



# DPS News

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Eid Mubarak!

21<sup>st</sup> April, 2023



Wishing all of our children and their families who are celebrating today a blessed and joyous Eid.

Dear Parents and carers,

As at every holiday, it was wonderful to welcome the children back to school on Monday. They have returned well rested and eager to learn and have embraced their new curriculum topics and challenges with great enthusiasm. We hope you had a wonderful break.

As ever, we 'hit the ground running' in school with so much already going on. Rose Class visited the Tower of London yesterday and had a brilliant time learning about what life would have been like in the castle in the past. I was lucky enough to accompany the visit and the children really impressed me with their curiosity and questions – we had to leave with so much more they wanted to see and talk about – a day is not long enough – although the children and adults were pretty exhausted by the end of the day. This morning Year 3 have been out to enjoy the brilliant music of the London Philharmonia, a world-class symphony orchestra normally based at the Royal Festival Hall, that works worldwide giving concerts, making recordings, and being leaders in using digital technology. The children were treated to some beautiful live music from the string quintet from the Philharmonia. It is always inspirational to hear live music performed at such a high level and our children certainly made the most of the opportunity.

Looking ahead to the end of this half term, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May will be a FODS Non Uniform Day. In return for children being able to come to school in their choice of clothes we are asking for items for the Summer Fair. Please do read the FODS pages later in this newsletter to find out what we are requesting from your child's year group so your child can participate in the day. While on the subject of FODS, please note that there is a FODS meeting being held at school at 7pm on Monday evening (24<sup>th</sup> April). Please come along if you are able to do so – it is not just for class reps – everyone is welcome. If you feel you could help out with an event (even on a small scale – folding raffle tickets or designing posters for example) or offer some expertise or just new ideas you would be particularly welcome. I look forward to seeing lots of you there.

I hope you all have a lovely weekend, and want to send a particular greeting to those families in our school community who are celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr today/tomorrow – on behalf of us all at school we hope you enjoy your festivities and some special family time together over the weekend.

Best wishes

Cathy Bell  
Headteacher



# Eco

The Golden Trainer Trophy was awarded for the Big Walk and Wheel event during assembly this week to:

**1st place- Indigo Class.**

Well done to the runners up:

**2nd place- Lavender Class**

**3rd place- Amber Class**

Some wonderful Eco work going on across the school and specifically with our Eco club!

The winner of the litter pick prize drawer was Jasper in year 2 – well done!



Some pictures of Dorchester pupils taking part in the big Spring clean up – way to go guys!







# FODS

## Pony Ride Winner



We are pleased to hear that Jasper in Yellow Class enjoyed his Valentine's Day Competition prize – a ride on a pony at Lower Morden Equestrian Centre over the Easter holidays! Thank you to Jasper's mum for sending us this lovely photo.



## Year 4 Cake Sale



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

Thank you to the year 2 parents volunteers on last term's cake stall and everyone who bought cakes. **£114** was raised – great work!



# FODS

## FODS Mufti Day (non uniform day): 26<sup>th</sup> May

**EYFS and KS1** - Please bring in a bottle for the summer fayre tombola in exchange for your child coming to school in non-uniform. This can be any full bottle which is still in date by the end of June 2023 and it can be non-alcoholic or alcoholic drink or toiletries e.g. a bottle of shower gel etc.

Yes please: unopened, undamaged, in date bottles

No thanks: empty bottles, opened bottles, half consumed bottles, out of date bottles, bottles we can't store, e.g. fresh orange juice.

**KS2** - Please bring in a filled jar suitable for a prize for the summer fayre in exchange for your child coming to school in non-uniform. If you're busy you can buy a pre-filled jar and put a bow on it. If you want to keep the children busy get them to decorate a jar with paints or stickers. You can use a clean, empty coffee jar, for example. Ideas to fill the jar include: chocolate, sweets, small toys, cosmetics, potpourri, craft kit, stickers, pens/pencils, mum/dad survival kit, activity ideas, poetry/positive quotes.

## External Stalls at the Summer Fayre



We are welcoming suitable external stalls and advertising material at the summer fayre this year on **Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:dorchesterpta@gmail.com) as we would love to hear from you.

## Date of Next Meeting

The next FODS Committee Meeting will be on **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm in the Music Room**. Everyone is welcome. Please join us if you can to share your ideas and support FODS.



# Class Notes

## What animals live on the farm? Can you remember what some of the baby animals are called?

This week in Nursery we have been thinking about different animals that live on the farm. We have been reading the story of *Farmyard Hullabaloo* by Giles Andreae. The children have learnt what each of the farm animals are called and they have learnt the vocabulary for the baby animals too. The children have been developing their fine motor skills by milking the cows in our outside area and making play dough farm animals. They have also made their own animal puppets and they have been washing some of the dirty animals. We have also been learning about all of the different jobs that the farmer has to do to look after the animals, including picking up poo!

## What is fasting? How would a Muslim use a prayer mat?

This week in reception we have immersed ourselves in learning about Ramadan and Eid. We read the book *Samira's Eid*, about a family's preparations for the upcoming Eid celebrations and how Samira learnt that helping others is not just about giving money to a charity but is also about doing things for people, such as tidying a garden when a neighbour has a broken arm, or making food to take to a community centre to help feed people less fortunate than she is. We were lucky enough to have a prayer mat in each class to look at closely. The children saw pictures of mats being used to pray and they practised themselves. We made crescent moon shaped sun catchers using petals and leaves, because the crescent moon is a symbol of Islam and the sighting of the New Moon at the end of Ramadan is important for the start of Eid, as well as for the start of Ramadan itself. We were so lucky to have some Muslim families who brought gifts for the children to celebrate and one Mummy came in to show us a few different ways to wear a hijab. We have some scarves in the classroom and the children practised themselves. On Wednesday we made cookies in many different shapes associated with Islam or the countries where it is widely practised. We had shapes such as a crescent moon, a star, a camel and mosque. We also learnt that the meal that breaks the daily fast is called Iftar and that many families break the fast by eating dates, just as the Prophet Muhammad did when he broke the fast a thousand years ago. It has been an exciting week and the children and staff learnt a lot together.

In maths we have been learning about numbers bigger than 10. We have been making numbers 11-20 using a variety of resources that helped to show that 10 is a part of all those numbers. We will be investigating that further next week.

In phonics we are continuing to learn how to use all the sounds we know both in our reading and writing.

## What does past tense mean?

This week Year 1 have been learning about verbs and past and present tense in English. We have been learning how to add the 'ed' suffix to make words past tense and how to add the 'ing' suffix to make a verb present tense.

In Maths, we have been learning to count larger numbers by adding the 10s first. We have then been practising partitioning the numbers into tens and ones.

In Computing we recapped how to create Sprites using Scratch Junior. In Science, we have been looking at weather forecasts and how to record them. In DT, we have been learning the difference between fruits and vegetables and in Geography, we have been learning the different continents and where they are in relation to the oceans.



# Class Notes

## **What happened during the Great Fire of London?**

This week in English Year 2 have looked at Sammy the Street Dog as a text to develop the children's understanding of the Great Fire of London. The children have been practising writing different types of descriptive sentences, which will help them in creating a setting description next week. We also looked at the event in more detail through our History, and the children were able to create a timeline of the event. In Maths, we have been looking at the properties of 2D and 3D shapes, and looked at how to sort them based on their different properties. In Science this week, we investigated how animals change as they grow into adults. The children drew a life cycle of either a butterfly or a duck, to help them describe these physical changes. In Art, the children impressed us with their knowledge of primary and secondary colours, and they were successfully able to mix these colours to make the secondary colours. In R.E. we have begun our topic on Islam, as we talked about what Muslims believe about Allah. In PSHE, we looked at the important people in our lives, and the children listened very well as they described to each other who those different people were. We have also spent some Computing time on the iPads this week, using Scratch Jr, which will help the children as we begin our project on making a storybook next week.

## **Welcome back year 5! What have you enjoyed most about being back in school?**

This week we have been working hard on planning our writing in English, which will be a piece of descriptive writing set in the early chapters of our new book this term, 'Oliver Twist', the classic by Charles Dickens. This all sets off our amazing new topic of the Victorians for this term. Reminder! Victorian dress up and interactive WOW day is Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May. Get your outfits ready!

In Maths, we have started looking at area and perimeter of shapes and are having some great fun problem solving with these.

In Science, we are looking at lifecycles of flowers and how sexual reproduction takes place amongst flowers – we learnt that bees and other flying insects contribute approximately £100,000,000 to the economy every year for the amazing job they do with pollinating plants – wow!

In PSHE, we have been having interesting and useful debates about how to lead a healthy lifestyle, and look after both your physical and mental health.

## **What shocked you most about Britain immediately after the war?**

In Year 6 we have begun our new History topic this week, which follows on from our prior learning about World War Two. We look at Britain since the war and how it has become the country we live in today. The children have been finding out about the creation of the NHS and how valuable this part of British culture is. We have also been looking at the changes since it's birth in 1948 and some of the career options within the NHS. In Maths, we have been revising various areas of learning and combining some to solve problems. In English, we have focused heavily on Grammar and Reading and the children are becoming much more confident and aware of the need to work efficiently. But the big excitement of the week, has definitely been Auditions for our summer production of 'Aladdin Trouble'. Approximately half of each class volunteered to try out for a part in the play and have acted and sung solo in front of some of the Year 6 staff. We are very proud of them, as this takes a lot of courage. Once final deliberations are completed, the results will be announced and rehearsals can begin.



# Safeguarding

## Supporting Children's Safety

**A warning for anyone with a second or hidden phone or device who may be at risk if the device is found:**

A Government alert is set to automatically sound on mobile devices on April 23rd. This is to test a new system intended to be used in life-threatening situations. The alerts will appear on the home screens of a phone accompanied with a loud warning sound and vibration. The scheme will initially focus on the most severe weather-related events.

There is fear within the Domestic Abuse sector that this alert may reveal hidden second phones that victims/survivors of domestic abuse might keep for emergency use. The use of second phones is common, and the alert poses a potential risk to their safety.

Cranstoun.org have put together a video demonstrating how people who are victims/survivors of domestic abuse can silence the device safely. The only way to ensure that this is done safely is to turn the alert off via settings, the videos in the link below outline how this can be done. The alert will also go to tablet devices that use 4G or have any form of mobile data.

<https://cranstoun.org/news/cranstoun-guidance-for-navigating-april-23rd-national-alert-for-iphone-android-and-non-compatible-devices/>

## 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	<b>NEW</b> 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	<b>NEW</b> 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 Korma 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	<b>NEW</b> BEET Burger with Chips & Tomato Sauce
Vegetables	Broccoli Roasted Tomatoes	Peas Carrots	Cabbage Green Beans	Broccoli Carrots	Sweetcorn Baked Beans
Dessert	Summer Lemon Cake	<b>NEW</b> 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	<b>NEW</b> Chinese Vegetable Noodles	*Spaghetti Bolognese	*Roast Chicken, Roast Potatoes, Stuffing & Gravy	<b>Yamasi</b> <b>NEW</b> *Greek Chicken Pita with Seasoned Wedges <b>or</b> <b>NEW</b> 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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## DPS Diary

<b>Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	<b>Borough Netball Tournament @ Overton</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Mixed football vs St Cecillas @ Nescot FODS meeting 7pm Music Studio</b>
<b>27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Year 6 Junior Maths Challenge General Knowledge Quiz Semi Final</b>
<b>28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Spelling Bee</b>
<b>Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>	<b>--- Early May Bank Holiday ---</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Class Photo Days</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>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</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>--- Bank Holiday for King's Coronation ---</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 5 Kingswood Residential Trip</b>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATS days</b>
<b>12<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>FODS Mufti Day – bring a filled jar for Summer fair donation</b>
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 5 Victorian Day</b>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>School Parliament meet Lords online</b>
<b>23<sup>rd</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 2 Tower of London trip 1</b>
<b>24<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 2 Tower of London trip 2</b>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>Year 2 Tower of London trip 3</b>
<b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>	<b>--- Last day of Summer 1 before Half term --- Non uniform day EYFS/KS1 bring a jar, KS2 bring a bottle</b>
<b>29<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>--- HALF TERM ---</b>
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>--- INSET Day ---</b>
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>First day of Summer 2 term</b>
<b>Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> June</b>	<b>Summer Fair</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Junior Juke Winners Gala Party 2 – 3pm</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>Last day of term for Nursery</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July</b>	<b>--- Last day of term ---</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>--- INSET Day ---</b>



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.