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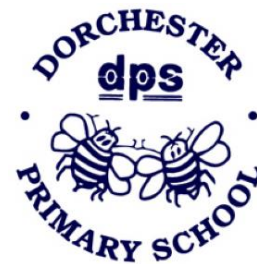
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 24 – 17th March 2023

Message from Mr Mills

As another busy week draws to a close, we are looking ahead to lighter mornings and evenings. Despite the wind chill this week, there are signs that the weather is finally starting to improve and sunny, warmer weather makes everybody feel better.

It has been great again to see so many of you attending parent consults to discuss the progress your child is making – there were lots of happy faces on the way out!

Our EYFS children had a visit yesterday to Play Avenue...and what fun they had! You can see the photos on our school Facebook page but they were so excited to speak about their visit when they returned to school.

Thank you again for those of you who had to keep your children off school on Wednesday and Thursday as a result of teacher strike action. The National Education Union has not released any further planned strike days but if that changes, we will be sure to let you know in plenty of time.

Have a great weekend!

Stuart Mills

Key Reminders

The way we speak to each other

One of our five school values is 'Respect'. We expect all of our school community to treat each other, and speak to each other, with respect. In school, adults will challenge children who are showing disrespectful behaviour and model the correct way of speaking to people. It is so important that our children see you modelling that behaviour too – especially when you are speaking with staff at school. Although there may be times when you are unhappy or frustrated with a decision that has been made at school, we ask that you address this in a respectful and calm way. Thank you for your support with this.

Attendance

Whole-school weekly attendance

91.6% – well below our target of 96%






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

Class with the best attendance	5EP with 97.3% 😊
<i>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.</i>	

Upcoming events for the next two weeks	
Monday 20 th March	World Maths Day – Parents invited in Y1/2 – 9:00am Y3/4 – 10:00am Y5/6 – 11:00am
Tuesday 21 st March	Netball Team to play at Victoria Dock Primary (after school)
Wednesday 22 nd March	HCAT School councillors meeting (am)
Thursday 23 rd March	Parent Consultations for year 5
Monday 27 th March	Year 5 swimming starts for 2 weeks
Tuesday 28 th March	Y1/2 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park
Friday 31 st March	Dodgeball competition for some KS2 pupils
Friday 31 st March	Children break off for Easter
Tuesday 18 th April	Children return to school
All of our key dates for this term are on our website here: https://dorchesterprimary.org.uk/calendar/	

Messages
<p><u>From our Eco-Club</u></p> <p>Our eco-club are keen to offer practical suggestions for you to support with climate issues. This week, they want to tell you about global recycling day, which is happening on 18th March. In addition, are you aware that used batteries can actually be recycled? We have a battery recycling station at our school so, if you have any used batteries, please bring them in and we'll recycle them.</p>

What's been happening in school this week?	
EYFS	Year 1/2
 <p>In Phonics, we have been consolidating a few of our digraphs – 'oo (long) oo (short) ar and or' and the children have been working hard at building fluency in reading!</p> <p>In Literacy, we have been learning all about healthy eating and picnics through our core story 'We're Going on a Picnic' and we have completed lots of independent writing throughout our choosing time!</p> <p>In Maths, we have been learning number bonds to 10. We can</p> 	<p>This week in writing year one children have been learning to write in first person using the pronouns 'I' and 'me'. Year 2 have been publishing their final pieces.</p> <p>In maths, year one have been placing numbers on a number line to 50 and learning how to speedily find 2 digit numbers using a hundred square. Year two have been learning about the measures 'cm' and 'm'.</p> <p>In PE we have been learning to control the ball carefully so that it is harder for defenders to take possession.</p> <p>In RE the children have begun learning about the Easter story. In Geography they have learnt the countries and capital cities of the United Kingdom.</p>

<p>make number bonds using numicon tiles and the pegs. We've also been making number bonds to 10 using ladybirds and their spots!</p> <p>We also had a fabulous time on our trip to Play Avenue! We had the time of our lives playing with all of the different role play equipment with our friends!</p>	<p>Why not look at a map together and find the four countries and their capital cities?</p> <p>Please continue to return your child's reading book each week.</p>
Year 3/4	Year 5
<p>Year 3/4 have been working very hard this week. In reading, they have continued to read their core text, 'The Wild Robot', and retrieve information to answer questions. They have also started their new writing unit and written their first 'chunk' of writing stimulated from Neil Gaiman's book 'The Wolves in the Walls' and focused on rhyme in their first chunk.</p> <p>They have continued to develop techniques using oil pastels in art and colour, mixing primary colours to make secondary colours and exploring hues of colour ready to put into their final pieces of work inspired by David Hockney.</p>	<p>This week in Year 5 we have begun to finish our Design and Technology projects – making felt monsters and honing our sewing techniques. The children have spent the last term researching and designing different felt monsters which best fit their intended audience, taking the guise of a toy company. They have also shown a great interest in the different science activities we have done this week, especially gaining understanding of and being able to hold hermit crabs. We have also begun to take a deeper dive into understanding space and the planets in our solar system. We have continued our love of reading both inside and outside of the classroom, we hope to see this continue in coming weeks.</p> 
Year 6	Hive
<p>In Y6, we have continued exploring our core text – 'Cogheart' – and have inferred many details from what we have read so far and have just finished exploring a shocking chapter! We have entered the publishing stage in our writing sequence and are in the process of making our final edits to our postcards written from the point of view of a character from a traditional tale who has ended up in prison!</p> <p>In Maths, we have looked at questions involving pie charts with and without percentages. Some of us have</p>	<p>This week we have been getting very creative with lots of different mark making resources. The children have made some lovely cards to bring home to show you.</p> <p>We have some fabulous new soft play and sensory regulation resources that all the children have enjoyed using this week.</p> <p>The children have been exploring nursery rhymes and</p>

looked at calculating the area of triangles while the other group has continued to look at algebra.	<p>acting them out with the puppets.</p> <p>In maths we have been using different objects to make the quantities 1-10.</p>
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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.				