



‘THE DOZZY DETAIL’

Message from the Head

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been an incredibly busy half-term, filled with fundraising and fantastic learning.

Thankfully, we are finally seeing lighter days and the weather is starting to feel more like spring and not winter.

You may have seen that the grassed area outside of the year 1 doors has been dug up. Mis Van der Walt and her Eco Warriors (alongside Mrs Mennell as a parent helper) have planted lots of tulips, which will hopefully flower in tie for the Queens Jubilee in May. The Eco-team have been working hard on ways to make our whole site greener, including turning off electrical items when not in use.



At the end of this half-term, we say goodbye and good luck to Miss Bloom, one of our year 1 teachers, who is moving across to Westcott Primary (another school in our Trust). We welcome Miss Robinson, who will be working in year 1 for the summer term.

Thank you to everybody who completed a parent survey and provided their feedback. Your views are important to us and help us shape our school improvement priorities. It was humbling to read all of the positive comments you wrote about our school and staff and it is great to see that, of the 111 responses, 96% of you would recommend our school to another parent. Whilst we appreciate we may not get everything right all of the time, we do respond to feedback and will do everything we can to make our children’s school days happy and successful.

Mr Stuart Mills & The Dorchester Team



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Behaviour

We are seeing an increase in the number of children showing disrespectful behaviour and attitudes both in school and on the site before and after school.

As a school, we have high expectations for pupil behaviour and we will not tolerate behaviour that falls short of these expectations. We have clear behaviour policy, which staff follow to promote good behaviour and address any poor behaviour.

We are asking for your support in helping us 'nip this in the bud' early so that it does not escalate. It is not helpful for us if you do not support the consequences we put in place. We want our children to develop into responsible and respectful adults so that they can be highly successful when they leave school and go into the world of work.

As parents/carers who choose to send your child(ren) to Dorchester, you are agreeing to the policies and procedures we follow. Please rest assured that the staff here are professionals who have your child's best interests in mind.

In addition to this, I need to re-iterate to all adults that come onto our site that inappropriate language is not okay. As role models to our children, we ask that you be aware of your surroundings.

Thank you for your support and cooperation on this matter.

School Values

Our school values represent what we want all of our community to show all of the time. These are the key things we think children will need in order to be successful, life-long learners and are:

1. Respect
2. Resilience
3. Tolerance
4. Empathy
5. Self-belief

Please speak to your children about our values and what they mean.

What's Been Happening?

The whole-school took part in Science Week, where they carried out a range of investigations. Some children investigated which biscuits are best for dunking and others looked at the life cycle of flowers. It was a great week all around, with lots of excitement throughout.



We had a month of fundraising with our 'Day for Ukraine', 'Comic Relief' and our Dove House Bunny Run.

I cannot begin to express how grateful I (and those organisations that will benefit) am of your very generous donations. Overall, you raised £3306 towards these good causes!

We have been able to welcome you back in to our Friday's celebration assembly which has been great for our children. It is far better when we can celebrate your child's success with you.



Children from 2CF went to Winifred Holtby to take part in a cricket festival alongside lots of children from other schools. They had a wonderful time and represented Dorchester brilliantly!

Our Y5/6 netball team played their first competitive games and they stunned us with their performances. Their first game against Bellfield was the first time they had played together as a team and won 11-4. They then played against Wansbeck and won 8-0. Come on #TeamDozy!



We held our second Parent Forum and, despite the low turnout, managed to discuss many of the successes of the school as well as how we addressed the issues raised at the last meeting.

Our Parent Forum will be held each half-term and I would encourage you to come along and share your views with us.

Subject Spotlight — Music

Our subject leader for Music is **Mrs Fisher**

Music is one of our 'foundation subjects'. Children in all classes take part in music lessons at least once per week and we follow a scheme called 'Kapow'. In addition to their class sessions, we have a weekly music assembly, led by Mrs Fisher. The whole school practice and perform a new song weekly.

When children are in year 4, they also receive expert tuition from a music specialist to learn how to play a musical instrument. This year, our year 4s are learning to play the glockenspiel and they are doing brilliantly!

We also have a small number of children who receive free expert tuition from music specialists to help them develop their talents and interests. Currently we have children learning to play the violin, flute, clarinet and percussion. We have some really talented musicians amongst our children!

Success Stories

Name: Gracie
Year: Reception

Gracie has only recently started a gymnastics club and in her very first week, she achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for level 8.

WOW Gracie — what a brilliant achievement. It is wonderful to hear that you are using your talents and we look forward to hearing about your achievements in the future weeks!



Getting Involved

There are lots of ways you can now get involved with school life and we are keen to open our doors more to our community now that we are getting over the restrictions of COVID-19.

We have our Parent Forum and Coffee Mornings, where you can come along and give use your feedback and share your suggestions.

Teachers are also busy planning in opportunities for you to come and share learning alongside your child(ren).

In addition, if you want to get involved as a volunteer, please do collect a volunteers form from the office.

Finally, if you have any particular skills that could support in making our school site better i.e. painting, joinery etc. we would be keen to hear from you.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance for March is: **94.1%**

Our target attendance is: **96%**

| Class | Attendance |
|-------|------------|
| Rec | 95.7% |
| 1LB | 89.0% |
| 1CP | 93.4% |
| 2KP | 93.7% |
| 2CF | 95.4% |
| 3ER | 93.2% |
| 3SP | 96.8% |
| 4AW | 89.2% |
| 4MH | 95.2% |
| 5LT | 96.2% |
| 5EP | 96.8% |
| 6AC | 93.0% |
| 6MP | 94.3% |

Well done to 3SP and 5EP our class winners for March.

Please help us to raise attendance by ensuring you send your child to school every day — a single day of absence can affect a whole week of learning.

If you need any help with your child's attendance, please contact the school office.

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Safeguarding

Keeping our children safe is our number one priority. If you have any concerns about your child or another child in our school, please speak to us.

Mrs Gasparelli is our Designated Safeguarding Lead and is responsible for liaising with other agencies to get the best support for our children and families.

Mrs Chironda and **Mr Mills** are our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads and support Mrs Gasparelli with any concerns.

Mrs Boothby and **Miss Hill** form our Emotional Well Being Team and work directly with our children and families. They can help with any parenting and/or household struggles.

Important Dates

All of our key dates and events are on our online calendar, which you can find on our website



Wednesday 6th April

- Y4 parents sewing morning (9:20am-11:00am)

Thursday 6th April

- Y3 parents sewing morning (9:20am-11:00am)

- Children break up for half-term

Monday 25th April

- Children return to school

- Y5 swimming starts (2 weeks 10:30am-12:00pm)

Monday 2nd May

- Bank Holiday — School Closed

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/