



Dorchester Primary School

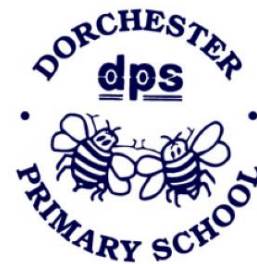
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WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Week 6 – 13th October 2023

Message from Mr Mills

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a change in the weather we have seen this week! From 20 degrees on Tuesday, to cold and wet weather over the last two days.

The nights are beginning to get darker as we head deeper into the Autumn season – for those of you whose children attend after-school clubs, we would now advise that they are collected by an adult afterwards.

It was great to have feedback about our 5EP trip to Beverley this week – it's always so pleasing when members of the public comment on the respectfulness of our children – they were a credit both you and the school.

Over the last couple of weeks, leaders have been dropping into lessons to see what learning is like for children in the classroom. From what we have seen (and been told by our children), there is some excellent learning taking place. Children are really showing our five school values – especially demonstrating 'self-belief' and 'resilience' with their work!

Have a great weekend.

Stuart Mills

Key Reminders

Behaviour Policy

As you know, Dorchester is part of Hull Collaborative Academy Trust and, as such, many of our policies are trust-wide, including our behaviour policy. These means that the escalation process in our policy is the same as other trust schools. Alongside this, we have our own school Behaviour and Culture manual, which outlines our school's individual approach to dealing with unwanted behaviour. This is available on our website here: <https://dorchesterprimary.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/10/HCAT-Behaviour-Policy-Mar-25.pdf>

We rely on your support with all of our school policies, especially in trying to establish and maintain high standards of behaviour. We will always challenge unwanted behaviour and put appropriate sanctions in place where needed.



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

Attendance	
Whole-school weekly attendance	94.9% – close to our target!
Class with the best attendance	Hive with 99.3% and 1/2W with 99.1% 😊
<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	
Thursday 19 th October	PTA Coffee Morning
Friday 20 th October	Flu Vaccinations (whole-school)
Wednesday 25 th October	Halloween Disco (KS1 = 4:00–5:00pm, KS2 = 5:00–6:00pm)
Thursday 26 th October	Children break off for half-term
Monday 6 th November	Children return to school
<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>Toilets</p> <p>Since our return to school, we have had damage caused to our school toilets, including broken toilet seats, graffiti and wet toilet paper being thrown at the ceiling. Clearly, this is not acceptable and a small minority of children are spoiling it for the majority.</p> <p>As a result of this, and until the situation improves, children's use of the toilets will be monitored more closely by staff – including checking the toilets before and after use. Please support us by talking to your children about the need to respect property – thank you.</p>

What's been happening in school this week?	
EYFS	Year 1/2
<p>The nursery children have been very busy this week, enjoying lots of different activities. In phonics we continued to practice our speaking and listening skills using the game 'where's the Bear?' We also practiced clapping the syllables in our names. In literacy the children enjoyed building towns with the bricks and using their puppets sang the rhyme 'Wee Willie Winkie'.</p> <p>Maths has been lots of fun too, helping to set up the five teddy bears picnic. The children used vocabulary 'more', 'less', 'fewer' and had to count the plates, cups and biscuits until all the Bears had the same amounts. The children loved tasting the Hull fair food thanks to your kind donations. We tried candy floss, brandy snap, popcorn, chocolate honeycomb and many more.</p>	<p>In year 1 Maths we have been looking at subtraction and making subtraction calculations from number stories and pictures. The children have really enjoyed using their knowledge of number bonds within 10 to help them with subtraction.</p> <p>In year 2 Maths we have been looking at column addition. We have been adding two 2-digit numbers together using the column addition method. All of the children have shown excellent self-belief and resilience whilst we have been learning this tricky concept.</p> <p>In writing the children have continued describing the characters Wilber and Winnie from the story Winnie</p>

This led to lots of discussion of the fair.

Reception this week have been doing some learning around Hull Fair. In Literacy, they discussed what things they could see, hear, smell or taste at the fair. They shared some of their experiences of the fair' and drew some amazing pictures. Now that they are superstars with their phonics, many were having a go at writing some of the things they did while others were able to write initial letter sounds. To extend this learning, they had a Hull Fair food tasting session and talked about the food, how it looked, how it tasted, what happened when it went in their mouths...! Needless to say, this was a very popular activity! A huge thank you to all the parents who brought some money in, especially those who donated more than the 50p. We couldn't do these activities without your support. Thursday saw a surprise visitor, one of the local librarian's came in to read stories to the whole of EYFS. They sat beautifully and listened so well, showing one of our core values of respect. Well done, EYFS.

the Witch. We have looked at different adjectives which could be used to describe the characters physical features.

This week in Art we have really enjoyed exploring primary and secondary colours. We spent time investigating what colours could be made by mixing two primary colours together, this helped us to gain an understanding of what primary colours we would need to mix together to create the correct colour for our seasonal trees. In computing we have practiced our mouse and keyboard skills and used them to successfully save a file under our names. During our Music lessons we have explored the pulse in different pieces of music, we used our bodies in different ways to feel the pulse.

Year 3/4

Years 3 and 4 have read the next chapter of 'Varjack Paw' in guided reading and continued to look at the meaning of words and phrases very successfully. They have also started their new narrative in writing based on the story Charlie and the Chocolate factory and enjoyed an experience day tasting chocolates and describing them then creating silly name using the adjectives such as a 'nuttillicious, chewamel choco delight'!



Year 5

This has been a great week for year 5 as 5EP went on their first trip of the year! They loved the pizza making and were very brave when completing the market research in Beverley town centre. It was lovely to have so many members of the public come up to me to say how impressed they were with how sensible and courteous the children were - it made me very proud! While we were out, 5HJ enjoyed a day coding on the laptops to recreate the light shows of Hull Fair.



In maths, we have finished our addition and

They have continued to learn about the triple trawler tragedy and presented their research on a double page spread, recording important facts and images of significant people in history.	subtraction unit and are looking forward to starting multiplication and division next week. The children also completed their poems, performing them to each other confidently.
Year 6	Hive
<p>In Y6 this week, we have looked at common factors and recapped dividing by one-digit.</p> <p>In Reading, we have continued to focus on monitoring words and have looked at consolidating our key skills on these question types. In Writing, we have published our narratives.</p> <p>In PE, we have looked at defending against multiple attackers and in Geography we have looked at what different types of maps can tell us including OS Maps and thematic maps.</p>	<p>This week in the Hive, we have been very excited about Hull Fair activities. We have made chocolate-covered apple slices, painted big wheel pictures and made Hull Fair lights for our class display.</p> <p>We have also been dressing up as scarecrows and dancing to dingle dangle scarecrow songs.</p> <p>The class have worked as a team to develop turn taking and sharing skills through making train tracks together.</p>

Next Week's Menu				
<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>
Pasta bolognaise 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)				