

Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 12th September 2022

Dates for your diaries

Monday 19th September Bank Holiday for Queen's funeral-School Closed

Wed 21st sept – Sports for Champions
Sponsored event

Black History Month-October

Fri 21st October FOD's cake sale

Thurs 20th Oct Anti-racism day

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th Dec –Winter wonderland

Thurs 2nd March World Book Day

Term dates:

Half term 24th -28th Oct

INSET DAY-31st October

Back to school Tuesday 1st Nov

Last day of term Tuesday 20th Dec 1.30

OCCASIONAL DAY no sch Weds 21st Dec

Christmas holidays 21st Dec –4th Jan 2023

Back to school Thurs 5th Jan 2023

Half term 13-17th Feb

Last day Fri 31st March 1.30pm

Easter holidays 1st -16th April 2023

INSET 17th April

Back to school 18th April 2023

Bank holiday no school Mon 1st May

Half term 29th May-2nd June 2023

Transition day 13th July

Last day Thurs 20th July

Please remember attendance is mandatory and parents should plan their holidays around the above school holiday breaks. Holidays and days out will not be authorised. Please note that even brief term time holidays can affect children in school adversely. We appreciate your understanding and thank you for supporting us in improving attendance.

'Aim high, let your light shine'

Matthew 5:16

Our School Value; TRUST



John 14.1: Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, trust also in me.

1 Corinthians 13. 6-7: Love does not delight in evil, but rejoices in the truth, it always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

'Inspiring all to Dream, Believe, Achieve'

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II

With the sad news about the death of Her Majesty the Queen, the staff and children at Dewhurst St Mary have come together to mark our respect and to reflect on the Queen's incredible and inspiring reign. She has provided us with stability, strength and hope and will be greatly missed by us all. Our thoughts and prayers are with the Royal Family at this time. We have provided staff and pupils the opportunity to reflect on what the Queen meant to them.

Monday 19 September, the date of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's State Funeral, will be a national bank holiday. Schools and colleges will be closed. This will allow individuals, businesses and other organisations to pay their respects to Her Majesty and commemorate Her reign, while marking the final day of the period of national mourning.

Extra-curricular clubs will start this week;

Mon- Netball, Football (both until 4.15) & Pop dance until 4.30

Tue – Recorders lunchtime

Weds- Board Games and Dance until 4.15 Choir until 4pm

Thurs - Dance until 4pm

Fri- Dodgeball until 4.15

Primary French Club years 1 - 6

Goffs Academy are delighted to inform you that they will be running Primary French lessons this academic year, commencing Monday 19th September 2022. Please see dojo for the days, times and costings.

Rocksteady Lessons

These will start this Thursday we will be sending out e-mails to confirm places. Looks like we have enough pupils to have more than one band ... so exciting!

Sports for Champions Workshop

We are looking forward to Wednesday 21st September when we have the double **Commonwealth Games gold medallist Courtney Tulloch** who will be visiting to share his amazing journey in becoming a gymnast representing GB. The children will get a chance to meet, listen and ask questions followed by a sponsored fitness session. Money raised will be used for helping to improve a variety of activities available at playtimes. As explained, there is no expectation to raise the specific amounts as suggested on the sponsor form. Every little helps and all the children will get a sticker for taking part.

School Dinners

Yr1-6 must select their meal choices on the **School Gateway App before 8am**. This is the cut off time and amendments must be made before this time if your child is absent from school please remember to cancel the lunch order otherwise the meal will be prepared and you will be charged.

Free School Meals

We are encouraging all families to check whether they are entitled to benefit related free school meals. Please use this link to check: <https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/at-school/free-school-meals/free-school-meals.aspx> You should do this even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and currently receives universal free school meals as if eligible, your child will be able to access the additional provision as detailed in our Pupil Premium plan such as additional resources, support in the classroom and uniform. **If you're eligible for free school meals you can also get vouchers from your school for the holidays. Other help may be available via the [Household Support Fund](#).**