

# 'THE DOZZY DETAIL'

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

What another busy and challenging term we've all had! Despite the hurdles we've had to overcome with the lockdown, bubble closures and remote learning, Dorchester continues to strive to do the best by every child. We APPRECIATE the support that you, our parents/carers, have shown the school during these difficult times. Everybody at Dorchester is committed to ensuring our children are SUCCESSFUL both academically and socially and we need you to work with us so that we can achieve this.

No doubt the weeks and months ahead will continue to be challenging and, like this term, we may have to close bubbles as a result of positive cases. The virus is still very much with us and so we need to continue to be vigilant and follow the guidance.

I have had many queries from parents regarding children being able to return to school after a negative LFD home test. I have liaised closely with Public Health England and they are very clear that a negative home LFD test does not negate the need to self-isolate if your child is identified as a possible close contact. That means, if we have to close a bubble at school and your child is asked to self-isolate, they must do so, regardless of whether or not you carry out a home LFD test and it is negative.

Our children have been SUPERSTARS since they returned back to school at the beginning of this month and, despite the challenges they have faced, they have shown great RESILIENCE!

Have a lovely, safe and restful Easter break.

Mr Stuart Mills & The Dorchester Team



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# COVID-19 Updates

## KEY REMINDER:

The virus is very much still prevalent in our local area and Hull has one of the highest infection rates in the country. There are many contributing factors for this but, as we move into the Easter break, I would like to ask that you remain vigilant, continue to socially distance yourself and not meet with others outside of your bubble, as per the national guidance.



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If your child tests positive over the holidays, we still need to know about this so that we can identify any possible close contacts from school. Please inform us by sending a text message to: 07761330670 with the following information:

- Your child's name and class
- The date your child developed symptoms and received a positive test.

I would also like to remind you that home LFT devices should not be used where children have symptoms. If this is the case, your child needs to be tested at one of the testing centres.

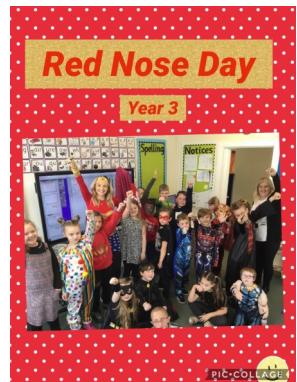
## Online Safety

There is no doubt that many children spend a lot of time online, either on their games consoles, their iPads or their phones. There have been several local reports of children accessing inappropriate content online and/or speaking to people online who are not known to them.

Please ensure that you are aware of what your child is doing online — keeping our children safe is everybody's responsibility!

Despite still being in a National Lockdown and so many changes to our usual academic and extra-curricular activities, our children have still been super busy at school.

Children celebrated World Book Day by spending the week exploring a picture text, they dressed up as superheroes for Red Nose Day (raising a whopping £490) and they created bonnets and decorated eggs as part of our Easter celebrations.



In addition, our year 5 children took part in their Bikeability sessions, learning how to ride a bike safely on the roads. Some of our classes completed their final 'virtual' dance and drama session with Chris from Children's University — they have loved the singing, dancing and acting!



Finally, our youngest children have been learning all about Spring and have been exploring the school site looking for signs of Spring.

# Meet the Team

It is important for us that you feel confident in approaching any member of our team. Each month, we will give you a short biography of a member of our team so you can put faces to names.

Name: **Miss Revell**

Role in School: **Assistant Headteacher, Y3/4 Phase Leader and Y3 teacher (Thurs/Fri)**



Hi, I'm Laura Revell. I look forward to my teaching days at the end of the week as the children always make me feel incredibly proud with how hard they work. I love being with them, watching them grow and getting to know their individual quirky and wonderful characters.

I always new that I wanted to be a teacher and have now been doing it for nine years. I trained at Hull University, Scarborough Campus and made lots of happy memories training to teach by the coast there.

Before joining Dorchester, I taught at St. George's Primary for four years and prior to that I worked in a florist for five years — I loved being creative and the smells around me.

In my personal time, I love to spend time with family and friends, especially my beautiful little girl, who is two years old — she is always making me laugh and smile. Reading is something that I love to do, which I try to make time for every day. Drawing, painting and eating delicious foods are other things that I enjoy doing.

If you don't know me already, please come and introduce yourself when I'm out on the playground.

## Stars of the Month

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



**Rec — Kasper R** for being a fantastic role model — you are always making the right choices!

**1KP — Oliver S** for showing independence, always trying your best, showing resilience and being an all-round superstar!

**1AF — Linc F** for always putting 100% effort in to all of your work and becoming more independent. You set a fantastic example!

**2CE — Finley S** for trying really hard to improve your attitude to learning. You have improved your active listening in class and are more focussed!

**2CF — Ethan S** for showing fantastic learning both in school and at home. You have give 100% to everything. Well done!

**3SP — Connor K** for having a fantastic attitude towards your learning!

**3CP — Harvey K** for coming back to school with an amazing attitude to learning and having a brilliant sense of humour that keeps the teachers smiling!

**4MH — Alfie K** for always being 'BUSY' and showing great determination in both your school and home learning!

**4JG — Scarlett B** for always trying your hardest and putting in 100%. You are a role model to others and have engaged in all school and remote learning!

**5MP — Riley O** for settling back in well and showing a great attitude to your learning!

**5CT — Harrison M** for a huge improvement in your efforts to make the right choices. You have been 'brave' and tried hard in all sessions!

**6AC — Eden K** for always showing that you are 'brave' by sharing your ideas and participating in class discussions!

**6LT — Mia H** for a truly amazing effort in all areas of school life this term!

**Hive 1 — Louise S** for showing perseverance and determination in all areas of learning!

**Hive 2 — Jason F** for showing resilience in maths!

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance for March is: **93%**

Our target attendance is: **96%**

Class	Attendance
<b>Rec</b>	<b>94.5</b>
<b>1AF</b>	<b>88.9%</b>
<b>1KP</b>	<b>93.1%</b>
<b>2CE</b>	<b>90.8%</b>
<b>2CF</b>	<b>95.1%</b>
<b>3CP</b>	<b>94.0%</b>
<b>3SP</b>	<b>95.7%</b>
<b>4JG</b>	<b>94.4%</b>
<b>4MH</b>	<b>96.2%</b>
<b>5CT</b>	<b>86.8%</b>
<b>5MP</b>	<b>93.2%</b>
<b>6AC</b>	<b>91.0%</b>
<b>6LT</b>	<b>93.7%</b>

Well done to 4MH, our class winners for March.

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 and this will include a telephone call home and potentially a home visit.

## Online Media

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Check out all of the information on our website at:

[www.dorchesterprimary.org.uk](http://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.

Friday 26th March 2021

- Break off for half-term

Monday 12th April 2021

- School Training Day — school closed to children

Tuesday 23rd February 2021

- School re-opens to children

## 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/)