



DPS News

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"Children will not remember you for the material things you provided, but for the feeling that you cherished them."

—Richard L. Evans

9th February, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support and encouragement in what turned out to be a very busy week. It is always a delight to be able to show off our school – even when it is to an Ofsted Inspector – and it won't surprise you to know that our children rose to the occasion beautifully, talking confidently about their learning across the curriculum as well as discussing their understanding of keeping safe, both on and off line. They were described by the inspector as articulate, polite, confident and knowledgeable – we couldn't ask for more.

Of course, inspections always add an extra level of stress for school staff – those of you who work in schools will understand just how much – and we were truly grateful for all your encouraging comments at the gate and for the mainly sugar laden goodies that a number of parents sent in to school to help to keep the staff going. We are also very grateful to those of you that took the time to complete the Ofsted ParentView questionnaire – we had 125 responses; 96% of respondents said that their children are happy at Dorchester Primary and 98% of respondents said their children feel safe here.

There is a little bit of a lead time now until we receive the report and are able to share the outcome with parents and the wider community, but we will share this as soon as we are able to do so.

We wish you a wonderful half term break.

Kind regards

Cathy Bell

Headteacher



The Willow Club our Wrap Around Care Provision, which includes Breakfast Club, Morning Club, After School Club and Holiday Club.

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.

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.

Holiday club will run each day from Monday 13th February to Wednesday 15th February. There will be a range of outdoor and indoor play, craft activities and sports activities 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)

Please note that, due to the availability of appropriately qualified staff, *we are unable to have nursery aged children on Monday 13th February*

We look forward to welcoming your child/ren to the club. Please click the link below to take you to the HOLIDAY CLUB bookings.

<https://www.dorchesterprimary.com/club/?pid=64&catid=2>



Class Notes

From all of our teaching staff – well done to all our pupils for their tremendous hard work and efforts, and...



Stay safe, take care, and we will see you all on Monday 20th February.



Sport

Cheerleading Workshop at Glenthorne

We were invited to take a small group of children to Glenthorne High School on Monday to work with their PE staff and young leaders. They learned some Cheerleading basics and choreographed their own routines, which they then performed to the other schools who took part. They learned a short opening sequence and then looked at jumps, stunts and tumbling that they incorporated into their performance pieces. The work that they produced in the time they had was really impressive and their performance was confident and included some challenging stunts and moves.

A big thank you to Glenthorne for having us and well done to the girls who really enjoyed themselves and were a real credit to our school.



Boys' U11 Football - Utilita Cup

The boys represented Dorchester brilliantly once again at this tournament that was a Borough round for a national competition. It was a 6 a side tournament and our squad of 8 boys worked hard throughout the morning to earn some excellent results in their group. The top two teams progressed to the semi-finals and we finished just outside that as third in the group.

Well done to the boys who played and who displayed excellent attitudes and approaches throughout.

Squad: Harrison, Tommy, Daniel, Jake A, Jake G, Jack, Archie and Ronnie.



FODS

Valentines art competition!



FODS are really excited to invite all children to participate in our Valentines day art competition!

♥ **What?** Valentines card/ poem about something or someone you love, i.e. family member, friend, pet, hobby etc.

♥ **When?** Submit by 19 February 2023 by e-mail to dorchesterpta@gmail.com stating child's name and class

♥ **How much?** £2 per family payable by Pay360

♥ **Prizes?** Yes! All entries will be published on FODS facebook page and in a newsletter on 24 February 2023. Entries will also be assessed by the school committee in two separate categories: nursery + reception + KS1 and KS2. The winner in each category will receive a prize from our sponsor, Lower Morden Equestrian Centre: a pony walk out (nursery + reception + KS1 category prize) and "own a pony day" (KS2 category prize).



We are looking forward to receiving your creations!



Safeguarding

Supporting Online Safety Over Half Term

Officers from the Cyber Crime Team are offering parents advice on how to keep their children safe online ahead of the half term school break next week.

- Check with your internet service provider what free parental control software they provide. This can restrict your child's access to certain websites/ content.
- Search 'Parental Control' in the app store on your phone. There are many apps which allow you to keep track on your child's phone/device and what they are doing on social media, what they searching on the internet or what apps they are downloading. There is even location tracking in some of the apps to keep an eye on where your children are!
- Look at the age rating of any games – is it age appropriate? Be aware: Some games with a low age rating still allow you to chat to other gamers (strangers) online. These chats can be turned off in the settings of the gaming device.
- If your child has social media, ensure their accounts are set to private and disable location services - do your friends and followers really need to know your child's exact location?
- Speak to your children about the dangers of chatting to strangers online and tell them not to share personal details or photos of themselves online and advise your child to alert you if they are approached Some people aren't who they say they are.
- Enable a two factor authentication in order to access a device or game. This means two distinct forms of identification are required to access them and it strengthens the security of your accounts.

Some of our partner agencies also offer some fantastic advice on how to keep your children safe online which can be found below.

Child Line: <https://rb.gy/fq0qwt>

Get Safe Online: <https://rb.gy/t0fd3s>

NSPCC: <https://rb.gy/tqehmk>

National Online Safety: <https://rb.gy/ucqqxm>

https://beinternetawesome.withgoogle.com/en_uk/ Helping children be safe and confident explorers of the online world

If you believed your child has been targeted online contact the Police on 101. Always call 999 in an emergency.

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



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

Payment link for school dinners and class trips

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 this half term is
Self-belief

Believe you will, and you're half way there.

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

SUTTON WINTER 2022/SPRING 2023 MENU					
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
WEEK ONE 31 Oct 21 Nov 12 Dec 16 Jan 6 Feb 6 March 27 March	Option 1 Cheese & Tomato Pizza	Beef Lasagne* with Garlic Bread	Roast Gammon* with Roast New Potatoes & Gravy	BBQ or Lemon & Herb Chicken* with Potato Wedges	MSC Salmon Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2 Veggie Chilli with Rice	Mexican Bean Roll with Rice	Crunchy Top Veg Bake with Roast New Potatoes	Rice BBQ or Lemon & Herb Quorn Fillets with Potato Wedges or Rice	Cheese Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables Carrots Green Beans	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrot & Swede Mash Cabbage	Sweetcorn Roasted Tomatoes	Garden Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert Pear & Chocolate Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Raspberry Jelly with Peaches Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Yoghurt & Raisin Cake Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Banana Sponge with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit
WEEK TWO 7 Nov 28 Nov 2 Jan 23 Jan 20 Feb 13 March	Option 1 Macaroni Cheese	Spaghetti Bolognese* with Garlic Bread	Roast Beef* with Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Chicken* Tikka Masala Curry with Rice	Pork Sausages* with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2 Shepherdess Pie with Gravy	Lentil & Basil Whirl with New Potatoes	Cauliflower & Broccoli Cheese with Roast Potatoes	Vegetable Fajitas with Rice	Veggie Sausages with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables Green Beans Roasted Vegetables	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Carrots Roasted Butternut Squash	Cauliflower Green Beans	Garden Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Peach Upside Down Cake with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Oaty Cookie with Yoghurt Fruit & Yoghurt Station	Marble Cake with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Fruit with Ice Cream Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit
WEEK THREE 14 Nov 5 Dec 9 Jan 30 Jan 27 Feb 20 March	Option 1 Cheese Swirls with New Potatoes	Beef Burger* in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Roast Chicken* with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Sticky Chicken* Noodles or Rice	MSC Fish Fingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option 2 Tomato Pasta	Quorn Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges	Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes	Veggie Wrap Stack with Rice	Cheese Omelette with Chips
	Vegetables Green Beans Carrots	Roasted Peppers Sweetcorn	Carrots Roasted Parsnips	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Garden Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert Rice Pudding with Berries Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Fresh Fruit Salad Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Orange Jelly with Mandarins Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Peach Crumble with Custard Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Chocolate & Apple Cake with Chocolate Sauce Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit

- 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 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

10th February	INSET DAY
13th – 17th February	HALF TERM
20th February	FIRST DAY OF SPRING TERM 2
24th February	Year 3 4 Egyptian virtual visit
28th February	Lavendar Class to Wimbledon Synagogue
1st March	SEND Coffee Afternoon 1pm
3rd March	World Book Day dress up
14th March	Purple Class to Wimbledon Synagogue
22nd – 23rd March	Parent Consultations
30th March	Last day of term for Nursery
31st March	LAST DAY OF SPRING 2 Term
3rd April – 14th April	EASTER HOLIDAYS
17th April	First day of Summer 1 Term
26th May	Last day of Summer 1 before Half term
29th May – 2nd June	HALF TERM
Monday 5th June	INSET Day
Tuesday 6th June	First day of Summer 2 term
Wednesday 19th	Last day of term for Nursery
Thursday 20th	Last day of term
Friday 21st July	INSET Day