



DPS News

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"Togetherness is our strength." Skip Marley

14th July, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a busy and exciting week in school this week as well as being slightly quieter while lots of our fabulous Year 6 Children have been away with the Year 6 team and Mrs Bell at Land and Wave in Dorset. You can see some of their adventures on our Facebook Page so please do have a look. A big thanks from me to the amazing staff we have here at school for being extra-supportive while Mrs Bell has been away. We are looking forward to having her and the rest of the staff and children back next week.

Meanwhile, the remaining children from Year 6 have had a great week in school and been out to some fantastic places as well. On Monday they went to Go Ape in Chessington, Tuesday Bowling at Tolworth and Wednesday Dragon Boating. The Year 6 children have then been fantastic helpers during the Sports Day events for years 3 and 4 yesterday. Unfortunately, the weather was not on our side for Reception and Key Stage 1 today.

The Key Stage 2 Sports Days have been brilliantly attended by parents, grandparents and carers - it means so much to the children when they have familiar adults coming to support them. Thanks to Carol and Marco for their hard work in organising the different activities.

We had a few technical difficulties sending our reports out via email this week but have hopefully got that sorted now thanks to some clever wizardry by our IT support and most parents and carers have now had their children's reports. If you have changed your email, it may have bounced back to us so we are working through these manually but if you have a different email address which needs to be updated, please email the office with this and we will ensure our details are up to date. Please complete the Google form acknowledgement slip that was sent out on Classlist to confirm you have had the report.

We have some exciting events next week for the final week of term (including break the rules day Wednesday 19th, but only the rules stated may be broken of course!) so please look carefully at the calendar to check what those are and have a lovely weekend!

Gemma Hall,
Deputy Head

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19TH JULY

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3. Wear non-uniform.
4. Wear a super hero cape.
5. Have a chocolate biscuit for break time.
6. Have squash/juice in your water bottle.
7. Wear the biggest hair bow you have.
8. Wear earrings.
9. Wear temporary tattoos.
10. Wear nail varnish.
11. Wear your uniform backwards.
12. Wear odd/bright socks.

You can only break the rules stated!

Please pay via Pay360, live now until 19th July. Alternatively you can pay cash to your teacher in the morning on the 19th July.

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Break the rules day!
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DPS Info

New Young Interpreters



Congratulations to our new Young Interpreters, who have completed their training and received their certificates and badges today. We are looking forward to our Young Interpreters mentoring their peers who are learning English as an additional language through running a lunch time club, giving tours around the school, being buddies and supporting learning. This is a very exciting opportunity and we are confident our Young Interpreters will be brilliant at their new leadership role.

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Challenge! Who can break the most rules?! 😂



Class Notes

The Very Hungry Worry Monsters - What can you do if you feel worried?

This week in Nursery we have been reading the story of 'The Very Hungry Worry Monsters' by Rosie Greening. In this story we meet different worry monsters who eat different worries to help us to feel better including the 'worried-about-baths monster,' 'scared-of-the-dark monster' and the 'worried-about-worrying monster.' We also learnt different strategies to help us re-regulate when we feel strong emotions including telling someone about worries, exercising, breathing or drawing our worries down. The children made their own worry monster stress balls to keep with them to help them when they are worried. We also looked at the zones of regulation, assigning feelings to colours. We have been thinking about worries that we may have about moving to a new class but we have also been thinking about what we are really looking forward to. Lots of the children have drawn letters to their teachers showing what they are looking forward to in Reception or with their new friends in Nursery.

Why is it important to learn how to win and lose gracefully?

This week we have read the story of the Little Princess in I Want to Win by Tony Ross. The Little Princess wants to win at everything because she is always allowed to but, in the end, she finds out that trying hard to win is much better than being allowed to. With Sports Day in mind, we have been practising a variety of sport events in our outside area this week - sprinting, egg and spoon races and sack races to name a few. The children were well prepared. In maths, we continue to consolidate the concepts we have learnt this year and the children have been making up their own games using the maths resources. The children looked at photos from their farm trip to Bocketts Farm Park and all wrote something about the visit as well as making memory maps - their pictorial recollection of what was at the farm to help them remember it in future years.

What are the parts of a tree?

This week the children all impressed us with their final Star Writes in English and we know that their teachers next year will be pleased. The children wrote diary entries pretending to be Hamish, from 'The Lighthouse Keeper's Cat'. In Maths, we have been looking at recognising different coins and notes.

In History, we have been looking at the similarities and differences between seaside holidays today and 100 years ago. In PE, the children all enjoyed participating in an interhouse competition playing Scatterball.

How do you help yourselves remember your 2, 5 and 10 times tables?

We have had a wonderful time in school this week. The children have been working very hard in English on their Paperbag Princess writing, and have retold the story in a very detailed way, using lots of interesting vocabulary - well done Year 2. In Maths we have been applying our knowledge of 2, 5 and 10 in order to divide, and looked at what to do with a remainder. In Computing, we reflected on what we had learned about emails and reviewed how to make sure we are safe when opening one. In Art, the children created their 3D tile based on their design from last week. They applied all of their skills to ensure it stuck together. We have ended this week sadly with rain cancelling sports day!!! But we will ensure this happens again soon. - the children showed great sportspersonship and teamwork, and were very supportive of each other.



Class Notes

What items have palm oil in that you didn't expect?

This week, we have been learning how to write scripts in order to write our own adverts to teach others about the melting ice caps. We have also performed our scripts to our classes in the most dramatic way possible! In Maths, we have been learning about coordinates and how to describe the position of objects precisely using them. In Art, we have been creating our final abstract sculptures inspired by playground equipment. We have used all the different folding and strengthening techniques to make sure it was 3D and freestanding. In PSHE, we are looking at topical issues and discussed whether palm oil is a good thing or a bad thing. We also had a great time at sports day and thank you to anyone that came to cheer the children on!

What features of planet Earth make it habitable for humans?

This week in Year 5 in Science we have been learning about the features of the different planets in our Solar system and what makes them either habitable or inhabitable. Interestingly, we now know that Mars is the most likely planet, which we could potentially live on in the future, but that there are many factors still standing in the way as to why we cannot – perhaps in the next thousand years or so things might be different!

In English, the children worked hard to complete their final star write of their Year 5 experience – this should be the children's most accomplished piece of work and we cannot wait to read them all and see all their marvellous writing achievements and progress. In Maths, we have been learning how to measure and draw angles in different shapes, revising the number of degrees in a full turn, half turn and quarter turn. In PSHE, we had a debate about the risks and benefits of walking to school, with some surprising insights from the children. In Geography, we were learning all about the lines of longitude, latitude, and what they represent and how they are used on globes and maps.

With less than a week to go, the children are definitely showing they are ready for their next challenge of Year 6 in September – only a few more days, let us have a marvellous end of term!



Safeguarding

Supporting Children's Safety

With the summer holidays starting, scores of families will be hoping to get out and about with their children. But it can sometimes be hard for you to relax if you're busy worrying about your kids. Whether the young ones are out playing in a park or down at the seaside, you want to know they are not coming to any harm. Adventurous youngsters often place themselves in danger without realising the potential consequences.

So what can we do to make sure our children are safe?

1. Go swimming at properly supervised sites

This advice comes from the Royal Society for the Prevention of Accidents (ROSPA). They say it is better to have a dip at supervised beaches, lidos or swimming pools, where help will be available. Things to consider when open water swimming, even on a hot day, are that the water might be a lot colder or deeper than you were expecting and there may be strong currents and underwater debris that you cannot see from the bank. Consider how you are going to get out of the water before you get in, and be honest about your swimming ability. Avoid swimming near weirs, both upstream and downstream, there may be strong underwater currents and hazards that you may not be aware of.

2. Keep children well away from barbecues

Barbecues should be fun but it's easy to get distracted when you have friends and family around you when you're cooking. So it's a good idea to keep your young ones and any garden games away from the cooking area. There have been instances when children, whilst playing, have run into barbecues and suffered burns.

3. Follow the five Ss of sun safety

Sunscreen – slop on SPF 30+ broad-spectrum waterproof sunscreen every two hours.

Sun hat – put on a broad-brimmed hat that shades your face, neck and ears.

Sunglasses – wear wrap-around sunglasses with UV protection to shield the eyes.

Shoulders – slip on a T-shirt or UV protective suit for children and remember to keep your shoulders covered.

Shade – seek shade, particularly during the hottest time of the day between 11am and 3pm when UV penetration is at its strongest

4. Make sure your children know how to cross the road safely

Sounds very basic, but when youngsters are out and about with their mates, they can easily get distracted or might even take risks crossing roads. Ensure they have the skills and understanding to deal with roads and traffic safely. This also applies to kids on their bikes.

6. Temporary tattoo in case they get lost

This is a great tip to ensure your child will always be able to contact you, even if they haven't got access to their own phone or have forgotten your number. It's a particularly good idea at busy events like festivals or theme parks where you could get separated in a crowd. To create the temporary tattoo, take a fine point marker pen and write your contact number for people to call if they find your lost child. Once the ink is dry, apply a liquid plaster on top, such as Germolene's New Skin Liquid Plaster. Once that's also dry, you'll have a waterproof temporary tattoo and it should last for the duration of your day out.



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7. Don't keep personalised items

It's a good idea not to have anything visible with your child's name on like rucksacks, tops, bracelets. If a stranger is able to easily read their name, they'll be able to address them by it, meaning your child is more likely to trust them.

8. Make a family code word

Come up with a code word which you and your children can use to reassure or warn each other in potentially dangerous situations — it can seem like a fun game for the kids, but have genuine safety benefits. Pick something that's easy to remember, but unusual and impossible for anyone else to guess. This is useful for a few different situations:

- If you've asked someone else to pick up your child, they ought to know the code word. If they don't know that word, your child should not go with them.
- When at a friend's house, if your child feels unsafe or wants to leave without seeming rude, ask them to call you and use the code word.
- If, when out in public, there's a safety threat, you can use the word to warn your children to get close to you and leave quickly / take shelter.

9. Manners are important - but not if they're in trouble

We all want our children to be polite and well behaved - but that's no good if they're in a dangerous situation. Make sure they know that if someone is making them feel unsafe or scared, they can make as much of a scene as they need to.

Are you worried about a child?

<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



Sutton Spring/
Summer Menu 2023

WEEK ONE

17 April
8 May
5 June
26 June
17 July
28 August
18 September
9 October

Option one	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Wedges	*Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	*Roast Pork, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	*BBQ Chicken with Rice	MSC Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option two	Crunchy Topped Vegetable Bake with New Potatoes	Wholemeal Vegetable Pasta Bake	NEW Sweet Potato & Spinach Flan with Roast Potatoes	BBQ Vegan Quorn with Rice	Mexican Bean Roll with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Broccoli Roasted Tomatoes	Green Beans Carrots	Carrot & Swede Mash Cabbage	Broccoli Peas	Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	NEW Syrup Snap Biscuit with Yoghurt	Fruit Jelly with Peaches	Freshly Fruit Salad	Iced Vanilla Sponge with Custard	Oaty Cookie with Yoghurt

WEEK TWO

24 April
15 May
12 June
3 July
4 September
25 September
16 October

Option one	Macaroni Cheese	*Pork Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	*Roast Beef with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	*Chef's Special Chicken Karma with Rice	MSC Salmon Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option two	Vegan Meatball Pasta Bake	Vegan Sausage Hot Dog with Potato Wedges	Potato and Courgette Layer Bake	Vegetable Wellington with New Potatoes & Gravy	NEW BEET Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Broccoli Roasted Tomatoes	Peas Carrots	Cabbage Green Beans	Broccoli Carrots	Sweetcorn Baked Beans
Dessert	Summer Lemon Cake	NEW Cornflake Tart	Fruit Jelly with Mandarins	Peach Crumble with Custard	Chocolate Shortbread with Yoghurt

WEEK THREE

1 May
22 May
19 June
10 July
11 September
2 October

Option one	NEW Chinese Vegetable Noodles	*Spaghetti Bolognese	*Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Yamas! NEW *Greek Chicken Pita with Seasoned Wedges or NEW Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Seasoned Wedges	MSC Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Option two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Quorn with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Roasted Peppers Green Beans	Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Carrots Green Beans	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Cauliflower Carrots	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt	Peas Baked Beans
Dessert	Peaches with Ice Cream	Carrot & Courgette Cake	Fresh Fruit Salad		Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce

MENU KEY

Added Plant Power

Wholemeal

Vegan

Chef's Special

Halal Alternative Available

Available Daily:

- Jacket Potatoes with a choice of fillings (where advertised), freshly baked bread, organic yogurt, a selection of fruit and salads.

Allergy Information

if your child has an allergy or intolerance please contact the School Office. You will be asked to complete the Caterlink special diets allergy form and provide NHS medical evidence of the allergies or intolerances before your child can receive a school meal. 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.

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Willow Club our Wrap Around Care Provision, which includes Breakfast Club, Morning Club, After School Club and Holiday Club can be contacted in the following ways:

- 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 to book - <https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/page/?title=The+Willow+Club+Wrap%2Daround+Care&pid=64&action=saved>
- Bookings for **Summer Willow Club** holiday club sessions are available on the school website at
 - <https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/club/?pid=64&catid=2>

The Summer holiday club will run each day from Monday 24th July until to Friday 4th August inclusive. There will be a range of outdoor and indoor play, craft activities and sports to keep the children entertained safely whilst you work or just enjoy some downtime.

The club runs from 8:30 - 5:00 and costs £30 for a full day and £15 for a half day (8:30 - 12:30 or 1:00 - 5:00)
We look forward to welcoming your child/ren to the club.

The contact number for the club is 07597-382949.

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

DPS Diary

17 th July	Talent Show 1.30pm
18 th July	9-10am Music Recital Talent Show 1.30-3pm Nursery Come and Play 3.45-5.45pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Break the Rules Day! 50p per rule broken – only rules stated may be broken! Last day of term for Nursery Platinum Reading Breakfast
Thursday 20 th July	- - - Last day of term - - - Year 6 Water Fight! Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am
Friday 21 st July	- - - INSET Day - - -
24 TH July – 4 th September	SUMMER BREAK
4 th September	INSET DAY
5 th September	First day back for children of Autumn 1 term