which most children and even adults fail to do.
    - Following these tips will help you to become less likely seen as a potential victim.
    - A potential attacker or predator should look at you and think “Not her.”
  - **Self Defence** – I’m in danger, how do I get out? (this is your second line of defence!):
    - **Overcoming Your Fear:**
      - It’s only natural that you will experience fear when being attacked.
      - Learn how to overcome your fear!
      - See how the training is not just Physical, but Mental and Psychological too!
    - **Learning Effective Strikes and Defence strategies:**
      - Quick and easy to learn.
      - Both pre-emptive and reactive.
- **Cost for this 3 hour Workshop:**
  - The standard cost for this workshop is £60 per person BUT we want to help as many girls and women as possible!
  - So we have reduced the cost by 50% to make it **only £30 per person**.
- **How to book and reserve your place?:**
  - There are limited spaces so we first need anyone wishing to attend to first contact us so that we can monitor the number of people attending.
  - If there is space still available, we will send you a link to make the payment as soon as possible.
  - Places will be given on a First Come, First Serve basis.
  - You will be able to book a place for multiple people – just let us know in advance.
  - There is no discount for additional people as we have already reduced the cost by 50%.
  - Your places will only be reserved once we have received full payment.
  - Please note that all payments are non-refundable – this is because places are limited.
  - The link to make the payment and to reserve your place – kindly contact us first and we will send it to you if spaces are still available.





# DPS Notices



Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle = **FreeCycle** 22

**Muschamp FreeCycle Event**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October 3:30 Main School Hall**

Everything is **Free** – pay with a

**Thank**

**You**

and a smile



Please take what you need or want



They will have a large  
selection

of items including  
lots of clothes



toys, games and books.

There will be Muschamp  
uniform on sale but **NOT**  
**Dorchester uniform!**





# Class Notes

## Who is Mary Anning?

This week in **Year 1**, the children have been reading Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs. They have been creating story maps in English to help them with their Star Writes next week and practised writing key vocabulary. In Maths they have been looking at comparing numbers using 'greater than' and 'less than' to prepare them for next week's lessons on ordering numbers.

In Science we have been looking at the similarities and differences between animals and grouping them by these criteria. In RE we have been looking at different ways to show that we are grateful and some of the children have created cards for their friends or family as a way of showing thanks.

In PSHE we have been looking at how we can live a balanced life and in History we have been researching Mary Anning and learning about why she is important.



## What can you tell me about Gerald the Giraffe?

This week the **Year 2** children have been telling us all about how to use adjectives to describe characters from 'Giraffes Can't Dance' – "Gerald is a silly, crazy giraffe with long bendy legs." In Maths they have been reviewing some of the learning from the last few weeks, which includes counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s, as well as understanding what makes 2 digit numbers and how we can partition them in different ways. In Science we have explored how many materials we can find around the school, and talked about why we use these materials differently. We explored the word significant in History, and drew some images of people we thought were significant to us and the world around us. In Computing we have explored the idea of an algorithm being a way of giving instructions to a computer, and in R.E. we have started to investigate why a church is a special place for Christians. The children have been very settled when moving around the school and going into different classrooms for various Reading, Spelling or Phonics groups, and we hope that you find practising reading and spellings at home with your children is a success.

## What was your most detailed instruction for washing a mammoth, and what made it so specific?

This week, Year 3 / 4 have been very active! We have been doing gymnastics, skipping, hopscotch and exploring different ways to travel. Some of us even went to a skipping festival this week. In Music, Year 3 have learnt how to play their first song on the ukulele while Year 4 have been playing glockenspiels. In DT, we have been learning to strengthen and stiffen materials so that we can build our own Stone Age homes this half-term. In Computing, we decomposed our own codes to help us understand them better in order to eventually create our own games. Year 3 have written a set of instructions for washing a woolly mammoth in their English lessons. Year 4 have been writing letters to Ug to explain all the amazing inventions that have been created since his time. Both Year groups are continuing with place value and Year 3 are focusing on ordering and comparing numbers whereas Year 4 are learning to round.



# Class Notes

## How do you round a 6 digit number to the nearest 10, 100, 1,000, 10,000 and 100,000?

Another busy week in **Year 5**! We have almost finished completing the first draft of our star write, with just a bit of editing left to go. The focus has been on using relative clauses, correct punctuation and ambitious vocabulary which we think all pupils have had a very thorough effort with, so well done!

In Maths, we have been continuing with working on place value style arithmetic questions – if you can practise rounding numbers at home with your children on top of the extra work we are doing with them on this in school then this would be extremely useful! REMINDER! Please check your children are completing their Times Tables Rock Stars practise which has been setup so they are all challenged at their ability. It will be only a month or so before we start tackling fractions, and it is simply so important to know all your times tables – get practising!

In Science we have been further investigating solubility and factors which affect this reversible chemical change. In RE, we have been continuing with learning more about Hinduism, specifically the deities and how they are worshipped.

Please do encourage your children to take part in dip and do homework too – it will really stretch and deepen their learning!

## What was your reaction to the photograph of contrasts from Rio De Janeiro?

**Year 6** have been working very hard in Maths this week, focusing on division. We have been concentrating on a formal written method and the development of an efficient method. The next step was to apply it to worded questions and then some very challenging problem-solving situations. Some children enjoyed these challenges so much, they asked to take the sheet home, to continue wrestling with the questions! In English, the children have been writing their own versions of 'The Great Kapok Tree' and presenting the finished products in their Star Writing book. Our Geography topic of Brazil has proved poignant and thought-provoking, as we studied a photograph of contrasting areas of Rio De Janeiro that are very different in terms of wealth, yet right next door to each other. We discussed the need for equality in society, which linked directly to one of the pillars underpinning our curriculum - that of Fairness for all.





# Safeguarding

## Supporting our children's safety – Online Safety

### Cyberbullying - What you need to know

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Think carefully about allowing your child on social media as the minimum age on most networks is 13 years old



Cyberbullying can take place 24/7 and happens repeatedly on a range of apps, games and devices



Younger children can confuse any nasty comment or opinion as 'bullying' so their understanding of bullying can be different to that of adults



Bullying is a learnt behaviour – so it's important to set a good example and regularly reinforce being a good digital citizen

### Tips to prevent cyberbullying



Be engaged – Talk to your child about what they like to do online and what they know about how to stay safe – see tips from Childnet.



Be kind online – Being positive and respectful online is key to using the internet safely. Share 'Top Internet Manners' with them



***Know how to report – Make sure your child knows how to report cyberbullying if it happens to them or someone else***

For further, more in depth and detailed information relating to Cyberbullying, please visit this site  
<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/cyberbullying/cyberbullying-conversation-starter-guide/>

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

Our overall value for the school is  
**Responsibility**

  
**YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR YOUR LEARNING**

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

		Summer/Autumn Menu 2022				
		Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Week One</b> 06/06 27/06 18/07 12/09 03/10	Option 1	Cheesy Vegetable Pasta Bake	* Beef Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	* Roast Gammon with Roast New Potatoes and Gravy	* BBQ Chicken with Rice / Noodles	MSC Salmon Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Vegan Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Vegetarian Burger (Quorn) in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetable Loaf with Roasted New Potatoes and Gravy	Vegetable Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips
	Vegetables	Peas Mixed Peppers	Baked Tomatoes Sweetcorn	Carrots Cabbage	Green Beans Cauliflower	Baked Beans Garden Peas
		Lemon & Berry Cake	Ice Cream with Fruit Salad	Chocolate Shortbread with Yoghurt	Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble & Custard	Jelly with Mandarins
<b>Week Two</b> 13/06 04/07 29/08 19/09 10/10	Option 1	Macaroni Cheese	* Pasta Bake (made with Beef)	* Roast Chicken with Roast Potatoes, Stuffing and Gravy	* Chicken Wraps with Rice	MSC Fish in Batter with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	BBQ Quorn with Rice	Lentil & Basil Whirl with New Potatoes	Vegetable Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Tomato Pasta	Cheese & Vegetable Omelette with Chips
	Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Carrots Cauliflower	Fresh Mixed Vegetables	Sweetcorn Broccoli	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Apple Crumble with Cream	Chocolate & Mandarin Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Jelly with Mandarins	Yoghurt & Raisin Cake	Ice Cream with Peaches
<b>Week Three</b> 20/06 11/07 05/09 26/09 17/10	Option 1	Cheese & Tomato Pizza	* Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	* Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	* Pork Sausages with Potato Wedges	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips and Tomato Sauce
	Option 2	Tomato Pasta	Vegetable Wraps with Rice	Quorn Roast with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Veggie Sausages with Potato Wedges	Cheese & Bean Pasty with Chips
	Vegetables	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Roasted Vegetables Green Beans	Carrots Roasted Parsnips	Sweetcorn Baked Tomatoes	Baked Beans Garden Peas
	Dessert	Lemon Drizzle Cake	Fresh Fruit Salad with Cream	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt	Jelly with Peaches	Chocolate & Apple Cake with Chocolate Sauce

 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

**\* Halal Option Available**

**ALLERGY INFORMATION:** If your child has an allergy or intolerance, please ask the school for information. If your child has a school lunch and has a food allergy or intolerance, you will be asked to complete a form to ensure we have the necessary information to cater for your child. We use a large variety of ingredients in the preparation of our meals and due to the nature of our kitchens it is not possible to completely remove the risk of cross-contamination.



# DPS Diary

<b>26<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am – 11am
<b>28<sup>th</sup> September</b>	Boys football Vs Nonsuch
<b>30<sup>th</sup> September</b>	FODS welcome coffee morning and Macmillan Cake sale
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> October (all week)</b>	Year 6 Bikeability
<b>5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	FODS AGM and evening social meeting
<b>6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Festival with a Harvest Festival menu for lunchtime Girls Football vs Westbourne @ Westbourne Primary
<b>7<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Boys football Vs Cheam Park Farm (Cup) @ Cheam Park Farm Primary
<b>10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 1 Dinosaur Visit and Workshop
<b>12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am – 11am
<b>13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year 4/5/6 Cross Country @ Northey Avenue Playing Fields
<b>14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Diwali Assembly 1pm – 3pm
<b>17<sup>th</sup> October – 20<sup>th</sup></b>	Book Fair in school
<b>19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parent Consultations
<b>20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	FODS Mufti – bring a bottle or filled jar for Christmas fair donation Boys football Vs Brookfield
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	INSET Day All Staff
<b>24<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	HALF TERM
<b>1<sup>st</sup> November</b>	Boys football Vs Cheam Fields
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	Open evening for prospective parents 7pm – 8pm Year 3 / 4 Tag Rugby Festival @ John Fisher Playing Fields
<b>7<sup>th</sup> November all week</b>	The great Dorchester clear out (FODStoy collection for fair donations)
<b>10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 / 6 Tag Rugby Festival @ John Fisher Playing Fields
<b>14<sup>th</sup> November all week</b>	Anti Bullying Week <b>14<sup>th</sup> November – Primary Maths Challenge Year 4-6</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Individual and Sibling Photos
<b>17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 / 6 Sports Hall Athletics @ Wallington High School for Girls
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	A Team netball vs Nonsuch @ Nonsuch Primary
<b>24<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Flu Immunisation Reception – Y6

<b>7<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3 Discover Christmas workshop in school (PM)
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Open morning for prospective parents 9.30am – 11am
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	FODS Christmas Fair
<b>15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	FODS Christmas Discos 3.30pm – 6pm <b>Nursery Last Day of term</b>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM FOR ALL PUPILS</b>
<b>19<sup>th</sup> Dec – Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b>	<b>CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	<b>FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023</b>	INSET Day
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023</b>	INSET Day



The Willow Club our Wrap Around Care Provision, which includes Breakfast Club, Morning Club, After School Club and Holiday Club. We hope you like our new branding!

Places are available for after school club for the remainder of this term. Just visit The Willow Club Wrap Around Care page on the school website (<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=The+Willow+Club+Wrap%2Daround+Care&pid=64&action=saved>) to book.

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

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

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

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

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

***Always call 999 in an emergency***