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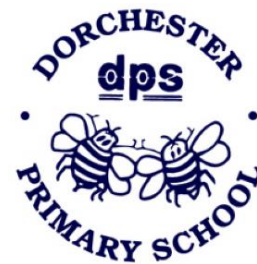
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 10 – 17th November 2023

Message from Mr Mills

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy week at Dorchester.

It has been great to welcome so many of you into school this week for parent consults. There were lots of happy faces leaving school following meetings with teachers – we hope the discussions helped you understand how your child is coping in school and what you can do at home to support their learning at home. For those of you who were unable to attend a face-to-face appointment, teachers will be ringing for a telephone appointment.

It was also great to see so many children visiting the book fair and purchasing books. We have had a real focus on promoting a love of reading over the last couple of years so it was wonderful to see so many children choosing to read.

Finally, thank you for your kind contributions for Children in Need day today. All of the money raised will go towards supporting children across the country.

Have a great weekend!

Stuart Mills

Key Reminders

Punctuality

This is a polite reminder that school starts at 8:55am. Our doors open at 8:45am to give children plenty of time to come in and settle down. We have a significant number of children arriving after our doors close, which is affecting their start to the day. In most cases, when they arrive late, they will miss the key input from their first lesson, which is usually reading.

Please support your child by ensuring they are at school on time – if you are struggling, please speak to our attendance team. We will also have our 'Walking Bus' from next week, which you are able to access.



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Attendance	
Whole-school weekly attendance	94.9% – much closer to our target 😊
Class with the best attendance	6P with 97.7% 😊
<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	
Monday 20 th November	New EYFS starter opening evening (3:30pm)
Tuesday 21 st November	5CH visit to Pizza Express
	Parent Forum (2:00–3:00pm)
Wednesday 22 nd November	3N Trawling Trip
	KS2 Panathlon for a group of pupils
Thursday 23 rd November	KS1 and EYFS 'stay and read' session (9:00am)
Thursday 30 th November	Flu Vaccinations (catch-up)
<i>All of our key dates for this term are on our website or you can find them on Dojo</i> https://dorchesterprimary.org.uk/calendar/	

Messages
<p><u>Links with Local Schools</u></p> <p>This week, I met with the headteachers of St James Academy and Winifred Holtby to try and form some positive links so that we can provide the very best for all children living in our local community. It was a very positive meeting and all three of us are very keen to work more closely together. As most of our children move on to Winifred Holtby when they leave us, these closer working relationships can only help with that transition.</p> <p>We are hoping to organise some local events involving all of our schools, to be held at Winifred Holtby – watch this space!</p>

What's been happening in school this week?	
EYFS	Year 1/2
<p>This week in nursery phonics, the children have been learning the sound 'a'. We have played an alliteration game saying two or more words that start with the same sound. In Literacy we practiced the rhyme 1,2,3,4,5 once I caught a fish alive. We have listened to the rhyming words, clapped the syllables of words and spotted the odd one out. In maths we have explored the representation of the number three and four. During continuous provision we have accessed activities linked to Diwali.</p> <p>Reception this week finished off their literacy by writing magic potion recipes that turned everyone into a variety of things such as frogs, strawberries and even</p>	<p>This week in KS1 we have loved exploring different mechanisms used in children's picture books. We have started designing our own picture book using sliders and levers.</p> <p>In Year 1 Maths we have been adding a one-digit number to a two-digit number by making 10 first and using our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us.</p> <p>In writing we have enjoyed writing a recount based on the story 'Aliens Love Underpants'. We have explored different, exciting adjectives to describe the underpants the cheeky aliens love to steal and used</p>



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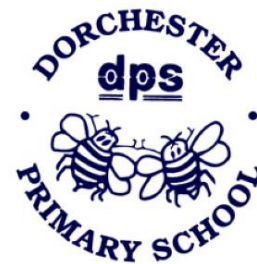
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<p>made you invisible! They are really starting to use their phonic knowledge in their writing now so well done Reception. We have now moved onto learning the Gingerbread Man story. In maths we have started on the properties of shape and what makes a shape that shape e.g. a triangle has 3 straight sides and 3 corners. They have been very excited to find the same shapes in the environment in many different areas. The Children have continued enjoying their cycling lessons and are balancing really well on their cycles. The librarian from Bransholme Library came to read stories yesterday and we are really looking forward to visit there at the end of the month.</p> <p>Finally, PLEASE can you remember your child's book bag each day (especially a Thursday and Friday). It is such a good habit to get into and the children are so proud of their work. Also, we cannot send your child's reading book home unless your child brings their book bag. Thank you.</p>	<p>them in our recount to create expanded noun phrases.</p> <p>In Year 2 Maths we have been using the column method to solve subtraction problems. We have also used our knowledge of subtracting from 10 to solve subtraction problems that are a multiple of 10. In writing we have continued working on creating effective sentences including negative adverbs to create a sense of disappointment to our reader.</p>
Year 3/4	Year 5
<p>Years 3/4 have written their final independent writes for their narrative on Charlie and Chocolate Factory where they wrote about Charlie finally entering the factory gates and exploring all the sweet treats inside!</p> <p>Two of our classes (4R and 3/4P) have been on their trawling trip in Hull city centre and 3N are looking forward to their trip next week!</p>	<p>It has been a hard-working week this week I year five, as we have been trying to master our use of long multiplication in maths. It's been quite tricky as it's a brand-new concept for the children, but they've shown some great resilience to keep improving on it through the week.</p> <p>In science, we have finished our materials unit with a rather stinky enquiry to show the changes that occur in chemical reactions and how we can tell an irreversible change has happened.</p> <p>Finally, we would like to thank all the parents and caregivers who have met up or chatted with us during the week about the great start we've had to year 5- keep up the great work and we're sure it'll be a great year!</p>
Year 6	Hive



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<p>This week in Y6 we have looked at multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 & 1,000 understanding that we are moving the digits to the left and right respectively. We have also looked at converting between fractions, decimals and percentages. In Reading, we have continued to work on our retrieval skills and how we can apply these skills to a non-fiction text - we looked at a biography of Michelangelo and a newspaper report about the Titanic. In Writing, we have continued with our horror narrative, personifying the moon to create an eerie feeling. We have also looked at creating sentences ensuring the focus is on the adjectives. In PE, we continued our street dance and in Geography we have looked at using compass directions to locate places on a map as well as finding out about the equator, latitude, longitude and the Prime Meridian. We have also discussed 'making a noise about bullying' as part of anti-bullying week.</p>	<p>This week in the Hive we have been exploring different forms of regulations through circuit activities, these have included stepping stones, balance beams, wiggle boards and our spinner board. The children have responded really well to these activities.</p> <p>In phonics we have been focusing on the grapheme O, our focus words are octopus, ostrich, otter and orange.</p> <p>We have continued to recreate our 'Three Little Pigs' story, by tracing over the words and recreating small sentences.</p> <p>In maths the children have explored 2d shapes through matching activities.</p> <p>Have a great weekend.</p>
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Next Week's Menu				
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Pasta bake with garlic bread	Sausages with mashed potato	Chicken curry with rice and naan	Roast beef with Yorkshire pudding	Fish Friday with chips
Tomato pasta (V)	Vegetarian sausages (V)	Vegetable curry (V)	Vegetable crumble (V)	Homemade Hull pattie (V)
Plus, a selection of sandwiches (ham, cheese or tuna) and jacket potatoes (tuna, cheese or beans)				