



DPS News

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"I believe that if you'll just stand up and go, life will open up for you." – Tina Turner

26th May, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had an amazing week in school in the run up to the half term break, with our children proving, time and time again, what resilient and enthusiastic young people they really are.

On the sports field we have had success in both cricket and netball, and our girls' football team did themselves proud in the semi-final of the Borough Cup. Three teams of Year 6 children entered the Quiz Club National Mathematics Competition – our area heat was entered by a wide range of schools, including many high profile independent schools – and our three teams all came out among the top schools and have qualified for the semi-finals. The most wonderful thing to see, though, wasn't the qualification but to see the teams so happy for each other when they realised they had all qualified. One team had lagged a little behind the others after the early rounds and made a quite incredible comeback – the joy the children shared at this was just inspiring.

We are pleased to announce the winners of our Coronation Plate competition. Our winning plates, whose designs will be printed onto 'real' commemorative plates for us to keep in school, are:



Shravya Y6



Ahana Y5



Chelsea Reception

I am sure you will agree that they look fantastic. Congratulations to all our winners.

Thank you for the donations of bottles and jars for our Summer Fair today. We are really looking forward to the event – remember to save the date – Saturday 24th June from 11am – 3pm. Our new FODS team are working so hard to make sure that it is a fabulous event for all the family; please do your bit by signing up to volunteer for part of the event and by coming along to support it. We have almost reached our fundraising target for the Scrapstore Playpod to enhance our children's play

experiences and we hope that this event will get us to a position to have it installed over the summer break ready for the children to use in September.

Remember that Monday 5th June is an INSET Day and school will be closed to children on this day. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 6th June at the normal time – classes open at 8:30am for registration promptly at 8:45am.

I hope you have a lovely half term break.

Cathy Bell
Headteacher



DPS Sport

Girls' Borough Football Squad

Huge congratulations to Macey who was selected for the Girls' Borough Football Squad who played in a national competition in Bath last weekend. A Year 4 earning this opportunity is a great achievement in itself, overall it was Year 5 players and the fact that she scored during the tournament also proves that she very much deserved her place! Well done Macey and we look forward to hearing how she gets on next season.



Year 6 'Best Cricket' Tournament Winners

The Year 6 boys' cricket team shone in the B pool at the 'Best Cricket' Borough Competition on Monday. Cricket demands a lot – players need to perform well individually in very isolated situations but also be able to communicate well and work effectively as a team when batting as a pair and fielding. With a fine margin for error, concentration is also key! The boys proved strong both with the bat and in the field, progressing through the group stages comfortably and making an impact to win the final confidently. With many comments from other schools' staff and the organisers about their excellent play, they should be very proud of their achievement – we certainly are! Very well done to medal winners Jack, Harrison, Bobby, Alex, Reyaansh, Shazhar, Daniel, Jake, Tobi and Herman.





DPS Sport

Girls' Football Borough Cup Semi-Final vs Cheam Park Farm

For the second year running the girls earned a place in the Cup semi-final and at that stage of the tournament the opposition will always be tough competition. Only one goal down at half time, the girls had settled more into the game and persevered in hot and sunny conditions with their work rate and effort to be applauded. Sadly, on this occasion, the team were unable to fight back and, having consolidated their lead in the second half, CPF were worthy winners at 5-0 and we wish them well in the final.

Well done to the girls for making it this far in the competition – we'll have our sights set on the final next year!

Semi-Final team: Evie G, Evie B-R, Olivia, Summer, Taylor, Esme, Macey C-L, Macey Q, Brooklyn and Paige.

A, B, C Netball vs St Mary's

A beautiful afternoon for netball saw a return match for our three teams at St Mary's. All our teams played confidently and positively – so nice to see so many out playing competitive netball and representing the school! Well done everyone!

A team: Won 7-2 Elsa, Antonia, Ella, Elenia, Emelie, Summer, Evie

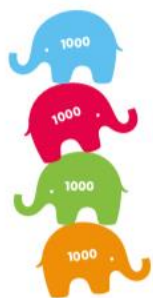
B team: Won 8-1 Carson, Caleb, Sanvi, Olivia, Abi, Natalia, Hei

C team: Lost 2-1 Brooklyn, Macey, Aldea, Emilia, Charlotte, Abi, Sanvi





DPS Eco



Did you know, each year we throw away about 600 million batteries?

More than 20,000 tonnes of batteries end up in landfill sites – that's as heavy as 4,000 elephants!



We will be expanding our recycling within school and we will be joining the Big Battery Hunt!

After half term we will have the facility to collect used or unwanted batteries. There will be a collection point outside the school office where the children can deposit their used batteries.

We will eventually have a designated recycling area with: pens, batteries and crisp packets recycling with a book swap station too!





DPS Notices

CHEAM AVIATORS

FUNDRAISING FAIR - 11.6.2023

10:30AM - 1:00PM

DUDLEY DRIVE, SM3 9HE



Scouts

Air Scouts

TOMBOLA
CHOCOLATE
BOTTLES

VOUCHERS TO:

GO APE

BOWLING



WHITE SPIDER

= URBAN CLIMBING =

ADVENTURE GOLF

LOTS OF GAMES,

CATAPULTS AND MORE

ON SALE:

CAKES
CANDLES
PARACORD BRACELETS
PARACORD KEYRINGS
AND MORE

**ALL MADE BY OUR
EXPLORERS**



SPEAK TO OUR SCOUTS OR
EXPLORERS TO FIND OUT
ABOUT FUN AT 3RD CHEAM
SCOUTS/CHEAM AVIATORS



FODS



Friends of Dorchester
Primary School's

SUMMER FAIR

Saturday 24th June
11am-3pm



DORCHESTER ROAD, WORCESTER PARK, KT4 8PG

★ BOUNCY CASTLE ★ BBQ ★ PIMMS BAR ★ CRAFTS ★
★ FACE PAINTING ★ SOAK THE STAFF ★ GAMES ★
★ TOMBOLA ★ MEGA RAFFLE ★ CANDY FLOSS ★
★ TOY STALL ...AND LOTS MORE... ★

FREE ENTRY – CASH ONLY FOR
SCHOOL STALLS & REFRESHMENTS

**FUN FOR ALL
THE FAMILY**



FODS

Thank you!



Thank you to the year 5 parents and pupils who made **£119** at last Friday's cake sale and to everyone who provided cakes and bought them.

Thank you also to everyone who brought in the jar and bottle donations in support of today's mufti day. They will make great gifts for the Summer Fair. Please note that the next cake sale will be on **Friday 9th June** with year 6 parents and carers running the stall.



Toy Donation – The Great Dorchester Clear Out!

We will be seeking **donations for the toy stall between 6th-9th June**, so please use the forthcoming half term break to contribute to the 'great Dorchester clear out'! We welcome good quality and nearly new toys and books. The toys will be used to stock the toy stall, being run this year by nursery parents and carers. The best toys and books will be selected to help stock our 'Prize Stall' run this year by Saffron parents and carers. Please leave the toys in bags outside the school office after drop off. Many thanks for your support.

Summer Fair Year Hampers

Part of the raffle this year will feature hampers as prizes, one created by each year group. Each year group has a themed hamper. Please bring in an item corresponding to your child's year group hamper theme, listed below, on **Monday 19th June** and hand them to your child's class teacher.



FODS

Year Group	Theme	Ideas of what to put in
Nursery	Gardening	Seeds, pots, gardening gloves, book, watering can
Reception	Afternoon tea	Various teas, biscuits, jams
Year 1	Spa day	Face mask, candle, chocolates, prosecco, bubble bath
Year 2	Gamer's night in	Sweets, fizzy drinks, crisps
Year 3	Movie night	Fizzy drinks, popcorn, pick & mix
Year 4	Baker's delight	Baking mixes, frosting, sprinkles, muffin cases, apron, mixing utensils
Year 5	90s nostalgia	Retro sweets, poly pockets, trolls
Year 6	Around the world	A selection of products from other countries (sweets, biscuits, drinks etc)

Thank you for your support.

Father's Day Shop



Our Father's Day Shop will be on **Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th June** at the school. Children will be able to buy their father, or male carer, one present from our donated Father's Day gifts if they bring in £2. This can be paid for in advance via pay360. We are seeking volunteers to help man the shop and wrap the gifts. The volunteering slots are for 1 hour each. Please click on the following link to sign up to volunteering by providing your details when requested: <https://volunteersignup.org/EAR7A> (or copy it into your web browser if clicking doesn't work). Thank you for volunteering!

Cake Donations for Summer Fair



We would be grateful to receive your donated cakes and biscuits for the summer fair, where Orange Class parents and carers will be selling them on the cake stall. Please hand them into the school office on **Friday 23rd June**.

Summer Fair Volunteers

A good, successful summer fair needs plenty of volunteers and we would be grateful for your support. Even if you can only help for 30 minutes, every bit really helps.

We are seeking the following volunteers for specific roles:



FODS

Preparation support – over the coming weeks will be needing help with smaller amounts of prep like folding raffle tickets, wrapping lucky dip prizes, to larger preparation such as help with sorting out the toys and stall equipment. If you can help us with any of these roles, please email dorchesterpta@gmail.com.

On the day before and day of the fair – we will need people to set up, run and clear away all the stalls on Friday 23rd and Saturday 24th June and you can also sign up to do facepainting. Each class has been allocated a stall – please see the table below (with 2 classes on the particularly busy stalls, BBQ and tombola). Please see the online sign-up sheet to add your details to the time slots:

<https://volunteersignup.org/47L7Y>

As an added incentive this year, any class who has a full set of volunteers for all the time slots on the day of the fair will get a mufti day for their class!

Class	Stall	Brief
Bronze	Ring toss	Throw a ring hoop over a hook on a pallet. Prize depends on how many hooks
Copper	Hook a duck	Ducks will be numbered, prize depends on number.
Lavender	Bungee Run	Allocated time slots given to everyone
Blue	Hoopla	Ring hoop thrown over a bottle, prize depends on number underneath
Buttercup	Guess the staff member	Baby pictures from all staff members on board, match names from list. Prize for winner
Topaz	Beat the goalie	Football team, teacher, or parent to be in goal for each shot
Yellow	Raffle	Raffle table for anyone on the day
Amber	Bouncy castle	Allocated time slots given to everyone bouncing
Orange	Cake stall	Sell cakes 😊
Saffron	Prize stall	Collect tokens when winning on other stalls. Choose a prize for that amount
Emerald	Drinks and ice cream	To help serve beer, pimm's, soft drinks and a selection of ice creams
Fern	Candy floss	Making and serving
Green	Popcorn	Making and serving
Indigo	Stocks	Throw a wet sponge at teacher, parent, volunteer
Sapphire	BBQ	To help cook/serve burgers, sausages and vegan burgers
Purple		
Red		
Rose	Tombola	Pick a disc, disc numbered 1-20 will win a matching bottle/jar
Nursery	Toy stall	All toys from toy donations sold

Thank you for your time, help and support. To keep updated on all things Summer Fair related, please like and follow us on Facebook where our page is 'Friends of Dorchester School PTA' – **please do share our Summer Fair poster!** If you have any questions or queries, please email us at dorchesterpta@gmail.com.



Class Notes

What is your amazing superpower?

This week in Nursery we have been reading the story 'Ten Rules of being a Superhero' by Deb Pilutti. We have learnt that superheroes help people but there are lots of other things that they need to do too. Saving the day can be messy, but superheroes need to clean up the mess after them. Superheroes need to use their powers for good and they need to eat healthy food to keep up their energy. They also need to rest to re-charge. Superheroes are not brave all of the time and we can all have different superpowers like being friendly or funny or having a good imagination. The children have all been thinking about their own superpowers. The children were all very upset when they found out that the Green Goblin had taken their favourite Spiderman toy so they have all written some fantastic letters (using very meaningful marks) to ask for him to be returned. They have also been practising their name writing to let the Green Goblin know that they all want the Spiderman toy back. For our Maths learning we have been using resources to find out what 1 more than a number is. The children have been using this knowledge to unlock padlocks to rescue their favourite toys. We are all looking forward to our Superhero day after half term where we can all use our superpowers to help each other.

How would you subtract or take away in Maths? Can you give me an example?

This week in Reception we been reading 'The Three Little Pigs' story, but this time we were learning to retell the story using Makaton signs. The children were amazing at doing the signs and narrating the story at the same time, maybe they can show you.

In Maths, we have been learning about spatial reasoning. We looked at how we can use shapes to make different shapes. On the tables we have been practising how to 'take away' through a game called 'Smashing Subtraction'.

The children showed incredible fine motor skills, when they made their salt paintings.

For writing, the children have been carrying out early morning work, in which they have been writing different sentences using the pictures shown on the board. We have also been using our phonics to write sentences about things that interest us.

Have a lovely half term

What are the physical and human features of Tocuaro?

The children have all worked really hard this term in and we are sure are looking forward to a well deserved break! We have been so impressed at seeing how well their Phonics is doing and the improvements in their reading - Well done Year 1.

In English this week we have been reading 'Pirate Mums'. We have been learning about conjunctions and have been using 'and' and 'because' to extend our sentences. In Maths, we have begun looking at multiplication and have been practising counting in 2s, 5s and 10s.

In Computing we have been learning how to stay safe online and the importance of keeping personal information private. The children enjoyed learning about how temperature changes through the seasons in Science and in Geography they made some brilliant comparisons of the physical and human features in Worcester Park to Tocuaro in Mexico.

We were very lucky to have Nabhi visit us on Tuesday and explain to us all about his Hindu faith.



Class Notes

What have your star writes been about and what have you included?

This week in Year 3&4, we have used our observational skills to draw botanical drawings inspired by scientific sketches. We used real flowers and dissected them to sketch each part individually. In Geography, we created topic pages showing the changes that have occurred in Worcester Park over the last 50 years, explained why these have happened and how they have benefitted the local community. For our topic of Buddhism, we have explored the Buddhist temple and the Four Noble Truths to better understand Buddhists' beliefs. In Science, we have explored the life cycle of a plant and how each part has a different function. In Maths, Year 3 have learnt to tell the time to the nearest second and have used 8 points of the compass to investigate angles. Year 4 have been learning about money and have been converting between pounds and pence.

What did you find most interesting about the life and work of Jane Goodall?

This week, Year 5 have spent lots of time writing up their wonderfully persuasive letters as their star writes – this is some of the best writing we have seen all year and we are all really impressed with the efforts that everyone has put in!

In Science, we have been researching and learning about the life of Jane Goodall and her importance in the conservation of chimpanzees in the wild. In Maths, we have finished our unit on negative numbers and focussed on more mental maths towards the end of the week. IN PSHE, we learnt about the negative and positive effects of advertising and how they should require closer scrutiny before believing everything which is trying to be sold to us!

We wish everyone a safe and restful half term – please remember to wear sun cream!

Which has been your favourite decade since WW2?

This week, Year 6 have been completing their Star Write, based on a short video, 'Alma'. We have explored various suspense techniques and how authors use them to draw the reader in and to 'hook' them. The children have worked hard to include some of these, and we are all proud of their results. This week also sees the end of our History topic about Britain since the second world war. In pairs, the children chose a decade to research and they have presented their findings in a 'double page spread', showcasing a timelines of major events, two aspects of British life and a short biography of someone famous from that decade. They have chosen people like David Bowie, Maragaret Thatcher, David Beckham and Paul McCartney and considered their influence on British life. Play rehearsals have been continuing this week, and we have been working on ensuring children understand the humour behind some of their lines. After half term, we begin acting too!



Safeguarding

Supporting Children's Safety

We know children love spending time outdoors, whether in the garden, park or beach, however, their skin is more delicate than an adult's and can easily be damaged by the sun, even when it doesn't seem strong.

SUN SAFETY

- **Use a sunscreen with a minimum SPF 50 and at least 4 stars for UVA protection.**
- **Wear sunglasses, ideally with wrap around lenses or wide arms, which carry CE and British Standard marks.**
- **Reapply every two hours or immediately after swimming or sweating.**
- **No sunscreen offers 100% protection so cover up with loose close weave clothing (such as cotton) and a wide brimmed hat to protect the neck, ears and face.**
- **Generously apply sunscreen (5 teaspoons to cover the whole body) 15 to 20 minutes before going out.**
- **Seek shade between 11am – 3pm when the sun is at its strongest. Always keep babies and toddlers in the shade if you can.**



By following these simple tips your child will be able to stay safe and enjoy the sun. Remember parents, set your child a good example by also following this advice, and the whole family can have a happy sun safe summer.

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		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 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		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.				



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 **half term** and **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

29th May – 2nd June	--- HALF TERM ---
Monday 5th June	--- INSET Day ---
Tuesday 6th June	First day of Summer 2 term
14 – 15th June	FODS Fathers Day Shop Event
16th June	Borough Sports
22nd June	New Reception parents meeting 7pm-815pm
Saturday 24th June	FODS Summer Fair
26th June	Year 5 Assembly
28th June	SEND Coffee Afternoon with Sheena and Julie 1.30-3pm
5th July	Move up morning – meet your new teacher Year 3 Ukulel Concert for parents/carers 2.30-3pm
Thursday 6th July	Junior Juke Winners Gala Party 2 – 3pm Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm New Nursery Parents meeting evening 7pm-815pm
7th July	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
10th – 14th July	Year 6 Residential
10th July	Reception Junior Duke Winners Party 2.15 – 3pm
11th July	SATS Results Published
13th July	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day
14th July	Reception and KS1 Sports Day
17th July	Talent Show 1.30pm
18th July	9-10am Music Recital Talent Show 1.30-3pm Nursery Come and Play 3.45-5.45pm
Wednesday 19th July	Last day of term for Nursery Platinum Reading Breakfast
Thursday 20th July	--- Last day of term --- Year 6 Water Fight! Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am
Friday 21st July	--- INSET Day ---