



# ‘THE DOZZY DETAIL’

## Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is astonishing that we have come to the end of another half-term and only have one more before the end of this academic year.

I started at Dorchester last April (in the early stages of lockdown) and I have to say, despite the challenges we have all been faced with, I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year here. Your **SUPPORT** through all of this has been great and I am delighted to have been able to get out on to the playgrounds and meet many of you. If you still don't know who I am, you will often find me stood at one of the entrances with a basket full of masks.

Our children continue to respond resiliently during this time and despite all of the uncertainties they face, they are trying so hard to get on with their learning and show us how **AMAZING** they all are.

As we start to get back to some level of normality and in the hope that restrictions continue to be eased on the 21st June, teachers have been busy planning school visits. We know that learning outside of the classroom adds so much to our children's experiences and we are looking forward to our children taking part in these enrichment activities. You will be receiving letters from class teachers with the details and costs of visits. Charges to yourselves are kept to an absolute minimum and the school is subsidising every school visit this term. Without payment, these visits cannot go ahead as we simply do not have it in our budget to completely cover the cost of a visit.

**\*\*Just a reminder please that face coverings are still compulsory on school site.\*\***

We hope that you have a great half-term with hopefully some sunshine and warmer temperatures.

Mr Stuart Mills & The Dorchester Team



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# Behaviour

The vast majority of our children set a brilliant example for others and follow the school and classroom rules we have in place. However, recently we have seen an increase in inappropriate and boisterous behaviour. This has included inappropriate language, which we can not accept.

Our children are regularly reminded of the expectations we have of them and we will not lower the bar. Every child in our school has the right to come to school, feel safe and be able to learn. Where the behaviour of others prevents this from happening, then appropriate consequences will be put in place. Part of our job here is to prepare our youngsters for life beyond primary school and life out there in the 'real world'. We need to show them that actions have consequences and our restorative approach encourages children to speak about their actions and how they have affected others.

An important part of us achieving excellent standards of behaviour is the support from you — our parents and carers. It is so important that our children see us working together and sharing the same high expectations so please work with us. If you have any concerns about your child's behaviour either at school or at home, please get in touch with us so that we can work on solutions together.

## Our School Garden

### Project

Mrs. Van der Walt has been working with the school councillors on projects they would like to undertake to make our school a better place.

They have decided that they would like to create our own school garden, where they will plant and grow their own vegetables.

If anybody has any unwanted garden tools plant pots, seeds etc. then there will be a donation point near to the MUIGA after half-term.

Any help is appreciated.

## This month's Learning

As we begin to get back to some level of normality, our children have been really busy this month taking part in a whole range of activities.

We had BBC Look North in to interview some of our year 5 children on the work they have been doing in history. They were brilliant and represented our school really well!



EYFS started their 'balance bike' sessions and loved it! The excitement was bursting from them when I passed through the hall.

Year 4s took part in their pedestrian skills, which teaches them how to safely cross busy roads. They were very responsible and all of the children showed mature attitudes and a keen interest in the rules of the roads.



The whole school took part in an art day, where they explored the art of famous local artists Lydia Caprini. This week, she visited and popped into classrooms to speak to some of our children. She was blown away that we had chosen to focus on her work as our theme.



Our year 6 children continued to impress in their PE sessions with 'Run With It'. They are really beginning to show their maturity!



# 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: **Mrs Robinson**

Role in School: **KS1 phase leader, SENDCo and year 2 teacher (Thurs/Fri)**



Hi, I'm Emily Robinson. I joined the Dorchester team 3 years ago and I have been teaching in primary schools for 9 years now. I really enjoy being in the classroom and working with our amazing children who amaze me every single day with their enthusiasm, determination and resilience.

I always knew that I wanted to be a teacher and enjoyed my training years at Hull University, Scarborough Campus with Miss Revell! Before joining Dorchester, I worked at Biggin Primary school for 2 years and Frederick Holmes Special School for 4 years prior to this. Every school gave me new learning opportunities and an amazing new cohort of children to teach and learn from.

Outside of school, I love to spend time with my family, in particular my little boy Eddie who is 18 months old. He is so mischievous and funny and always makes me smile. I also love to read books and visit new places to try exciting, new food.

## 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** — **Teigan A-V** for consistently good behaviour. You are always a superstar!

**1KP** — **Lily H** for always trying your very best!

**1AF** — **Lola S** for always setting a fantastic example, following the classroom rules and completing some amazing work!

**2CE** — **Amelia H** for making good progress in all subjects this month — especially literacy!

**2CF** — **Logan T** for developing such a mature and positive attitude towards school since returning. You try your best in everything you do and are a fantastic role model!

**3SP** — **Tommy R** for absolutely amazing progress in all areas of your learning!

**3CP** — **Alice C-F** for really trying your best in everything and also completing all of your work on SeeSaw!

**4MH** — **Miley G** for producing amazing pieces of work all term and being a superb role model to your class peers!

**4JG** — **Craig D** for always being full of knowledge and wisdom in the classroom!

**5MP** — **Frayah G** for trying hard across all subjects and making lots of progress!

**5CT** — **Jack B** for showing a really positive work ethic, trying your best, always being a good role model and making everyone smile!

**6AC** — **Lucy D** for being extremely 'BUSY' in the classroom. You have continued to impress your class teachers and peers with your brilliant, independent writing!

**6LT** — **Harrison S** for developing into a mature, caring young man who is consistently kind, hardworking and helpful!

**Hive 1** — **Eleanor C-F** for trying so hard in speech and language sessions and making so much progress!

**Hive 2** — **Jason F** for showing resilience in Maths all month.

## Attendance

Our whole school attendance for May is: **95.4%**

Our target attendance is: **96%**

Class	Attendance
<b>Rec</b>	<b>95.0%</b>
<b>1AF</b>	<b>92.6%</b>
<b>1KP</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
<b>2CE</b>	<b>93.3%</b>
<b>2CF</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
<b>3CP</b>	<b>96.5%</b>
<b>3SP</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
<b>4JG</b>	<b>99.1%</b>
<b>4MH</b>	<b>97.9%</b>
<b>5CT</b>	<b>94.2%</b>
<b>5MP</b>	<b>93.9%</b>
<b>6AC</b>	<b>92.3%</b>
<b>6LT</b>	<b>95.0%</b>



Well done to 4JG, our class winners for May with an amazing overall attendance!

Our whole-school attendance remains stubbornly low and for those children whose attendance is causing concern, we will be arranging meetings to discuss ways forward.

Please engage with these so that we don't have to pursue fines.

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## Online Safety

We are aware that some of our children communicate with others through their games consoles and through social media accounts. The 'virtual' world can be a very dangerous place for young people, who don't have the skills and experience to recognise potential harm. As a school, our advice is that children in primary should not have social media accounts (as per the age-restrictions) and that all online activity should be monitored by parents.

Below are the minimum ages for social media platforms:

Facebook — 13 years old

Instagram — 13 years old

Tik Tok — 13 years old

Whatsapp — 16 years old

## 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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| Thursday 27th May 2021  | - Break off for half-term                                  |
| Wednesday 9th June 2021 | - Children return to school                                |
| Monday 21st June 2021   | - Y5 'Growing Up' session (am)                             |
| Tuesday 22nd June 2021  | - Y4 Raywell Visit<br>- Y6 VEMT workshop (am)              |
| Tuesday 29th June 2021  | - Y3 Pink Pig Farm Visit<br>- Y5 'Growing Up' session (am) |

## 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/)