



# ‘THE DOZZY DETAIL’

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is a very strange end to the year for everybody. We have not been able to hold some of the annual events we most look forward to such as sports day and the year 6 leavers production however, next year we will make sure that these come back with a ‘bang’ and be twice as good!



As I am sure you will have heard, the Government are working towards every child being back at school in September and this is certainly something we hope can happen. We know children, who have missed a lot of education, will feel apprehensive about coming back and so we will spend the initial few weeks of the new term re-integrating all of our children into rules and routines.

You have all had to adapt in so many ways over the last few months and you should be incredibly proud of everything that you have achieved – it is not easy being a parent and a teacher both at the same time.

Unfortunately, I have not had the chance to meet many of you yet so look forward to some introductions and normality in September. You will see me out on the playgrounds before and after school so please do pop over and introduce yourself if you see me.

Finally, we will have quite a bit of buildings work going on over the summer to make our school even better and safer so as always, if you see youngsters on our site that should not be here, please contact the police and report it.

We wish you all a lovely, peaceful and healthy summer holiday and hope that you are able to make even more memories!

**Mr Stuart Mills & The Dorchester Team**

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# Time to say Goodbye

Like most other schools, this is the time of year where we say goodbye to some members of staff. Sadly, we are saying goodbye to Mr Hassan, who has been at Dorchester for eight years. He has given so much to our community and has been a well-liked teacher by all of our children. He has made the decision to venture further afield and will be moving to Oman to teach in an International School. I am sure you will join me in wishing him the best of luck!

We also say goodbye to Mrs Howard, who is moving on to undertake her teacher training. Mrs Howard has been at Dorchester for seven years and we know that she will go on to make a brilliant teacher!

Also leaving us are Miss Penn and Miss Bibby who, although only being with us for a short while, have really supported our children and bought in to the Dorchester ethos.

We thank all of them for their hard work and commitment to Dorchester during their time here and wish them all the best of luck for their future!

We also want to wish our year 6 children all the very best at their secondary schools — we have not had the ending we would have wanted for them but they have been a brilliant bunch and we know they will go on and do great things!

## Staffing for Next Year

I have made the decision that next year, we will have two classes in all year groups from Y1 to Y6, with no mixed classes. This will allow us to have smaller class sizes and therefore more adult time for every child. In addition, it will support us in providing the necessary 'catch-up' work that children will clearly need when they first come back.

### Our Leadership Team

#### Senior Leadership Team:

Mr S. Mills — Headteacher

Mrs N. Van der Walt —  
Deputy Head

Miss L. Revell — Assistant  
Head

#### Wider Leadership Team:

Mrs L. Tee — Y5/6 Phase  
Leader

Mrs E. Robinson — Y1/2  
Phase Leader & SENDCo

Mrs N. Chironda — SENDCo  
& Safeguarding Lead

Miss B. Spiers — EYFS Phase  
Leader

*If you have any problems that need resolving, please approach the class teacher in the first instance, followed by the phase leader.*

Class	Teacher(s)
FST	Miss Townsend
FBS	Miss Spiers
IKP	Miss Platten
1AF	Miss Fletcher
2CE	Miss Ede (Mon-Wed) & Mrs Robinson (Thurs/Fri)
2CF	Miss Fisher
3CP	Mrs Powell (Mon-Wed) & Miss Revell (Thurs/Fri)
3SP	Mrs Patrick
4JG	Miss Gibson
4MH	Miss Horrocks
5CT	Miss Turner
5MP	Mr Prendergast
6AC	Miss Clarkson
6LT	Mrs Tee

You will be able to find details of which class your child(ren) will be in, in their end of year report, which is due out next week.

# Changes to Next Year

We are always looking for ways to improve our school so that it is the best it can be for our children. From September, the following changes will take place:

- Breakfast club will run as normal from 8:00am–8:45am (children should arrive no later than 8:25am if they want breakfast)
- Doors will now open at 8:45am for children and there will be members of staff on the doors welcoming children in. We ask that parents do not enter the school building and that any messages are passed on to members of staff on the doors.
- Myself and Mrs Van der Walt will be on the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds in a morning.
- School start time will remain at 8:55am but this additional ten minutes gives children time to filter in and will allow them to settle and be ready for their day of learning.
- There will be a staggered play time: KS1 and LKS2 10:20–10:35am and UKS2 10:40–10:55am.
- Every Friday, we will have a good work assembly where parents will be invited in to share the success of their children. Rec–Y2 will be 1:30pm and Y3–Y6 2:30pm.
- I will be sending out a monthly newsletter to keep you updated and will be asking teachers to send out regular updates through Marvellous Me and Parent Mail in order to improve communication between school and home.
- Children should bring their PE kits on a Monday and leave them at school all week, taking them home on a Friday to be washed.

## Gentle Reminders

As we look ahead to next year, could I please take this opportunity to remind you of the following things:

- ◆ Please ensure that our office has your most up-to-date contact details including address, telephone number and email address. Where possible, letters will be emailed to cut down our use of paper.
- ◆ Bikes and scooters should not be ridden on the school site. It is imperative that we are able to keep everybody safe so please walk them when entering the school site,
- ◆ If your child is unwell, you must inform the school office no later than 9:30am on the first day of absence. If we have not heard from you, we will follow our absence procedures, which will include a telephone call and potentially a visit to your home. For appointments, please bring evidence to the school office for our records.
- ◆ It is our policy that all term-time holidays are unauthorised. Where these extend to 5 or more school days, a referral to the Local Authority will also be made, which may result in a fine. For any term-time holiday, a leave of absence form should be completed, which can be obtained from the school office.



- ◆ If your child has asthma, please ensure that they have their full inhaler (with spacer if appropriate) in school. If your child no longer requires their inhaler, please let the office know.
- ◆ Our new uniform and jewellery policy will be on our website soon. Please note the changes — the only jewellery children will be allowed to wear will be a single pair of studs in the centre of the ear lobe and a watch. Any other items will be requested to be removed for health and safety reasons.

## Reading at Dorchester

At Dorchester, we believe that reading is the foundation to education and learning. We therefore place great emphasis on reading in school and our expectation and hope is that you can support your child read as many times as possible at home.

Can I please ask that you **return all school reading books back to school before we break off** so that we can audit what we currently have and look at the types of books we need to purchase.

Mrs Tee, our Literacy Lead, has grand plans next year to promote reading across the school so watch this space!



**The MORE** that you  
**READ,** the **More things**  
you will **KNOW.**  
**The MORE** that you  
**Learn,** the **more places**  
you'll **GO.**

Dr. Seuss

## Safety Online

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Website: [www.dorchester.hull.sch.uk](http://www.dorchester.hull.sch.uk)  
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Twitter: @DorchesterHull

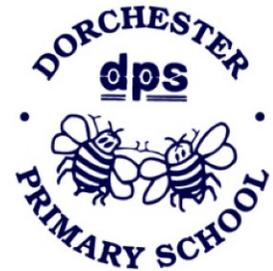
We know that children are likely to spend more time online over the summer holidays and there are risks associated with this. To help you keep your children safe, we advise you to make use of the following websites:

[www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)  
[www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)  
[www.nspcc.org.uk](http://www.nspcc.org.uk)  
[www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)  
[www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)  
[www.o2.co.uk/help.nspcc](http://www.o2.co.uk/help.nspcc)  
[www.safetynetkids.org.uk](http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk)



## Important Dates

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| Friday 17th July     | - Children break off for Summer |
| Monday 7th September | - Children return to school     |



**\*\*Please note — at this time, teacher training days have not been agreed as it is our priority to get all of our children back at school as soon as we start in September.\*\***

## Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of any benefits and have not already done so, we would urge you to apply for free school meals. Not only does this cover the cost of lunches for your child(ren), for each child in receipt of free school meals, the school receives £1320, which can then be spent on resources for our children to use. To check whether you are eligible, contact the school office or visit:

[https://emsonline.hullcc.gov.uk/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=/CitizenPortal\\_LIVE/](https://emsonline.hullcc.gov.uk/CitizenPortal_LIVE/Account/Login?ReturnUrl=/CitizenPortal_LIVE/)