

# Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 13th November 2023

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

## Dates for your diaries

**Family Sharing Assemblies 2.45pm**

**This week:** Friday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Year 4

Friday Nov 24<sup>th</sup> Year 6

Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Year 5

### MORE DATES:

**Children in Need Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov –Spotty theme** children can dress up to raise awareness of this worthy cause and we will send a link for you to make a donation if you wish to.

**School individual photo day Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov**

**Please note - INSET DAY: Friday 1st Dec 2023**

Christmas holiday: 21st Dec– 3rd Jan 2024

Half term holiday: 19 Feb - 23 Feb 2024

Easter holiday: 29 March - 12 April 2024

**OCCASIONAL DAY Fri 3rd May 2024**

**BANK HOLIDAY Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Half term holiday: 27 May– 31 May 2024

Break up for Summer: Fri 19th July 1.30pm

**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.

### **A Reminder**

**Thank you for not driving down our lane at any time this is to ensure the safety of all our pupils.**

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

### Digital Journals Yrs 1-6 'Seesaw'

In Reception families are able to see what their child has been doing in school by using an app called 'Evidence Me'. Pupils love to share their learning and many of our tasks and activities include practical elements which we evidence for subject leaders to see across the rest of the school using an app called 'Seesaw,' this is used from year 1 to year 6.

Up until now, pupils have been saving their evidence of learning in their subject portfolios and these are now available to also share with you. Last week the children came home with information on how to connect to your child's individual, private portfolio to see all their amazing learning.

**Seesaw creates a powerful learning loop between students, teachers, and families**



As a Seesaw family member you can:

- \* View your child's work in real-time from any device
- \* Engage with student work - add comments and send likes.
- \* Deepen conversations at home

**Here is a video that explains how to use Seesaw as a parent:**

<https://youtu.be/8zgvEpJESj4?si=OVvosfMCnl-XJKru>

Please message to let us know if you need any help with accessing your child's Seesaw account. We will still use Dojo for communication with parents and carers.

### Dates for diaries:

- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November – NEXT FODS MEETING 2.15-3.15pm**
- **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> November – FOD's Wreath Making Workshop for Adults**
- **December – FOD's Elf Raffle**
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – Non Uniform Day** children bring in tombola donations (details to follow)
- **Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December – FOD's Christmas Jumper Stall After School**
- **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day**
- **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 3.15- 5pm – FODS Christmas Fete**
- **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christingle Service St Marys Church**

### CHRISTMAS performances

EYFS Nativity to parents Weds 6<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30am and Thurs 7<sup>th</sup> Dec 9.30 am

KS1 Christmas play Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2.30pm and Tues 12<sup>th</sup> 9.30am

KS2 Carol Concert in St Marys Church 6-7pm

### Internet Safety

Please be aware of the age restrictions of the apps the children may request from you. We have some useful information on our website:

<https://dewhurst.herts.sch.uk/parents/esafety>

Please click this link to using parental controls.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/parental-controls/>

### Absence

If you are reporting absence please e-mail our attendance email before 9am

[attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk) this will go straight to Mrs Dove our attendance officer. If we have not heard from you we make contact to rule out a safeguarding concern. Please also remember to cancel their chosen meal before 8am or the meal will be made and charged. All other queries or messages can be sent to [admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk)

### Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December we will be encouraging staff and pupils to come to school in a Christmas jumper to enjoy their Christmas dinner. Every year we enjoy wearing our festive jumpers, however this year we are looking for any outgrown jumpers to be handed in as a donation. FOD's will then be recycling these and selling them for a small fee to raise money for the school, whilst giving those Christmas woollies a new home!

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**Matthew 5:16**

Our School Value this half term ;



Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God  
forgave you.

**Ephesians 4:32**