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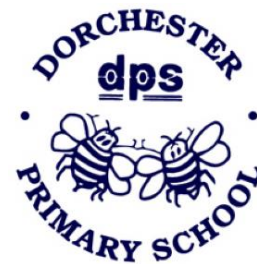
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 20 – 10th February 2023

Message from Mr Mills

What a busy final week to a jam-packed half-term!

This week in school, children have been talking and learning about how to keep themselves safe when they are online. It is worrying how many of our children have social media accounts such as Facebook, Instagram and Snapchat as all of these have a minimum age of 13+. I cannot stress enough the importance of knowing what content your children are accessing online. If you need any help with parental controls for devices (phone, X-Box, PlayStation etc.) then please follow this link: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/> or pop into school and we can help you.

We have also sent out letters of our upcoming visits, with both London and Edinburgh edging ever closer. We try to send you information with as much notice as possible so that, where payments are required, you have time to plan financially. We know that this was one of the ways you asked us to improve last year and we will continue to work on trying to get our main yearly visits sent out on a yearly calendar.

Thank you to all of you that have continued to support our reading priority. The number of children reading at home regularly has really increased, and it is definitely showing in their class work.

Have a great half-term break and remember that children return on **Tuesday 21st February!**

Stuart Mills

Key Reminders

Footballs

Our expectation is that children do not bring their own footballs into school. There are several reasons for this, the main one being that in the past, others have been hurt when children have been kicking the ball before and/or after school. We have equipment in school for children to use during break and lunch times.

Bikes and Scooters

I know this was mentioned in a previous newsletter, but we continue to have both children and adults riding bikes and scooters whilst on the site. This is unsafe and we ask that all people coming on to our site, walk their



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bikes / scooters. This way, we will reduce the likelihood of anybody being injured.

Attendance

Whole-school weekly attendance	94.1% - below target (but on the way up)
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Class with the best attendance	5CH with 97% 😊
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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

Friday 10 th February	Break off for half-term
Tuesday 21 st February	Children return to school
Monday 27 th February	Swimming starts for Y4 children
27 th Feb – 3 rd March	World Book Week
Wednesday 1 st March	Year 5 London trip
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day
Thursday 2 nd March	Y1/2 parents invited in for sewing (am)
Friday 3 rd March	Y3/4 parents invited in for sewing (pm)

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

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

Messages

Behaviour and language within school

It is disappointing to say that some children in our school are using inappropriate and, in some cases, sexual language towards each other. Whilst we have systems in place to address this in school, we need your help in discouraging and educating your children if they use such language outside of school. Staff will always contact you if your child is found to be using inappropriate language.

In addition, a small minority of children have shown unwanted behaviour over the last few weeks, and shown a complete disregard to our behaviour policy and systems. If staff speak to you about your child's behaviour, please support us – we can only make a real difference by working together. One of our schools values is respect and, where children are speaking disrespectfully to each other and/or adults, we will always challenge them.

What's been happening in school this week?

EYFS	Year 1/2
<p>This week the nursery children have learnt the new sound 'e'. In maths we have been thinking about capacity. The children have also enjoyed making Valentine's day cards to give to someone who they love and care for.</p> <p>In reception in phonics, we have been learning how to read words with more than one syllable with the 'chunking' method, for example, 'sunset, laptop, picnic'</p> <p>In Literacy, we have been learning all about Valentine's Day and we have been using our phonics skills to write cards and letters for our loved ones.</p>	<p>In year 1 this week we have been learning the alternative sounds 'ui' 'ou' as well as revisiting other sounds from this term.</p> <p>In writing, the children have been independently writing the story of Little Red Riding Hood using all of the interesting vocabulary they have learnt and trying to include the five key parts.</p> <p>In year 1 maths the children have been adding by counting on within 20. In year 2 the children have been counting in 5s as well as grouping and sharing with 2s, 5s and 10s.</p>



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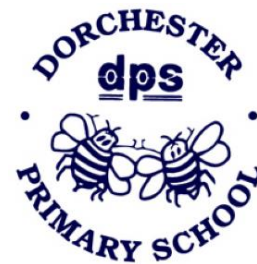
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<p>In Maths, we have been focusing on number 8 and also how to form numbers correctly to 8.</p>	<p>In topic the children begun learning about the Victorians. They have learnt about events that are within living memory (within the last 100 years) or beyond living memory and have used this vocabulary to sort some familiar historical events onto a basic timeline.</p> <p>In PE the children have been learning about throwing and catching and using aiming to hit a target. Why not play some throwing and catching games at home to help your child develop these skills?</p>
Year 3/4	Year 5
<p>Year 3/4 have been working hard completing their final write of their diary entry in writing. They have really impressed us with their final edits, using all the features taught such as similes, hyperboles and a range of subordinating conjunctions. They have also started their maths unit of work learning about fractions, exploring and comparing unit and non-unit fractions, placing these on a number line and finding a whole.</p> <p>In reading, we have continued to read our core text 'The Wild Robot' and retrieve information from the text to answer questions requiring multiple choice answers and one-word response answers.</p>	<p>Year 5 have been continuing their work with fractions this week, moving on to multiplying fractions by integers. The children have persevered with this and started to understand the ways in which to work out these tricky calculations. The children are also nearing the end of their Zoo stories and both Mr Hamilton and Mrs Powell have noticed a brilliant increase in children making the best authorial choices and therefore being better writers. 5CH enjoyed a lovely trip to Pizza Express on Tuesday and are now looking forward to the trip to London next month. The children are demonstrating a clear love for reading, last week 82% of the Year 5 cohort read for 3 times or more at home/school. This is a great improvement and we hope that this continues into the new half term! Let's see if we can get to 90%!</p> 



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Year 6	Hive
<p>We have had a real focus on our writing in Y6 this week. We have used our laptops to edit our newspaper report and two of our fictional narratives. The children have worked really hard through the editing process and have engaged in insightful discussions with regards to their writing, which has resulted in some fabulous pieces. Away from Writing, we have continued to practise our Arithmetic skills and have discussed how to stay safe online as part of 'Safer Internet Day'</p>	<p>This week in the Hive, we have been getting creative - making and baking!</p> <p>We have made Valentine's Day pictures and cards for our loved ones, practicing our mark making skills and writing our names!</p> <p>We have also baked a special Valentine's cheesecake to send home for the holidays!</p> <p>Happy Half term from the Hive</p>

First Week Back 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	Chicken nuggets with chips and beans	Fish with chips and beans/peas.
Quorn sausage (V)	Margherita pizza (V)	Tomato pasta (V)	Veggie nuggets (V)	Veggie nuggets (V)
Plus, a selection of sandwiches and jacket potatoes.				