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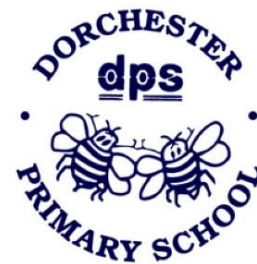
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 15 – 6th January 2023

Message from Mr Mills

Welcome back and Happy New Year! I hope that 2023 is a happy and healthy year for all of our families.

It has already been a busy start this week and I was immensely impressed with how well children came back to school on Wednesday. They settled quickly back to their learning and were eager to tell their friends, and teachers, about their exciting Christmas holidays.

As a whole-school, we have created our New Year resolution, which is for everybody to help look after our school. Your children spend at least six hours a day here and we want this to be an environment that they are proud of. That is why we are asking all of our community to get involved in helping keep our school and site clean and tidy. We have lots of outdoor bins situated in different parts of the site so please make use of these for your litter.

We will also be looking to upgrade some other areas of our site this term. We have now had our new EYFS adventure trail installed and our youngest children have loved being able to make use of it.

This term, we plan on improving the playground, with better floor markings as well as our very own climbing trail, and wall games. I have asked Tony, our premise manager, to give the wall a fresh lick of paint so if any of you fancy lending your hand and helping out, I'm sure he'd welcome the support (just let us know).

Stuart Mills

Key Reminders

Parent Room

Our parent room has been available now since October and there have been many messages letting you know that it is available for your use. There is a notice in the front office window showing whether it is available or not. If you need to access it, please just ask our office staff. This is a place you can grab a hot drink, a bite to eat and make use of the computer facilities in there.

School Uniform

We have noticed that since returning from the holidays, some children are not wearing the appropriate school uniform and are instead coming in sports wear and hoodies. Uniform is



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an important part of our school community and gives our children a sense of belonging. Please help us by sending your child to school in the correct uniform. Staff may contact you in the event that your child is not following our uniform policy and find spare uniform in school for them to wear. If you have any specific concerns, please speak to your child's class teacher in the first instance.

As a reminder, our school uniform is a blue jumper/cardigan, black or grey trousers/skirt and a white, gold or blue t-shirt.

Attendance

Whole-school weekly attendance	94.4% – (below target of 96%)
Class with the best attendance	6LT with 98.5% ☺

Please ensure your child is at school on time, every day. If you are having any difficulties with getting your child to school, please contact our attendance officers: Mrs Gasparelli or Mrs Steer.

Upcoming events in the next two weeks

Friday 13 th January	Some children at 'Children's Board' (pm)
Monday 16 th January	World Religion Day (all children will take part in activities)
Tuesday 17 th January	5EP visit to Pizza Express
Tuesday 17 th January	HCAT school council for children representatives (am)

All of our key dates for this term are on our website here:

<https://dorchesterprimary.org.uk/calendar/>

Messages

Baby News

We have had some really exciting news that Mrs Hamer and her husband are expecting their first child. I am sure you will join me in giving them our very best wishes. Mrs Hamer will begin her maternity leave in late summer term. She joins Mrs Jackson and Miss Townsend who are also expecting and will be on maternity for part of next year.

What's been happening in school this week?

EYFS	Year 1/2
<p>This week the nursery children have enjoyed sharing their news of Christmas and have settled back into the nursery routines. In phonics we learned the phoneme 'm' and in literacy we introduced the rhyme 'Little Bo Peep'. In maths the children have joined in with number rhymes and counting songs.</p> <p>Reception have settled back into their routine brilliantly and have got straight back into Phonics, Maths and Literacy lessons.</p> <p>In Phonics, we have been focusing on recapping Phase 2 tricky words and reading words containing Phase 2 digraphs before moving on to Phase 3 next week.</p> <p>In Maths we have been learning all about 'Zero' and that it also means 'none' and it is one less than one. We have been using this new vocabulary during our play in continuous</p>	<p>This week in KS1 we have introduced the children to the story of Little Red Riding Hood. We have been internalising the story and thinking about the 'good' and 'bad' characters.</p> <p>In phonics and spelling we have been re-learning some of our trickier sounds from the previous term 'i_e' (time), 'ou' (house), o_e (home).</p> <p>In year 1 maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of subtraction and addition. Year 2 have been counting pence and pounds.</p> <p>We have also been exploring how we can use different material for a purpose using the question 'What would make a good roof for Little Red Riding Hood's Grandmothers house?'</p>



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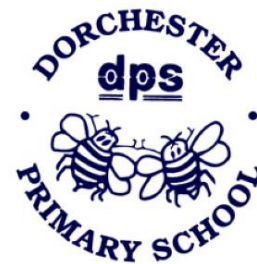
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<p>provision.</p> <p>In Literacy, we have been focusing on speaking and listening activities, ready to start learning our new core story 'Whatever Next' on Monday.</p>	
Year 3/4	Year 5
<p>Year 3/4 have settled well back into the school routine. We have started our new writing unit of a diary entry with our core text being the story 'Leaf' (you can watch this on YouTube at home). We started our new unit in P.E of dodgeball and the children we're practising their 'quick feet' this week. Just a gentle reminder that P.E for 3/4 is on a Wednesday so your child should come to school in P.E kit on this day.</p>	<p>In Year 5 we have had a great start to 2023. On Wednesday we had a full science day, learning about forces by carrying out a series of investigations. On the day we created hypothesis, carried out experiments fairly and analysed our results. On Thursday we introduced our new writing topic, looking at a range of vocabulary linked to different animals. Then for reading we started our new class novel, 'The Infinite Lives of Maisie Day' by exploring the title and front cover to infer what we think the book will be about. Then on Friday we had a History and Art day. In History we have started our new unit, Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes by learning about earth structure and the impact on the physical geography then we mapped key mountain ranges and volcanoes on a world map using our mapping skills.</p>
Year 6	Hive
<p>In Year 6 we have had a lovely start to our Spring Term! We have explored the topic of Electricity in our Science Day, completing a practical experiment to see whether the voltage of a cell impacts the brightness of a bulb, and in our History Day, we have explored the impact of evacuation on children during World War 2, creating a double page spread to showcase our knowledge. Finally, we have launched into our new core text for Guided Reading, exploring the front cover in order to gain initial inferences about the book.</p>	<p>This week in the Hive we have been listening to our new topic book, called 'Whatever Next?' The children have been busy making props from the story. They have all settled back into routine really well. From next week, we will be taking part in weekly cookery sessions to promote trying new foods.</p>

Next Week's Menu				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Meatballs with mashed potato	Sausage, omelette, hash brown and beans	Cheesy pasta bake with garlic bread	Chicken with roast potatoes and vegetables	Fish with chips and beans/peas.
Veggie Nuggets (V)	Quorn sausage(V)	Tomato pasta bake (V)	Quorn fillet (V)	Cheese and tomato quiche (V)
Plus, a selection of sandwiches and jacket potatoes.				



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