



‘THE DOZZY DETAIL’

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe we are heading into the final month of this academic year — It seems to have flown by, despite all of the challenges we have faced.



Even though the restrictions were not lifted like we had hoped they were going to be on the 22nd June, it has not stopped us doing some of the things we had already planned such as class visits. I know that many of you will be disappointed that some of the end-of-year events (Sports Day, Leavers Assembly) are not able to run as they have in previous years, but we thank you for your understanding and cooperation with the changes we have had to make.

You should have now received details of transition and classes for next year, as well as your child’s end-of-year report. If there is anything you would like to discuss from your child’s report, please contact the school office to make an appointment with your child’s class teacher.

With only three more weeks left until we break off for the Summer, the next few weeks will be incredibly busy. As well as bringing this year to a close, we are busy planning for next year, which involves a lot of building work to create additional classrooms. Some of these works may be started in the next few weeks so please ensure you follow any additional safety measures we put in place.

Have a great weekend!

Mr Stuart Mills & The Dorchester Team



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Expectations

There have been a lot of questions asked (and a few complaints) about our clampdown on uniform and jewellery over the last month or so. I want you to know that I, and the team here, want the very best for your children. Our vision is for them to receive a good education, which will enable them to grow into successful adults. There is absolutely no reason why our children cannot be the doctors, engineers, teachers, actors or singers of the future, and I am sure you would love to see them being successful as proud parents. To help them get there, we will have the very highest of expectations for them and sometimes, this will involve us having to challenge when they fall short of these expectations.

I am absolutely committed to Dorchester being the heart of our community but I can only do that with the help and support of you, the people who choose to send your children to this school. If we work together, with the same aspirations for our children, then we will be highly successful.

Where our staff do provide challenge, please don't take this personally. I know some things may seem minor to you but we know that little things can have a long-lasting impact on a child's education and future pathway.

Transition

We had planned to do a full week of internal transition this year, when our year 6s moved up to their secondary schools. Unfortunately, due to the restrictions currently in place and on the advice of public health, year 6s will not be doing a 'physical' transition this year, which has impacted on our internal plans.

Children will therefore spend two days with their new teachers: Monday 12th July and Tuesday 13th July.

This month's Learning

We've had a brilliant, busy June, with lots of good weather and outdoor activities, which has been very welcome.

This month, all classes have taken part in Science week and 'Healthy Me' week. They had some brilliant discussions and showed really mature attitudes.

Year 4 had an amazing time at Raywell, taking part in archery and the Cave Bus. They were great ambassadors for our school and showed exemplary behaviour.

Year 3 travelled to Pink Pig Farm to explore the wildlife there. They had great fun handling different farm animals, as well as taking part in the adventurous activities that were on offer. Again, they represented us brilliantly!

Despite the weather putting a 'dampner' on our EYFS Teddy Bear's Picnic at the park, they still managed to have it in their outdoor area. They loved every minute of it.

Thank you for supporting our external visits by contributing to the cost. Although we subsidise each visit, without your help in covering the costs, these would not be possible.

All of our children took part in 'good deeds' in the lead up to our 8th HCAT birthday. The deeds were decided upon by the school council and included things such as making cards to thank members of staff, litter picking, random acts of kindness and helping tidy classrooms, the hall.



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 Smith**

Role in School: **Office Manager**



Hi, I'm Sue Smith. I started working for Dorchester in May 2019 after my maternity leave ended - and what a crazy 2 years it's been for us all! I previously worked for Eastfield Primary School as an administration officer for 12 Years. I find working in a school very rewarding and I love watching the children learn and grow, from starting with us in Reception to when they leave for secondary school in Year 6.

In my personal time, I love to spend time with my family going on adventures and seeing new places. I have 3 beautiful children who are 12, 5, and 2 who all make me so proud. They are all at different stages in life, so I am either attending a rugby/football training session, going to dance classes, or taking the eldest shopping. I also enjoy meeting up with friends, eating out and keeping fit.

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 — **Elizabeth P** for having a fantastic attitude to learning and for making so much progress this term!

1KP — **Brooklyn F** for fantastic effort and progress in reading!

1AF — **Charlie S** for always following the classroom rules, working well as a team and contributing some amazing ideas during class discussions!

2CE — **Kiaran G** for improved attendance and determination in your maths work!

2CF — **Leighla W** for doing some fantastic pieces of writing this term and always looking at ways to improve your work!

3SP — **Dakota C** for always being your best self in everything you do!

3CP — **Leonie L** for being a kind friend, an excellent role model and a hardworker in everything you do!

4MH — **Navaeh R** for having a positive attitude towards all of your schoolwork!

4JG — **Ruby S** for always trying your best and going above and beyond in all you do!

5MP — **Oliwia T** for showing a really good attitude towards your learning and meeting our expectations at the first time of asking!

5CT — **Hendrix R** for being an absolute role model for others and offering a helping hand to your friends when they need it!

6AC — **Jacob W** for trying hard to be involved in all aspects of class life, being brave and working incredibly hard!

6LT — **Lexie E** for being just PERFECT!

Hive 1 — **Violet B-R** for always trying so hard in everything you do!

Hive 2 — **Makenzie N-S** for perseverance and hard work during maths lessons!

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for June is: **94.9%**

Our target attendance is: **96%**

Class	Attendance
Rec	89.6%
1AF	94.3%
1KP	92.1%
2CE	95.1%
2CF	96%
3CP	95.3%
3SP	97.9%
4JG	96.8%
4MH	99.3%
5CT	93.4%
5MP	94.8%
6AC	93.6%
6LT	94.6%



Well done to 4MH, our class winners for June with an amazing overall attendance!

Our whole-school attendance continues to be a concern for me — if children are not in school, they are not learning. We will do everything we can to work with you to ensure our children attend so please let us know if you are having any difficulties.

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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

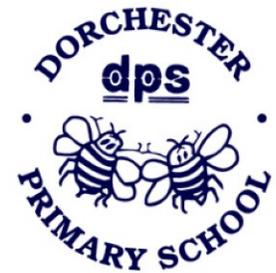
Instagram — 13 years old

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.



Tuesday 6th July	- Y4 visit to Nuffield Health Centre (pm)
Wednesday 7th July 2021	- Y1/2 visit to Sewerby / Bridlington
Monday 12th July	- Transition Day
Tuesday 13th July	- Transition Day
Friday 16th July	- Y3 Paintbox trip
Monday 19th July	- EYFS and KS1 Sports Day (pm)
Tuesday 20th July	- Y6 Let Loose visit
	- Y4 visit to Nuffield Health Centre (pm)
Wednesday 21st July	- Y3/4 Sports Day (am)
	- Y5/6 Sports Day (pm)
Thursday 22nd July	- Y6 Leavers Assembly (pm)
	- Children break off for summer holidays

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/