



DPS News

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28th April, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

A front page full of good news this week...

Massive congratulations to our netball team who, last Saturday, became winners of the Borough Rally Tournament 2023. The girls have worked so hard on their netball and have made great improvements – they thoroughly deserved their win. You can read all about it, and our other sporting achievement of the week, on the sports page further on in the newsletter

Congratulations also to all the children who took part in our Spelling Bee final this morning. They were amazing – it takes a lot of courage to answer questions in such a public forum – great for their confidence as well as their spelling ability. Well done to Mark, Tanvi, Jospeh, Breyer, Bay, Pharrell, Sanaya, Rayyan, Ishaani, Sherry, Hannah, Victor, Nathan, Vivaan, Khyati, Karlie Rae and Arjun. Well done to you all.



More congratulations to a group of intrepid mathematicians who cheerfully faced the perils of the UKMT Junior Maths Challenge this week. The results are not yet in, but whatever the outcome, it is one of those papers where having the ability to have a go is to be commended. I know you have a long weekend ahead of you and could do with a question to stretch your brain so here goes:

Granny gave away her entire collection of antique spoons to three people. Her daughter received 8 more than a third of the total; her son received 8 more than a third of what was then left; finally her neighbour received 8 more than a third of what was then left. What is the sum of the digits of the number of spoons which were in Granny's collection?

A 14 B 12 C 10 D 8 E 6

And the last lot of congratulations go to our very own Miss Semmens, Red Class teacher, who has been awarded a distinction in her Masters – an MA in SEN, Disability and Inclusive Education. Achieving a distinction at Masters level is such an outstanding achievement – well done Clair!

What an impressive week! It makes us so proud to see all the children (and adults) at school achieving so much. Well done everyone.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Kind regards

Cathy Bell
Headteacher



SPORT

U11 Borough Netball Rally Winners



Huge congratulations to our Netball A team who won the Borough Netball Rally last Saturday! Netball really does rely on the whole team to be successful and this was absolutely the key to the girls' success in this competition, along with a large dose of self-belief and determination. I was so proud of their sporting approach and standard of play throughout; they were calm, focused and never gave up. Having won their division they played Nonsuch in the semi-final, winning 6-0 with some top quality shooting from Isla and Elsa, and then faced Cheam Common in the final. This was a very tight game, as a final should be, but having scored early on in the match every single player fought hard to defend their lead, with Antonia and Summer working tirelessly in the circle. Although Cheam had opportunities to score they weren't able to convert, resulting in a well-deserved 1-0 win for Dorchester. A fabulous performance!

The trophy has been returned to our school cabinet and the girls should go on from this with a huge amount of pride and confidence that they really are able to achieve the things they put their minds to!

Very well done to Isla, Elsa, Emelie, Ella, Evie, Elenia, Summer and Antonia.

Mixed Football vs St Cecilia's



It is always great to organise fixtures for our teams but this football friendly was slightly different – the idea for putting this team together, the organisation of the players and the team format was all down to some of our Year 6 children – and it was then a pleasure to find us some opposition. The match was all about inclusion and enjoying the game and, despite the ultimately awful weather, our team's spirits just couldn't be dampened! They combined well together, were organised and were really supportive of each other throughout. The score line was opened with a long-range shot from Evie that looped over the goalkeeper's head and into the net – unstoppable and worthy of the Lionesses! After some steady pressure Daniel, the team captain, made it 2-0 with a confident finish. The rain got increasingly worse and as the rumbles of thunder began the game sadly had to be abandoned due to the conditions but it was a great performance all-round.

Well done to Daniel, Taylor, Evie, Dominic, Macey, Shazhar, Reyaansh, Adam, Noah, Olivia and Roshan.



Dorchester's Coronation Celebrations Friday 5th May



Dorchester Primary School's Coronation Celebration Friday 5th May 2023



The coronation of the new Sovereign is an occasion for celebration that has remained essentially the same over a thousand years. All of the Dorchester community can be part of this exciting time in history, and here is what we have got planned:

Mufti day Friday 5th May!

Red, white and blue mufti day for all OR come dressed as your favourite royal or monarch for the day!



9.05am – Whole School Coronation assembly delivered by School Parliament on the history of the coronation (school parliament members' parents/carers invited to watch)

9.45am – Coronation plate design competition in class (some classes may complete earlier in the week to better fit their timetables)

'For King and Crockery!' Commemorative coronation plate design competition



Children will all have the chance to design their very own commemorative coronation plate. The designs will be created on paper plates in class all together. Children may prepare an initial design at home if they wish and bring this in to then help with their final design in class. (circular dimensions/template will be shared via classlist for pupils who wish to print and prepare their designs before hand at home)

Pupils will vote in class for their class' winning design, then these go through to a final vote by school parliament later on.

Two winning designs (KS1 and KS2) will eventually be selected, photographed and sent to be printed onto real ceramic plates - one for the winning children's families and one for the school to display.

Everyone will be able to take their paper plate design home, and if families choose to do so, may order their own commemorative ceramic plate from their children's own plate design.

Various other fun coronation themed activities will be taking place in classes until the afternoon's celebration picnic.



Dorchester's Coronation Celebrations Friday 5th May



Coronation Celebration Afternoon Tea 2pm - 3pm



All children's parents/carers are invited to join in the afternoon tea!

Class reps and teachers will work together in the lead up next week to plan and organise who is bringing what for each classes' afternoon tea contributions.

They will use a list provided for families to tick off from to ensure a range of sharing plates can be prepared for all classes. Tick lists will be shared with all classes next week.

Parents and carers may bring additional food and drinks for themselves too if they wish so they may also take part in the tea with the children as the sharing plates will be predominantly for the children in each class to share.

All pupils will have already had their proper lunch during their lunch break prior to the afternoon tea.

1.30pm – Afternoon tea setup

Parent reps and volunteers, teaching staff and prefects will help to setup the year group afternoon tea areas.

The field behind the school will be demarcated for year groups. Map and aerial view of year group areas will be sent out in advance to ensure everyone knows where they are going.

2pm – Coronation Afternoon Tea on the field. Each class will have their own designated area on the field behind the school.

Families of more than one child may have children moving between year group areas but to ensure they inform their teachers if doing so.

Nursery and Reception classes will be able to take part only if enough parent/carer volunteers are able to come and help walk them there and back from 2pm - 3pm. So please get volunteering!

2.30pm – Choir to sing commemorative coronation song and then everyone to sing national anthem, followed by some party games for classes to take part in.

2.50pm – Afternoon tea tidy up

3pm – All pupils to return to their classrooms with their teacher for normal end of day dismissal time.

Parents and carers to exit through the field gate through the park to return to the front of the school for normal end of day collection.

(If the weather turns out to be poor, each class will have their picnic food and celebrations in their classrooms.)



Dorchester's Coronation Celebrations Friday 5th May

Layout and organisational plans for the afternoon tea

All Dorchester pupils and staff to enter and exit through school playground entrance.
Nursery and Reception parents to come with classes through playground entrance.

All parents/carers and families to enter and exit the afternoon tea through the entrance through the park

Central gazebo area for:
First Aid
Water and soft drink refreshments for sale
Choir performance position @2.30pm
Music and speakers
Tanoy for announcements

- Each year group has a designated area as shown on the map.
- Classes to bring their own rugs for their afternoon tea area
- Bin bags will be attached to posts by every Year group area
- Parents with children in multiple year groups: Can go to the younger sibling's area with the older child(ren). Must inform class teachers
- If younger sibling is in Nursery then older child(ren) to support
- Wet weather plan: In classrooms

The tea is due to run from 2pm to 3pm and children in school will all be encouraged to use the loos before hand, but if they need the loo whilst on the field, a member of staff will escort them to and from the loos as required. Class reps and any other class volunteers to use the below list as an example for organising who is bringing what for each class – please make sure the contributions are shared out and are varied! This will go on classlist too.

	First volunteer	2nd volunteer
Set up helpers		
Set up helpers		
Recyclable plates and cupsx30	Plates -	Cups -
Cheese sandwiches x10 rounds		
Ham sandwiches x10 rounds		
Vegan/veggie option sandwiches x 10		
Sausage rolls		
Biscuits		
Juice cartons x 15		
Crisps x 15		
Cupcakes / Cake traybakes		
Pack up helpers		
Pack up helpers		



FODS

Year 4 Cake Sale



Please note that year 4 parents and carers are kindly running the cake stall after school on **Friday 5th May** with their donated cakes.

Thank you to the year 3 parents volunteers on last week's cake stall and everyone who bought cakes.

Father's Day Shop

A date for your diary - the Father's Day Shop will be running on **Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June**. We will be seeking volunteers to help run the shops. The date of the **nursery cake sale will now be on 16th June** to incorporate a mini-father's day shop to give another chance to buy father's day presents.

External Stalls at the Summer Fayre



We are welcoming suitable external stalls and advertising material at the summer fayre this year on **Saturday 24th June**. If you have, or are involved in a business or organisation that would like to have a stall selling items at the summer fayre (£30 donation), or you would like to be able to leave advertising material (£10 donation), please contact us at dorchesterpta@gmail.com as we would love to hear from you.

Date of Next Meeting

The next FODS Committee Meeting will be on **Monday 15th May at 7pm in the Music Room**. This is an important meeting as we will be planning the summer fayre and we would like as many parents involved as possible to ensure the most can be achieved. Wine and cheese will be offered to encourage creative thinking! Everyone is welcome!! Please join us if you can to share your ideas and support FODS.



FODS

Who We Are

My name is Zuzanna and I'm a co-chair of the FODS committee. I have one son, Eddie, who is currently in reception. I'm a qualified civil engineer and a project manager, and I specialise in marine construction. In my spare time I like running, weight lifting, hiking, cycling, reading, cooking and all sorts of DIY. I'm very excited to oversee the running of our fundraising events in the coming years and working with all the parents and teachers making the school an even better place for our children.



Zuzanna - Co-Chair



Hello I'm Kirsty. My little monkey Charlie is in reception. We love spending time together indoors and out – always role playing, painting and roaring around the house (dinosaur mad!). We love our 'family day' on Sundays as no one works so we can all be together. I have been a makeup artist for about 16 years (don't judge me at the school gate!). I work in a lovely little bridal shop and I love it! I love the atmosphere. My reason for wanting to join FODS is to support the school in any way possible. All that is done is purely to help with our children's education and to help shape their future, so I have a lot of passion.

Kirsty - Co-Chair

Hey, my name is Maxine. My daughter is Savannah, who is in reception this year. We love to go to the park, bake, draw and spend time with family. I am a primary school teacher and enjoy CrossFit and creating earrings in my spare time. I am the Secretary for FODS and wish to help by organising and being a part of school events as I don't get much opportunity on a day-to-day basis.



Maxine - Secretary



Hi I'm Clare and I have 2 children, both at Dorchester Primary in years 2 and 3. I'm a working mum, working as a business travel consultant booking miners to travel within Africa. I like to spend time with the kids and my husband at the weekend, cinema, parks, swimming – we all like to keep busy. I also have 3 cats, so slightly a mad cat lady here too! Where possible I hope to be a help to FODS and to support the school in whichever way I can.

Clare - Events

Hi I'm Faye and I'm the Communications Lead with FODS. Both my children are at Dorchester, currently in nursery (Dom) and year 1 (Phoebe). I was impressed with the number of events FODS have done in the past, so by joining the committee I want to help continue their work and bring forward some new ideas. In my spare time, I enjoy teaching myself piano, I swim to keep myself from turning spherical and I love gardening, although I am a bit of a neglectful gardener. Prior to having kids, I worked as a solicitor; I hope to help the school with some of my transferable skills in my FODS role and also as a school governor, which I am finding very interesting, with lots for me to learn.



Faye - Communications



Class Notes

What are the different ways that Eid is celebrated?

In Nursery this week we have been learning all about Eid and how it is celebrated. Some of our children who celebrated Eid have shared photographs of their celebrations and confidently talked to the class about some of the special things that they did to celebrate. The children have learnt key facts about Eid and Ramadan and understand that lots of Muslims can only eat before sunrise or after sunset when they are fasting. We also learnt that Muslim's pray 5 times a day on their prayer mats. We have linked this to our maths learning and revisited how to count to 5 and how the number 5 is written. The children also enjoyed finding 5 special things in the classroom. The children have also been very creative and made their own Eid cards and prayer mats.

Where have the Gingerbread Man been seen this week?

What an adventurous we have had in Reception this week. We have been reading the story of The Gingerbread Man. And so the refrain 'Run, run, as fast as you can. You can't catch me, I'm the Gingerbread Man!' has been heard frequently around the building. On Monday we all made our own Gingerbread biscuits, each class making an extra large one for Mrs Hall and Mrs Bell. Before we got to see the biscuits, the children were told that the two big ones had run away and nobody knew where they had gone. Everyone got to work immediately making Missing posters to go around the school so that, if they were found, they could be brought back to the classrooms. The children also set about creating traps, in case the Gingerbread men came back to the classroom while the children were at home. Then we were sent some pictures by people who had seen the Gingerbread Men running out of school and down the High Street Worcester Park. They were even caught having a swing in the park. We printed off the photos and the children wrote about what they could see. We have continued to learn about numbers that are bigger than 10 and investigated the pattern of numbers as we count

What are the stages of a human life cycle?

This week in English, we have written some wonderful descriptions about the Great Fire of London, using Sammy the Street Dog as a text to give us ideas. The children wrote about 'huge, bright red flames', 'raging fires' and 'swirling, thick, black smoke'. In History, we looked in more detail about London's buildings in 1666, and talked about what had changed to them after they were rebuilt. In Maths, the children have been doing lots of practice in telling the time, and have described analogue time up to intervals of 5s, to count around the clock. We have also been describing positions and directions of movement. In Science this week, we investigated how humans change as they grow into adults, looking at the different key stages. In Art, the children have begun to look at how textures can be made with different painting tools. In PSHE, we looked at family roles and how different members of a family might care for one another. In Computing we have used Scratch Jr on the iPads to program a sprite, seeing all the different ways we can make it interact.



Class Notes

What features in your writing for Oliver Twist will enhance the description?

This week in Year 5 we have been continuing with our work on practising using speech and narrative in a fine balance with one another to create a dramatic piece of writing centered around the famous, "Please sir, I want some more!" scene from Oliver Twist.

In Maths, we have been looking at standard and non-standard units of measuring both capacity and volume, focussing on estimating and problem solving.

In Science, we have been looking at the reproductive parts of plants and how asexual reproduction takes place amongst certain plants and the importance of how this works.

In PSHE, we have been talking more about lifestyle choices, and what might happen our bodies if we do not maintain a balanced lifestyle – e.g. eating too much of less healthy foods, or not eating enough of the right foods and the impact it can have on our mental and physical health.

In DT, we are experimenting with the design elements of the doodlers we are making, and how the positioning of certain elements will affect their movement, and the children need to consider their own design choices for their future build.

What will your role be in our play 'Aladdin Trouble'?

There has been much excitement this week, as the parts in our end-of-year production have been announced and the children finally know who has which role. We have already begun work on learning some of the songs, which are being taught by Tom, our specialist Music Teacher, and the children are enjoying singing together. In History, we have been looking at a key moment in British life since 1945: the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II and the role that television had in allowing the public to witness this piece of History. This is all the more relevant, as we approach the coronation of King Charles III next weekend. In PSHE, we discussed using mobile phones safely and the children thought of some Tops Tips to ensure they are safe. The children have also been working very hard in preparation for SATs in just over a week's time and we are extremely proud of them.



Safeguarding

Supporting Children's Safety

For Parents - Gaming

We all know that gaming is a hugely popular activity for a number of different reasons, e.g. socialisation, coping mechanism, skill building and much more. Many games are not appropriate for children and plenty of parents struggle with this. Internet Matters have put a guide together which details some alternative games beyond the most popular ones and promoting gaming as a family affair. There are games from 3+ upwards so there's something for everyone. You can download the guide [HERE](#).

HOW TO SPOT FAKE NEWS

The news you see online or on social media isn't always going to be accurate. And it can be hard to tell what's real and what's fake.

Some websites will report fake news or things that aren't completely true. They might do it because they want to scare you or make you do something. Or because they make money from people going to their site.

Fake news can look real, but there are ways to help you spot it.

Check the source

Check the name of the website and its web address to see if it looks real. Some sites will try to look like other websites so you think they're genuine.

Look for evidence

Find out whether it's being reported on other sites that you know and trust. If it's only being reported on websites you've never heard of then it might not be true.

Don't decide straight away

Sometimes headlines or stories are designed to scare or interest you. Read what's in the article carefully, ask yourself whether it seems true and why they're saying it.

Ask someone you trust

Try asking an [adult you trust](#) to see what they think. If you're worried about something you've seen online, you can always talk to a [Childline counsellor](#).

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
Enquiry

Life without enquiry is not worth living.

Socrates

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

Sutton Spring/ Summer Menu 2023		MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
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 Pan 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 Bolognaise	*Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	Yamas! NEW *Greek Chicken Pita with Seasoned Wedges	MSC Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option two	Lentil & Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognaise	Vegan Quorn with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	or NEW Spinach & Cheese Whirl with Seasoned Wedges	Cheese & Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Carrots Green Beans	Broccoli Sweetcorn	Cauliflower Carrots	Roasted Peppers Green Beans	Peas Baked Beans
	Dessert	Peaches with Ice Cream	Carrot & Courgette Cake	Fresh Fruit Salad	Vanilla Shortbread with Yoghurt	Chocolate Sponge with Chocolate Sauce
MENU KEY Added Plant Power Wholemeal Vegan Chef's Special * Hot 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.						

DPS Diary

Monday 1 st May	- - - Early May Bank Holiday - - -
3 rd and 4 th May	Class Photo Days
5 th May	Kings Coronation Celebration Assembly @9am (selected parents/carers invited to watch school parliament) Whole School Afternoon Tea @2pm on the field (classrooms if poor weather). Pupils to return to classrooms for regular dismissal. Year 4 bake sale after school
Monday 8 th May	- - - Bank Holiday for King's Coronation - - -
9 th – 11 th May	Year 5 Kingswood Residential Trip
10 th May	Year 5 Non residential pupils bowling trip 10.30-1pm
9 th – 12 th May	Year 6 SATS days
12 th May	FODS Mufti Day – bring a filled jar for Summer fair donation
15 th May	Year 5 Victorian Day
5 th May	School Parliament meet Lords online
23 rd May	Year 2 Tower of London trip 1
24 th May	Year 2 Tower of London trip 2
25 th May	Year 2 Tower of London trip 3
26 th May	- - - Last day of Summer 1 before Half term - - - Non uniform day EYFS/KS1 bring a jar, KS2 bring a bottle
29 th May – 2 nd June	- - - HALF TERM - - -
Monday 5 th June	- - - INSET Day - - -
Tuesday 6 th June	First day of Summer 2 term
Saturday 24 th June	Summer Fair
Thursday 6 th July	Junior Juke Winners Gala Party 2 – 3pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Last day of term for Nursery
Thursday 20 th July	- - - Last day of term - - -
Friday 21 st July	- - - INSET Day - - -

Please note that on **Wednesday 3rd May**, we will have **no Yippy on the crossing at the end of the day** as she has another matter to attend to on that day. We will do our best to ensure that a member of school staff is by the crossing point but please remember to be vigilant about crossing the road. If your child walks from school alone, please remind them about safe road crossing.



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.