

# Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 10th January 2022

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

## Dates for your diaries

### Forest School

Starts this Friday for our Year 5 class, remember those layers and thick socks with wellies.

### Swimming

This starts this Wednesday for Year 4 .  
Half term 14-18<sup>th</sup> Feb

Last day Fri 1<sup>st</sup> April 1.30pm

Easter holidays 4<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> April 2022

INSET 19<sup>th</sup> April

Back to school 20<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> May-Bank Holiday  
Half Term 30<sup>th</sup> May-3<sup>rd</sup> June

(Queen's Jubilee Bank Holiday carried to Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> July)

So last day at school will be Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 1.30pm

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Sept 2022 INSET Days  
Back to School Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Sept 2022

## Inspiring all to 'Dream, Believe, Achieve'

### Changes to our reading provision in Key Stage 1 and those who are receiving reading intervention in Key Stage 2

This week children who follow our Read Write Inc phonics programme will be bringing home an additional reading book. Unlike the books they bring home at the moment, these books are completely 'decodable' and will therefore only contain sounds that your child has learned in their phonics lessons, making it easier for them to read independently. This will boost both their confidence and fluency. The new 'Book Bag books' should be treated as reading homework and should be read several times throughout the week before being returned every Thursday to be changed. All other reading books should continue to be read, recorded on the GoRead app and changed as normal and will run alongside the Book Bag Books.

Mrs Davis has made a video which can be found on school dojo explaining how the new books will work and how you can best support your child with their reading. Please take a few minutes to watch the video and contact your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

### End of the school day – 3.15pm

We were finding it quite difficult to fit in all of our curriculum content due to opening our school gates at the slightly earlier time to have a staggered end of the day. Thank you to all those who have been arriving a little later as the classroom doors will not be open at the end of the day until 3.15pm.

### Doodle Learning

Extra playtime for the top class this week: Year 2.

Year Group	Total stars collected this week per class	Top doodlers in each class Well done...
2	1920	Shawn, Bobo, Leo, Jonah
1	1705	Victor, Aydin, Seadin, Nikola
3	1164	Preston, Freddie, Frankie, Bence
4	1004	Anastasia, Bella P, Sophie T, Charlie J
6	776	Scarlett, Natalie, Nathan, Kirsty
5	724	Veronica, Jessica, Henry, Ben

### APPLYING DEADLINE THIS WEEK FOR RECEPTION 2022

Applications for Reception 2022 will close on Saturday 15th January 2022. More information can be found [here](#).

**REMINDERS- PLEASE CHECK ALL UNIFORM IS LABELLED  
PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE DOWN THE LANE**

### METHODS OF COMMUNICATION;

Message classteacher on Dojo about;	A difficulty in class / a quick query/good news Curriculum /about learning Change of collection of pupil
E-mail the office <a href="mailto:admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk">admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk</a>	Reporting absence/isolation Providing notice of Covid results Medical appointments
Use the APP SchoolGateway	Paying dinner money Can message office through it too

## 'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Our School Value;



### Deuteronomy 31.6:

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

### 2 Timothy 1.7:

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid but gives us power, love and self-discipline.