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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week $3 - 22^{nd}$ September 2023

Message from Mr Mills

Firstly, I am sorry that I have not been around this week – unfortunately, I have been summonsed for Jury service, which will be next week too.

However, the school has been in safe hands with Mrs van der Walt and, from what I have been told, it has been an eventful week, not least because of an unexpected fire alarm during Tuesday's lunchtime.

The weather has really been up-and-down so please ensure your children come prepared – especially as the weather is now getting colder.

Today, we marked Jeans for Genes day. This organisation raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by people living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that can make a tangible difference to their lives – so thank you for your contributions.

Please continue to raise any concerns you have in the correct way. The best person to speak to in the first instance is your child's class teacher, as they will usually be able to help you with details of any incident. If it cannot be resolved at this stage, then it should be escalated to the phase leader (EYFS/KS1 = Mrs Horsham, Y3/4 = Mrs Robinson, Y5/6 = Mrs Tee). If you still feel that it has not been resolved, then your concern should be brought to the attention of Mrs van der Walt and finally myself.

Have a great weekend.

Stuart Mills

Key Reminders

School Uniform

Thank you to all of you who continue to support us with ensuring our children are looking smart in the correct uniform. The vast majority of our children come each day in the correct clothing and without jewellery. However, there are a small minority of children who continue to come to school wearing tracksuit bottoms and with bangles on their wrists and necklaces. We will always revert back to our uniform and jewellery policy in these instances, which was circulated to all parents/carers at the beginning of the year. We have spare uniform in school that will be provided for children to wear if they are not wearing the correct







"Working together in a safe and inclusive environment, to develop creative, disciplined and aspirational pupils." clothing, and you will receive a telephone call home to inform you.

Attendance	
Whole-school weekly attendance	
Class with the best attendance	

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 29 th September	McMillan Coffee Morning			
Monday 2 nd October	Individual School Photos			
All of our key dates for this term are on our website or you can find them on Dojo				
https://dorchesterprimary.org.uk/calendar/				

Messages

Behaviour around school

The behaviour of some of our children is falling well below our expectations of them – this is especially the case during playtime, lunchtime and in after-school clubs. Whilst we do want to give children the freedom to play with their friends and 'let off steam', we need them to do this safely and respectfully. Where children's behaviour does fall below our expectations, then our policy will be followed, which will include consequences as appropriate. We will always try to engage with you as your support is vital in ensuring we can overcome any difficulties together. Please continue to support the class teachers and phase leaders if they call to ask for a meeting with you.

What's been happening in school this week?			
EYFS	Year 1/2		
Year 3/4	Year 5		
Year 6	Hive		

First Week Back Menu					
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Pizza served with	Cottage pie with	All Day Breakfast	Roast chicken and	Fish Friday with	
potato wedges	Yorkshire pudding		trimmings	chips	
		All Day Breakfast			
Margherita pizza	Quorn cottage pie	with vegetarian	Vegetable slice (V)	Homemade cheese	
(V)	(V)	sausage (V)		and onion pasty (V)	



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Plus, a selection of sandwiches (ham, cheese or tuna) and jacket potatoes (tuna, cheese or beans)				





