



DPS News

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"When you give joy to other people, you get more joy in return. You should give a good thought to happiness that you can give out." — Eleanor Roosevelt

10th March, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another fantastic week at school and are looking forward to our Parent Consultation meetings on 22nd and 23rd March, so our teachers can share all the amazing learning your children have been doing with you. If you have not yet booked your appointment/s please visit <https://dorchesterprimary.schoolcloud.co.uk/> to do so. The Scholastic Book Fair will be available in the hall during the evenings, and your child's work (for years 1-6) will be out for you to look at before your appointment/s.

As you are aware, the school will again be affected by NEUs strike action on Wednesday and Thursday next week. The current status of classes here is:

	Wednesday 15 th March	Thursday 16 th March
Nursery	Closed all day (invoiced fees will be reimbursed)	Closed all day (invoiced fees will be reimbursed)
Reception Copper	Closed all day	Closed all day
Reception Bronze	Closed all day	Closed all day
1 Red	Open all day	Open all day
1 Rose	Open all day	Open all day
2 Buttercup	Closed all day	Open until 11am
2 Topaz	Open all day	Open all day
2 Yellow	Closed all day	Closed all day
3 Amber	Open all day	Open all day
3 Orange	Open all day	Open all day
3 Saffron	Open all day	Open all day
4 Emerald	Closed all day	Open all day
4 Fern	Closed all day	Open from 10:45am
4 Green	Closed all day	Open from 10:45am
5 Blue	Open all day	Closed all day

5 Indigo	Open all day	Open all day
5 Sapphire	Open all day	Open all day
6 Amethyst	Open all day	Open all day
6 Lavender	Open all day	Open all day

Thank you for your support of our NEU members, who are striking about more than fair pay for teachers, but want to make their voices heard around school funding issues, which, if allowed to continue, will ultimately mean your children will not be able to enjoy the same standard of education in the future.

The FODS committee met last Monday and took the decision to run the Mothers' Day Shop event in place of the craft activity they had planned for Mothers Day, partly due to concerns about fitting it in around class closures and partly because they had some feedback from parents saying that the children really enjoy the Mothers' Day shop experience. They are therefore asking for donations on Monday and items of around £3 in value to be brought in on Monday that would be suitable for the shop. These could be soaps, cosmetics, chocolates or indeed anything a mum might like to receive on Mothers' Day. Please check out the FODS pages for more details and we look forward to receiving your donations on Monday.

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards

Cathy Bell
Headteacher

Upcoming events parents and/or carers may wish to attend or be aware of

13th March	Bring a Mothers Day donation to school for the Mothers Day Shop
16th March	Girls football vs Benhilton 3-4.45pm @ Nescot College
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20th March	Year 5 /6 Basketball @Carshalton Boys 3-5.30pm
21st March	Netball A and B vs Holy Trinity 3-4.30 @ Dorchester Primary
22nd – 23rd March	--- Parent Consultations over two evenings ---
22nd March	Year 3 Cross Country @ Beddington Cricket Club 9am-12
27th March	Year 3 / 4 Racketpack Festival 4-5.30pm @ Nonsuch High
28th March	Gym and Dance Festival @ Sutton High 1pm-3.30pm
30th March	Last day of term for Nursery & Year 4 Spring Performance @ 6.30pm



Class Notes

Can you find any 3D shapes at home?

This week in **reception** we have been reading the book *Whatever Next* by Jill Murphy. Baby Bear finds a rocket, packs a picnic and goes to the moon. We discussed what we would like to take to the moon and, using our phonic sounds, we wrote a list of things we would take. We decided we would like to all go to the moon, but how would we do that? Can we breathe on the moon? What would we have to wear? We watched astronauts on the International Space Station, who ate and floated around because there is no gravity. Can we float around like that? Why not? In Maths we compared 3D shapes - what can roll or slide and why? For instance, a cylinder can roll because it has a curved surface. A cube cannot roll, but it can slide, because it has flat faces. Test this with objects at home. We built rockets with our 3D blocks and worked out which shapes are better for building. We printed pictures with 3D blocks to see what 2D shapes are on their faces.

What is the difference between grams and kilograms? What about litres and millilitres?

This week in **year 2** the children have worked so hard to complete their Maths, Reading and SPaG booklets. We are very proud of the effort that they have put in, and we are looking forward to sharing their progress with you in the upcoming Parent's Evenings. Thank you for all the support from home this week.

In our lesson time, the children have completed some fantastic balanced arguments in English. We also continued to explore different ways of measuring in Maths, looking particularly at litres and millilitres. In Science this week, the children were exploring different types of seeds and how they disperse. They thought very carefully about different types of seeds they knew, and looked at why they might use different ways of travelling.

What different relationships do you have in your family?

This week in **year 3 & 4**, we have been working hard on our assessment booklets and have done our best to show what we have learnt! We have also continued to learn about the different types of suffering in RE and how we can cope with times of difficulty. In PSHE, we looked at families and how they all look different. We discussed the idea that there is no such thing as a 'normal' family and that every family, no matter how it looks, is great! In Geography, we looked at 2 places in Northern Africa, one from the coast and one city, and decided which one we would like to visit most depending on their climate and weather. Year 4 have continued to read 'A Mummy ate my homework' and wrote our own survival guide for Henry to help him in the desert!

What is the most interesting fact you can remember about either the Nile or Amazon river?

This week in **Year 5**, we have been working really hard on our booklets – testing our knowledge in SPaG, Reading and Maths, huge congratulations to all the effort and resilience shown by all of our pupils through this period. In addition to this, we will be completing our non chronological reports next week all about the great rivers of the world, and the children have really enjoyed learning about the fascinating geographical differences of these rivers. In RE, as we are coming up to Easter, we have been learning about the resurrection of Jesus which has promoted some interesting discussions.

Please do check out the dip and do homework challenges – they are always lots of fun and really provide excellent home learning stretch and challenge opportunities for the children.



Class Notes

What surprised you about where your clothes come from?

Our current Science topic of Electricity proved exciting this week, when the children could carry out the experiment they planned in last week's lesson. The question they were investigating was 'How can the brightness of a bulb be changed?' and some groups added more batteries, whilst others more bulbs. As well as the knowledge of the answer, we were also looking at their 'Working Scientifically' skills; could the children analyse their results and draw accurate conclusions? Yes, they could! In Geography, we have been looking at the global supply chain and the children were amazed to discover where cotton comes from. After much studying of clothing labels, a great discussion was had about how our clothing is produced and how it gets to us. The children have also been exploring some of the UK's highest grossing exports. They have used Maths skills to draw accurate bar charts to show this. This also led to an interesting discussion about possible future careers. In English, the children have been writing newspaper reports about the murder of King Duncan in 'Macbeth' and considering the use of cohesion in their writing, to link sections together and ensure that their writing really does flow smoothly.



FODS

FODS Mother's Day Shop

Volunteer opportunities for the "Mother's Day Shop" are now open.

Please click on the following web link (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work) to go to the signup sheet:

volunteersignup.org/BH49A

To sign up, just follow the instructions on the page. It only takes a few seconds to do.

Thank you for volunteering!

Mother's Day ♥ Shop ♥



We kindly ask all children who wish to participate to bring in a gift donation on Monday 13 March, which would be suitable as a gift for their mum/ female carer. Some ideas include:

candles, chocolates, biscuits, cosmetics, shower gel, bubble bath, notebooks, earrings, bookmarks, photo frames, keyrings, mugs etc.

The suggested donation value shall be £3. If you can bring more than one gift, we would be very grateful.

FODS with the help of parent volunteers will then organise a Mother's Day Shop which will run on Tuesday 14 March and Thursday 16 March during school hours. Exact schedule will be published next week. Participating children will need to bring in £2 on the day their class is scheduled to visit the shop and they will be able to buy a gift for their mum/ female carer.

As usual, all proceeds from this activity will support FODS who are currently raising funds to purchase a Scrap Store Play Pod for the school.



Thank you for your support!



Get ready for a treat!

FODS CAKE SALE

Next sale date: 17 March

Each sale will be run by the parents from the year groups detailed in the schedule below. Please look out for more information on the Classlist app closer to the date of the sale detailing the procedure for the cake donations and the volunteers we are seeking to help with the cake sale.

All proceeds of this cake sale will go to FODS to support their goals. One of such goals is purchasing the Scrap Store Play Pod for all the children at school.

The cake sale schedule is as follows:

-  17 March Year 1
-  31 March Year 2
-  21 April Year 3
-  5 May Year 4
-  19 May Year 5
-  09 June Year 6
-  23 June Nursery



So far we have raised £130 from the cake sale this year. Thank you all for your ongoing support!



Safeguarding

Supporting Children's Online Safety

There is a significant rise in children being groomed and coerced online by abusers into sexual activities often in their own bedrooms and bathrooms. Those abusers record this content via webcams or livestreaming services and share it across their networks online. This type of child sexual abuse is now the predominant type of sexual abuse imagery found on the internet.

The Internet Watch Foundation offers the following advice for parents:

T – TALK to your child about online sexual abuse – start the conversation and listen to their responses

A – AGREE ground rules about the way you use technology as a family

L – LEARN about the platforms that your child loves and understand about their online life

K - KNOW how to use tools, apps and settings that can help to keep your child safe online.

Signs of grooming

It can be difficult to tell if a child is being groomed – the signs aren't always obvious and may be hidden. Older children might behave in a way that seems to be "normal" teenage behaviour, masking underlying problems.

- Some of the signs you might see include:
- being very secretive about how they're spending their time, including when online
- having an older boyfriend or girlfriend
- having money or new things like clothes and mobile phones that they can't or won't explain
- underage drinking or drug taking
- spending more or less time online or on their devices
- being upset, withdrawn or distressed
- sexualised behaviour, language or an understanding of sex that's not appropriate for their age
- spending more time away from home or going missing for periods of time.

A child is unlikely to know they've been groomed. They might be worried or confused and less likely to speak to an adult they trust. If you're worried about a child and want to talk to them, we have advice on [having difficult conversations](#).

We're here to support you, no matter your worry. Call us on [0808 800 5000](tel:0808 800 5000), email help@nspcc.org.uk or fill in our [online form](#).

For more information visit the Internet Watch Foundation website

<https://talk.iwf.org.uk/>

Or download the TALK parent resources

<https://talk.iwf.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2022/03/Parent-Resource.pdf>

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:020 8770 6001) (Monday to Friday, 9am and 5pm) [020 8770 5000](tel:020 8770 5000) (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
Perseverance

Took quite a fall, didn't we, Master Bruce? And why do we fall, Bruce? **So we can learn to pick ourselves up.**

Alfred Pennyworth

***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 Yoghurt / Fresh Fruit	Vanilla Shortbread with 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**



HOLIDAY CLUB IN APRIL 2023

The holiday club will run each day from Monday 3rd April to Thursday 6th April inclusive. There will be a range of outdoor and indoor play, spring 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)

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

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.

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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