



‘THE DOZZY DETAIL’



Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a strange second half-term it has been already here at Dorchester.



We have, unfortunately, had to close some of our bubbles this month after positive cases in our school community. Whilst we never want to see children out of school, we must do what is right to ensure that children, families and staff are kept safe and reduce the risk of transmission of the virus. For those children who are self-isolating, home-learning will be set by class teachers. Depending on your child’s year group, this may be through Purple Mash, Microsoft Teams or paper copies. In addition, all of our home-learning activities are uploaded on to our website under ‘Learning—Home Learning—select year group’

On a more positive note, there is already lots of Christmas positivity around the school and you may have noticed our Christmas tree up in the reception area. This time of year should be filled with excitement and eagerness but for many of us, this will be very different to what we have experienced before and what we are used to. Whilst we will try to include as many Christmas activities and events into this month, we may not be able to do everything that we have in the past, such as Christmas nativities. In addition, because we have to keep our ‘bubbles’ separate, we will be holding Christmas lunch over three days rather than the usual one day.

These are tough times for everybody and we know you are all trying your hardest to keep things as normal as possible for our children. I ask that you persevere, stay strong and look out for one another. Together, we can all do our bit to get through this lockdown period and look for the light at the end of the tunnel.

Finally, we are here to support you. If you are having any difficulties whatsoever, please do get in touch — if we are unable to help, we will certainly know agencies that can!

Mr Stuart Mills & The Dorchester Team

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COVID-19 Updates

KEY REMINDER:

If your child has symptoms, or has been asked to self-isolate, they must not leave the house. This is now a legal requirement and is in place to minimise the risk of transmission and protect people. Even if your child has no symptoms, they must still abide by these rules.



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If your child has symptoms, please book a test as soon as possible and make a note of the date that the symptoms first started to show. Please also notify the school so that we can assess the risk to others. Once you have had the test result (whether positive or negative), please let the school know so that we can identify close contacts and those that may need to self-isolate as a result. We want to keep our school operating as fully as possible and we need your help in order to do this.

Further information about COVID-19 and FAQs can be found on our website.



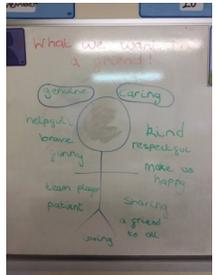
Did you know that if your child is 3, they are eligible to attend a nursery?

We still have places in our nursery for afternoon sessions (12:15pm-3:15pm). If you want further information or would like to request a place for your child, please get in touch with our school office.

Research has proven that children who attend a school setting from 3 years old are much more prepared for school life when they are due to start compulsory education.

This month's Learning

Even in the midst of a pandemic, our children continue to work hard in their lessons and have shown enthusiasm and eagerness. The whole school took part in activities looking at anti-bullying as part of a week dedicated to anti-bullying. Our children were very mature when discussing right and wrong and how everybody is different.

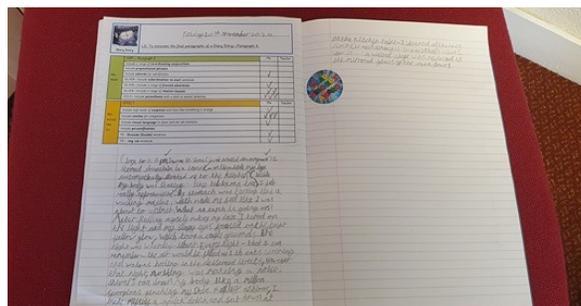


EYFS have been very busy in their outdoor learning environment focussing on gross and fine motor skills. They spent some time mixing coloured water together and had great fun!

We have seen super science and D&T taking place in year 4 as children have worked very hard to combine the two subjects and create their very own night lights. Their designs and finished products were amazing!



In year 6, children created super innovations as part of their writing process. We definitely have some budding authors in school. I was super impressed when some children came to show me what they had produced.



Working Together

In order to provide the very best for our children, it is vital that we work together. Strong relationships between parents and schools really do make a huge difference to children's success.

We know that you want the best for your children and we share that ambition. Everything we work towards is in the hope that when children leave us, they are equipped with the knowledge and skills to go on and be successful individuals. We know that within our school, we have children who will go on to be the next doctors, singers, actors, artists, sports stars, engineers and many more – we just need to nurture this out of them. By working together, we really can enable them to fulfil their dreams!

We know we won't always get things right and there will be times where decisions we make are not to your satisfaction. Unfortunately, schools are complex organisations to manage and difficult decisions have to be made. I would ask that if you feel unhappy with a decision, that you come and speak to us so that you can understand the reasons behind it.

If you require any support with things at home, please do get in touch with our well-being workers: Mrs Gasparelli and Mrs Boothby. Likewise, if you are worried about your child's attendance, please speak to Mrs Steer.

Stars of the Month

Lots of our children have stood out this for being amazing but the following have been recognised for always being 'BUSY'!



Rec — **Ethan C** for always making the right choices, being a fantastic role model and trying his best in everything he does.

1KP — **Rosie W** for always trying her best, making fantastic progress and setting a good example for others.

1AF — **Gracie C** for being a super role model and always trying her very best.

2CE — **Tamara P** for amazing progress in speech & language, phonics, reading and writing.

2CF — **Charley S** for being such a fantastic role model, putting in 100% in all areas and making great progress so far.

3SP — **Connor K** for always trying his absolute hardest and making so much progress this half-term. He always has a positive attitude to learning.

3CP — **Jeremiah O** for showing amazing resilience and working on becoming more independent.

4MH — **Corey S** for always being 'BUSY', being a great role model to his class mates and making everybody smile.

4JG — **Scarlett B** for being an all round superstar and being a superb role model.

5MP — **Evelia B** for always having a positive attitude, always contributing to class discussions and always striving to complete her work to the highest standard.

5CT — **Sozan T** for continuing to make excellent progress in maths, always trying her best and consistently completing her work at home.

6AC — **Kayden A** for showing great perseverance even when things are tough.

6LT — **Mia H** for always throwing herself into any task with enthusiasm and positivity.

Hive — **Makenzie N-S** for his contribution to the 'socially speaking group'.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for November is: **95%**

Our target attendance is: **96%**

Class	Attendance
Rec	99.3%
1AF	90.3%
1KP	88.9%
2CE	94.1%
2CF	97.8%
3CP	94.1%
3SP	95.2%
4JG	94.7%
4MH	96.4%
5CT	89.5%
5MP	96.7%
6AC	96.9%
6LT	97.5%

Well done to Reception, our class winners for November.

If your child is too unwell to attend school, you must contact the school office before 9:30am letting us know. Our normal attendance procedures will apply to any child who is absent.

Online Media

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Check out our brand new website at:

www.dorchesterprimary.org.uk

Here, you will find out most up-to-date information, home learning and events (under the calendar tab).

Please also follow our Facebook and Twitter pages for the latest announcements and important messages.

Important Dates

All of our key dates can now be found on our website. Click on 'Parents' followed by 'Calendar' to see what's happening.



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| Tuesday 8th December | - House winners celebration |
| Wednesday 9th December | - EYFS/KS1 Xmas Lunch |
| Thursday 10th December | - Y3/4 Xmas Lunch |
| Friday 11th December | - Y5/6 Xmas Lunch |
| Friday 11th December | - Christmas Jumper Day (50p donation) |
| Wednesday 16th December | - Class party day (<i>children can come to school in party clothes</i>) |
| Friday 18th December | - Last day for children (<i>this was allocated as a training day but this has now been re-arranged for later in the year</i>) |

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/