

# Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 16th October 2023

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

## Dates for your diaries

### Parent/Teacher Consultations

We will be reviewing provision with parents of SEN pupils before half term. All other consultations will take place on Mon 30th Oct and Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov.

Children in Need Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Nov –Spotty theme

### Family Sharing Assemblies 2.45pm

**This week:** Friday Oct 20<sup>th</sup> Year 3

Friday Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> Year 2

Friday Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Year 1

Friday Nov 17<sup>th</sup> Year 4

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

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

Reception will be busy practising for their nativity later this term, so their first family assembly will be in the Spring term. Lots of their learning in class is shared using their online learning journals

FODs AGM **THIS FRIDAY 20<sup>th</sup> October 3.15pm** please pop along.

**Half term holiday: 23rd Oct– 27th Oct**

**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

**OCCAISONAL DAY Fri 3rd May 2024**

Half term holiday: 27 May– 31 May 2024

Break up 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.

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

### School Tours

Last week we had the first of our parent tours for our **Reception 2024 class**. If you know any pre-school pupils who will be looking to choose their school for September next year please let them know we have some more dates available to see our school in action. They need to speak to the office to book a tour.

### CSAW Performance

Last week Year 4 spent the day, then evening, performing at St Marys High School. They were collaborating with other local church schools to sing and act out the story of Daniel and the Lion's Den from the Bible for a large audience of friends and families. We had so many compliments about great behaviour. Thank you to our staff for organising and supporting this wonderful event.

### Parent/Teacher Consultations

We have already spent the last two weeks meeting with some parents to review the provision and targets of our SEN (Special educational needs)pupils. All other parents will receive an e-mail at the end of the week to make a Parent/Teacher Consultation for after half term. These consultations will be in person on **Mon 30th Oct and Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov**. This short initial meeting is intended to be an opportunity to see how your child has settled.

All parent/carers will be invited back into school in the Spring term to discuss in more detail attainment and progress and to look at their child's books. End of year reports go out in the Summer term to report on your child's progress, achievements and next steps.

### Harvest Festival and Foodbank Donations -This Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October

We will be visiting Church with the pupils on Thursday morning where Father Eugene will lead a Harvest Service for our pupils. Please ensure your child has a waterproof coat that day. We will be collecting donations to help support the local Food Bank who do such valuable work in supporting families around our community. They have requested any of the following items: tinned fruit or vegetables, packets, long grain rice, tinned meats or biscuits. **We hope you are able to make a donation. It would be amazing if your child could bring it to school on Thursday 19th October.** Thank you in advance. We are welcoming parents, although seating is unfortunately limited so we can only have one parent per child and **no pre-school children**. Please don't feel obliged to attend as we will put videos and photos on Dojo for those unable to attend.

### 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.

All other queries or messages can be sent to [admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk)

## '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.