



## Dorchester Primary School

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Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by saying a huge THANK YOU. Over the last couple of weeks, we have taken part in a number of events where we have asked our community to support good causes through donations and sponsorship. Your support has been overwhelming.

- The 'Day for Ukraine' raised over **£200**;
- Red Nose Day raised **£440**;
- The sponsored 'Bunny Run' raised a massive **£2600**!

All of this money will go on to be used by organisations and individuals who really need it. You have definitely shown that you are community of giving, and I am really proud to be part of that.

On a more sombre note, we have experienced a few concerning issues over the last couple of weeks.

We want our school, and school site to be a safe, secure and respectful place for children, staff and parents. Unfortunately, we have noticed an increase in the use of offensive and inappropriate language on our school premise. Please may I remind you that we, as adults, are role models to our children and we should be setting a good example to them. We cannot tolerate the use of such language on site so please consider your words and be aware of your surroundings.

In addition, there has been an increase in the number of bikes and scooters being ridden on site. Our policy is for all bikes and scooters to be pushed when on site. This is to prevent any potential hazards, that may result in injury. Please support us by encouraging your child(dren) to push their bike or scooter until they are away from the school site (the same applies to all adults).

### Parent Forum

This week, we held our second Parent Forum meeting, where we discussed the issues raised at the last meeting and the steps we had taken to address these. It was pleasing to hear that the actions we have taken, as a result of your feedback, is having a positive impact. I have made it clear on numerous occasions that all children that attend Dorchester should get a good deal. We want them to be aspirational and to have the right knowledge and skills to tackle the many hurdles that day-to-day life throws at them. If you have any suggestions that could support this, please do share them with us.

### Parent Consults

Thank you to all of you that attended a consult with your child(ren)'s class teacher last week. It was wonderful to see so many people leaving with smiling faces after positive meetings. Thank you also to



*"Working together in a safe and inclusive environment, to develop creative, disciplined and aspirational pupils."*



the many parents/carers that completed our 'Parent Survey', providing us with valuable feedback on your views of our school. We have seen our largest ever return of responses and the vast majority of them are positive. Where individual concerns have been raised, a member of the senior leadership team will be in contact with you to discuss and resolve these. Once we have had time to analyse the information, we will send the results out.

### **Our School Values**

Since September, we have been working on developing and sharing our school values, which we think are most important to our school community. These are:

- Respect
- Resilience
- Empathy
- Tolerance
- Self-belief

Our children have really responded to these speak about them regularly. It would be great if you could speak about these things at home too and link them to situations you come across.

Thank you for your continued support and have a great weekend.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Stuart Mills".

Stuart Mills  
Headteacher