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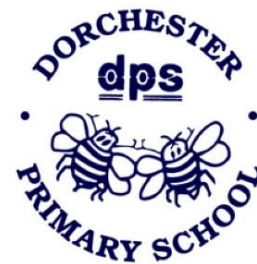
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 29 – 5th May 2023

Message from Mr Mills

Even though this has been a shorter week, it has still been incredibly busy!

Some of our year 4 children took part in a 5-a-side football competition this week and despite losing, there were some stand out performances and their sportsmanship was amazing to see. I was able to see first hand how they supported one another, never gave up and showed excellent team spirit. This perseverance paid off in their final game, where they were 6-0 winners!

It is really important for us that children are able to take part in extra-curricular activities and competitions. This allows them to see that there will always be winners and losers and being able to cope with loss is a key trait to have. We have many more competitions coming up this term and I am sure all children taking part will demonstrate our school values of: **respect, resilience, empathy, tolerance** and **self-belief**!

This week, we had the first of our new playground activities installed. This has come about as a result of what some of our children told us earlier this year – that they want more to do at playtimes and lunchtimes. So far, the markings have been installed and after half-term, the games and climbing wall will be installed.

Next week, our year 6 children undertake their Statutory Assessment Tests. This is a big week for our year 6 children as they will be able to demonstrate all of their learning during their time in KS2 and show just how amazing they are. We would encourage all year 6 children to attend school from 8:00am Tuesday-Friday so that they can settle and be ready for their tests.

A reminder that Monday is a Bank Holiday and school will be closed.

Have a great, extended weekend!

Stuart Mills

Key Reminders

Attendance and Absence Reporting Procedures

We are still experiencing lots of children being absent from school with no reason provided. As part of our attendance and safeguarding procedures, we have a duty to know where children are when they are not in



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school on a school day. If your child is too unwell to attend school, you must telephone the school and inform us. If we have not had information on a child's absence, we make a telephone call home and, in some cases, a home visit.

In more extreme cases, where children are absent regularly with no reason provided, we will involve the Education Welfare Officer, who will make home visits.

Attendance

Whole-school weekly attendance

93.5% - well below our target of 96%

Class with the best attendance

Hive with 100% 😊

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 for the next two weeks

Monday 8th May

School Closed – Bank Holiday

Tuesday 9th May

Year 6 GPS SATs test

Wednesday 10th May

Year 6 English Reading SATs test

Thursday 11th May

Year 6 Maths SATs tests (Paper 1 and Paper 2)

Thursday 11th May

Year 5 5-a-side tournament at Active+

Friday 12th May

Year 6 Maths SATs test (Paper 3)

Monday 15th May

KS1 SATS week

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

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

Messages

We really need your help!

Despite so many reminders and working with children in school, we still have a number of children being unkind to one another and putting themselves at risk on apps/social media sites. I urge you to intervene and speak to your child about the dangers of apps/sites like TikTok, Instagram, Facebook and Whatsapp. The mental health and well being of our children is so important to us and we do not want them to be exposed to emotional harm whilst online – especially from members of their own school community.

We will deal robustly with any reports of online bullying / harassment and will involve other agencies, including the police, if we deem it necessary. Thanks for your support with this.

What's been happening in school this week?

EYFS

In nursery this week in phonics, children have learnt the phoneme 'y' we played blend from the box and what's in the box with object and pictures that started with 'y.'



In maths we have named shapes and talked about their properties. We also made shapes using sticks and pipe cleaners.

In literacy we introduced the new rhyme 'Old Mother

Year 1/2

In year one this week we have been revisiting some sounds we have learnt before: 'ue', 'ew', 'u_e' and 'aw'. it would be brilliant if you could practice reading the words we send home with your child this week. it will help them to become more fluent readers.

In year 1 the children have been applying their phonic knowledge to write phonetically decodable words accurately as well as common exception words that have already been taught. The children have



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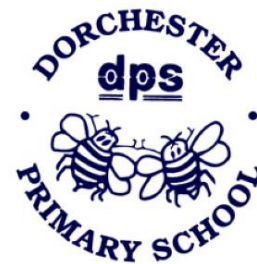
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<p>Hubbard.'</p> <p>The children enjoyed planting outside today and it was lovely to see parents, grandparents and carers joining in the fun too.</p> <p>In Phonics, we have been revisiting the sounds and tricky words we have learnt before and also reading longer sentences.</p> <p>In Literacy, we have been using our Phonics knowledge to write speech bubbles linked to our core story 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We are beginning to use capital letters, finger spaces and full stops independently!</p> <p>In Maths, we have continued exploring numbers beyond 10 and know that a teen number is 10 and ... more.</p> <p>We also had lots of fun with our parents during our outdoor Stay and Play – thank you to everyone who brought in a plants/seeds – our outdoor area is going to look beautiful!</p>	<p>continued their learning about mass and capacity by having some practical experiences using water and different sized containers to help them understand 'greater than', 'equal to' and 'less than'.</p> <p>In year 2 the children have been writing a setting description linked to our story 'The Last Wolf'. They have started learning about time so have so far recapped 'o'clock' and 'half past'.</p> <p>In science we have started our new topic 'Living things and their habitats' so the children have been categorising things into dead, alive, and never been alive.</p> <p>The children have learnt about the crown jewels as well as taking part in other coronation activities. In PE we have been developing our bat and ball skills by holding rackets correctly and using the right amount of force. In Science the children have started a new topic '</p>
Year 3/4	Year 5
<p>Year 3/4 have been working hard designing their pots and using the technique of coiling.</p>  <p>Year 3 have been learning how to tell the time using an analogue clock including using Roman Numerals. Year 4 have been continuing their work with decimals.</p> <p>In writing, children have been editing and publishing their suspense narrative and are looking forward to sharing these with others in school.</p> <p>In reading, children have been working on making inferences from the text 'Beetle Boy'.</p>	<p>Year 5 have delved deeper into 'The Haunting of Aveline Jones' in their reading lessons. In writing, we have been using modal verbs and semi colons within our report writing.</p> <p>In the afternoons, we have continued to build on our knowledge of what to do during an accident and emergency and in History we have been exploring the Ancient Maya and what made them so successful.</p>



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Year 6	Hive
<p>In Y6, we have been concentrating on our SATs revision with a variety of tasks aimed at consolidating our knowledge of Reading, VGP & Spelling as well as honing our arithmetic and reasoning skills in Maths!</p> <p>We're now raring to go for our SATs tests next week!</p>	

Next Week's Menu				
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Chicken curry with rice and naan bread	Beef burger with criss-cross potatoes	Hot chicken strip wrap with herby diced potatoes	Sausages with mashed potato and veggies	Fish Friday with chips and peas/beans
Cheesy pasta bake (V)	Veggie burger (V)	Hot veggie nugget wrap (V)	Veggie sausage (V)	Fishless fingers (V)
Plus, a selection of sandwiches (ham, cheese or tuna) and jacket potatoes (tuna, cheese or beans)				