



DPS News

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"I ... solemnly pledge myself throughout the remaining time God grants me to uphold the constitutional principles at the heart of our nation. And wherever you may live in the United Kingdom or in the realms and territories across the world and whatever may be your background or beliefs, I shall endeavor to serve you with loyalty, respect, and love as I have throughout my life." King Charles III



5th May, 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We were so sorry to have to make the awful decision to run our Coronation Picnic indoors today – we were willing the forecast to improve and I spent the afternoon hoping the heavens would open so that we could reassure ourselves that the decision was worthwhile.

We are so grateful to all of those who have provided food for the children's indoor picnics this afternoon and to our wonderful team of class reps for organising– I have seen some amazing dishes coming in, from beautifully presented plates of sandwiches (and yes – with the crusts cut off in real royal style) to impressive home bakes. We appreciate both the time and the effort that has gone into helping us to make sure the children have a really memorable day.



At assembly this morning, we were treated to our School Parliament sharing with us a number of King Charles' firsts – even though he is King Charles III – alongside some lovely singing from our Junior Choir and a rousing chorus of the Coronation Song. The children are doing a beautiful job of designing their Coronation Plates and finding out more about the significance of the event. We will announce the two winners of the plate competition during Friday 19th May's celebration assembly which will be very exciting indeed! Here is a peek at some stunning designs.



Remember that we have another opportunity to come together as a community at our Summer Fair on Saturday 24th June. Our FODS team are working hard behind the scenes to plan and prepare for this event and would welcome as much help as possible from our school community. There will be a FODS meeting at school on Monday May 15th at 7pm to which all parents and carers are invited – so if you can volunteer even half an hour of your time to help with the fair, can share some great ideas or are looking for a fun way to get involved in our community and meet new people then please do come along. Please complete the form at <https://forms.gle/reZ6wXwHdmNKE6Cp9> to let us know that you are coming – as I've heard a rumour that cheese and wine will be served and we want to make sure we have enough for all those attending.

Whether you are going up to town to soak up the Coronation atmosphere, are taking part in the Big Help Out on Monday or are just using the opportunity to take it easy and have some special family time, we wish you a very happy bank holiday weekend.

Very best wishes

Cathy Bell
Headteacher



SPORT

Year 3/4 Ultimate Frisbee Festival

It's always exciting to find new and diverse sports activities for our children to go out and try, so when the Sutton Sports Partnership organised their first Ultimate frisbee Festival we were keen to take up the challenge! Our team of Year 3 and 4 children spent the afternoon at Carshalton Boys' Sports College, initially practising their frisbee technique, being taught to throw and catch the frisbee correctly, then moving on to some target activities before applying their skills to a friendly game of Ultimate Frisbee against another school. It was a really fun afternoon and the children thoroughly enjoyed trying something brand new whilst showing some talent for frisbee at the same time! This is something that lots of our children would enjoy so maybe we'll see some more Ultimate Frisbee happening at Dorchester in the near future!

Well done to our Ultimate Frisbee trailblazers Sienna, Hannah, Tommie and Caleb.





FODS

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.




Get ready for a treat!

FODS CAKE SALE

Next sale date: 12 May

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.

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The cake sale schedule is as follows:

-  12 May Year 4
-  19 May Year 5
-  09 June Year 6
-  16 June Nursery



So far we have raised £592 from the cake sale this year. Thank you all for your ongoing support!



Class Notes

Say Hello to the Snowy Animals

This week in Nursery we have been continuing to find out about different animals. We have read the book 'Say Hello to the Snowy Animals' by Ian Whybrow. In this book we follow the husky through the snow and ice as he meets a polar bear, a seal, a caribou and an arctic hare. The children have enjoyed finding out about these animals and where they live. We have found out that lots of these animals have white fur to camouflage in the snow. The children have also enjoyed exploring real ice and experimenting to try and make it melt. For our Phonics learning we have been thinking about the initial phonemes for each of these animals and we have been practising our oral blending too. We have also made some bunting for our coronation celebration and begun to talk about what the coronation is and why it is happening. Next week we will continue to learn more about the coronation and the children will be encouraged to talk about their experiences of coronation celebrations.

We Completely Must Go to London

This week the Reception children have been learning about landmarks around London. We read the book 'We Completely Must Go to London' by Lauren Childs, and joined Charlie and Lola as they went with their classmates to see Big Ben, Buckingham Palace, The London Eye, Nelson's Column in Trafalgar Square and other places. We have been building landmarks outside and creating a river, so we could build Tower Bridge over it. Some children have drawn pictures of places that they saw in the book or might have visited, such as the London Eye or the Tower of London. In maths, we have been learning about Spatial Reasoning. The children were using their reasoning skills to work out why a shape might be the odd one out in a group or explaining what shape was missing in a picture and choosing the correct one to fill the space. All of this is a good grounding for completing jigsaw puzzles and making tessellations - which they will be doing next week!

We have been busy making bunting for the Coronation Celebrations on Friday afternoon. We have talked about the Coronation and some of the children know they will be having street parties at the weekend. We will be learning about the Coronation in more depth next week, when the children will have had a chance to experience the celebrations.

What is a collage? How will we create one?

This week the children have been amazing. They have been so sensible and positive towards their first set of SATs booklets, and now most of the children have finished both Reading papers - well done Year 2! Around the booklets, the children have had time to look at some other reading comprehension tasks about the Great Fire of London, as well as looking at a newspaper report on the event. In Science, the children have investigated the key things that animals need to survive, and we explored the difference between survival and health/happiness. In Art, the children created textured paper that they will be using to make their collages next week, using the artist Romare Bearden (pictured above) as inspiration. In PSHE, we discussed what makes a good friend. In History, the children debated whether the Great Fire of London destroyed or improved it.



Class Notes

What were the pros and the cons of the industrial revolution between 1750 and 1900?

We had some really beautiful and informative posters produced in History this week all about the industrial revolution this week; the children were fascinated to find out just how revolutionary the invention of the steam engine was to the world!

In Maths, we have been looking at line graphs, how to draw them and how to accurately interpret them, taking care to read their axis and intervals to find answers to problems relating to different data sets.

In English, the week is culminating with everyone completing their star writes, which are focused on the famous scene from Oliver Twist; the targets for writing have been to use a balance of speech and narrative as well as detailed description – we look forward to reading these!

We wish everyone a fantastic school journey to Kingswood next week, and to those staying in school there are also fantastic things planned for you so you are not missing out!

Have a safe and fun bank holiday weekend!

What are you looking forward to in Year 6, after SATS?

We are so proud of the sensible attitudes that the children have been displaying this week, towards SATs next week. We have been engaged in a lot of practice this week, and the way they have been approaching this, is admirable. They have shown great resilience, perseverance and great senses of humour too, as we revise everything that they know from right across their time in primary school. We have also been learning and practising songs for our end of year production and the children have really enjoyed this. The coronation of King Charles III has also featured heavily this week, with discussions about the line of succession, the history behind the coronation and how different this will be to that of the late Queen in 1953.





Safeguarding

Supporting Children's Safety

Staying safe over the Coronation weekend

If you're planning to watch the Coronation events and celebrations in London over 6th – 8th May, use the information and top tips below to help you stay safe whilst you enjoy the weekend.

<https://coronation.gov.uk/staying-safe-over-the-coronation-weekend/>

Expert advice to keep families safe online - What is cyber security?

Cyber security is an important part of daily life, whether you're connecting to public WiFi hotspots or scrolling through social media at home. As such, it's important to learn all that you can.

Learn how to keep your family secure with expert articles and guidance on cyber security topics.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/what-is-cybersecurity/>

School-age friendships

Your child's world gets bigger when they start school. Relationships with other people – like the children in your child's class at school – become more important.

Friendships are good for your school-age child's self-esteem. When your child has close friends, your child feels like they belong. Your child's friends care about your child, and this helps your child feel good about themselves.

Friendships also help children develop important life skills like getting along with other people and sorting out conflicts and problems. Children with these skills are less likely to have social and emotional difficulties later in life.

Key points

- Friendships give school-age children a sense of belonging. They also build children's self-esteem and develop their social skills.
- Support friendships by getting to know children's friends and organising playdates.
- For friendship troubles, try reminding children about social cues and the rules of games. School buddy systems can also help.
- If you're concerned about children's friendships, it's good to talk with classroom teachers.

Find more information about this from the link below

<https://raisingchildren.net.au/school-age/connecting-communicating/connecting/supporting-friendships>

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

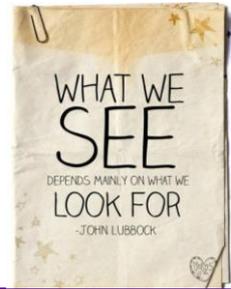
School Nursing Duty Line

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**



***Please note- no PORK 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 Bolognese	*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 Bolognese	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 *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.						
						caterlink feeding the imagination

DPS Diary

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
15 th May	Year 5 Victorian Day Year 5/6 girls cricket tournament @ Beddington Cricket Club 11am-4pm FODS meeting 7pm
16 th May	Year 6 Decades Day
17 th May	SEND Coffee Afternoon with Sheena and Fernando 1-2pm
5 th May	School Parliament meet Lords online
23 rd May	Year 2 Tower of London trip 1 KS2 Maths Quiz
24 th May	Year 2 Tower of London trip 2 Year 1 Hinduism workshop 1.300-2.30pm
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 <i>(12th May Non uniform day was an error!)</i>
29 th May – 2 nd June	- - - HALF TERM - - -
Monday 5 th June	- - - INSET Day - - -
Tuesday 6 th June	First day of Summer 2 term
14 – 15 th June	FODS Fathers Day Shop Event
16 th June	Borough Sports
22 nd June	New Reception parents meeting 7pm-8.15pm
Saturday 24 th June	FODS Summer Fair
28 th June	SEND Coffee Afternoon with Sheena and Julie 1.30-3pm
5 th July	Move up morning – meet your new teacher Year 3 Ukulel Concert for parents/carers 2.30-3pm
Thursday 6 th July	Junior Juke Winners Gala Party 2 – 3pm Reception Trip to Bocketts Farm New Nursery Parents meeting evening 7pm-8.15pm
7 th July	Year 5 and 6 Sports Day
10 th – 14 th July	Year 6 Residential
10 th July	Reception Junior Duke Winners Party 2.15 – 3pm

11 th July	SATS Results Published
13 th July	Years 3 and 4 Sports Day
14 th July	Reception and KS1 Sports Day
17 th July	Talent Show 1.30pm
18 th July	9-10am Music Recital Talent Show 1.30-3pm Nursery Come and Play 3.45-5.45pm
Wednesday 19 th July	Last day of term for Nursery Platinum Reading Breakfast
Thursday 20 th July	--- Last day of term --- Year 6 Water Fight! Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9am
Friday 21 st July	--- INSET Day ---



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.