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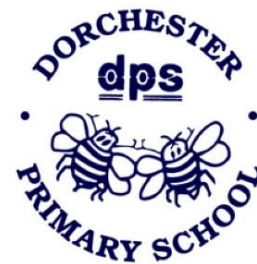
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 18 – 27th January 2023

Message from Mrs van der Walt

It's been another fabulous week of learning and fun at Dorchester. It was great to see such a fantastic turn out for our SEN parent Coffee morning on Wednesday. Thank you for your feedback which we will take on board for future events. January has flown by and with only two weeks left until half term, our school council have been busy forward planning for some exciting events in February and March – watch this space for more news on World Book Day, Red Nose Day and more! Our pupils take great pride in their school environment and the school council and Eco club have joined forces this year to make Dorchester greener. They hope to share some top tips and keep you updated on their work – so far this year they have made their own bird feeders, completed an environmental survey and are now busy fundraising to buy an indoor plant for every classroom.

As always, we'd like to thank you for your support and hope you have a lovely weekend,

Mrs van der Walt

Key Reminders

Just a reminder that to help keep everyone in our community safe please can adults and children not ride scooters or bikes on the school site.

Attendance

Good attendance is vital for the success of pupils and their wellbeing. The government requires us to monitor any child whose attendance is below 95% and put appropriate support and challenge in place to improve this. We have a very clear attendance policy, which can be found on our website and I encourage you to read the 'Parent Responsibilities' section on page 3. The school will work with partner agencies, including the Educational Welfare Service, to tackle frequent absence and authorise fines where appropriate. Please support us in providing the best opportunities for your child by sending them to school every day.

Attendance

Whole-school weekly attendance	89.2 % – well below target
Class with the best attendance	5AJ with 97.4% 😊



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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

Tuesday 31 st January	Y3/4 Dodgeball Competition (4pm)
Tuesday 7 th February	5CH Pizza Express visit
Friday 10 th February	Last day of half term
All of our key dates for this term are on our website here: https://dorchesterprimary.org.uk/calendar/	

What's been happening in school this week?

EYFS	Year 1/2
<p>In Phonics, we are continuing to learn phase 3 digraphs/trigraphs 'ur, ow, oi, ear' and our children are becoming so confident at spotting these within words!</p> <p>In Maths, we have been exploring composition of 4 and 5 (what 4 and 5 are made of) and that numbers can be made of 2 parts, or more than 2 parts.</p> <p>In Literacy, we have been learning about the Lunar New Year and we have completed lots of independent writing all about 'The Year of the Rabbit!'</p> <p>We have also been very impressed with our children's teamwork and problem solving skills this week!</p>	<p>KS1 have been very busy this week! In Writing we have continued with our Little Red Riding Hood text and looking at the features of a fairytale. We have been using verbs for effect to describe the wolf and the woodcutter in the story.</p> <p>In Maths in Year 1 we have been looking at how to understand numbers up to 20 in different ways. In Maths in Year 2 we have started our new multiplication unit and have been exploring equal groups, repeated addition and have introduced the multiplication symbol.</p> <p>In Art we have all been working hard to complete our final pieces based on Henri Rousseau. We have sketched a jungle scene and then used collage and paint to complete it.</p>
Year 3/4	Year 5
<p>Year 3/4 have been working extremely hard in maths this week. Year 3 have been looking at lengths in millimetres, centimetres and metres and working out equivalent lengths whilst year 4 have been continuing to work on dividing with remainders.</p> <p>In geography, all 3/4 pupils have been looking at OS maps and grid references to find key places in Hull. We have also continued to develop our Spanish by learning the Spanish words for some different animals. Why not ask your child the names of the some these animals in Spanish: rat, monkey, rabbit, sheep, cow, duck and chick.</p>	<p>It has been a busy week in Year 5. We have been continuing to progress through our fractions unit in Maths (attempting to break the whole). The children have showed great resilience in this and have showed some incredible progress in such a small amount of time. We have continued our progress in writing, beginning to expand on our Zoo stories and beginning to understand the different things authors have to consider for their audience. The entire cohort across Year 5 have been growing their love for reading and have expressed a great intent on finally beating the Year 6's to the reading top spot in the school.</p> <p>Keep it up so we can claim that top spot guys.</p>
Year 6	Hive
<p>In Y6 this week we have continued to work on our inference skills while looking at our Guided reading text - Cogheart. We have continued to plan and write our newspaper report by looking at including quotes to support our story and how we can use switches in</p>	<p>In the Hive this week we have been busy making cup cakes and decorating them. The children helped mix all the ingredients together and decorate them with icing.</p>



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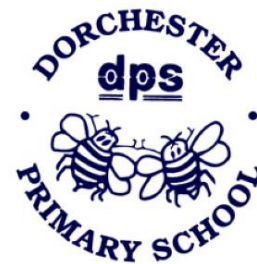
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formality to portray the thoughts of the characters involved. In Maths, we have continued to look at converting between different units of metric measures and using our knowledge of these conversions to tackle word problems. Some of us have also looked at how to convert between miles and KM! We have also looked at how to find amounts when given a percentage of a number and equivalent fractions, decimals and percentages. On Monday, we have used different tactics we have discussed in Dodgeball to improve our teamwork.

We have been working hard with our pencil control, practicing tracing over our own names.

In PE we have been learning to balance and climb on different steps. The children really enjoyed this and will be doing this every day to help with sensory regulation as part of our daily routine.

Next Week's Menu

<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Sausage with mashed potato and gravy	Ham and cheese pizza with curly fries	Chicken curry with rice	Gammon with roast potatoes and vegetables	Fish with chips and beans/peas
Quorn sausage (V)	Margherita pizza (V)	Tomato pasta (V)	Quorn fillet (V)	Vegetable nuggets (V)
Plus, a selection of sandwiches and jacket potatoes.				



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