

Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter

Monday 17th October 2022

'Inspiring all to Dream, Believe, Achieve'



Dates for your diaries

Parent teacher consultations Mon 17th & Thurs 20th Oct (Weds for Yr5)

Weds 19th Oct Harvest Festival

Thurs 20th Oct Anti-racism day

Fri 21st Oct FOD's cake sale

Half term 24th -28th Oct

INSET DAY-31st October

Back to school Tuesday 1st Nov

Fri 11th Nov FODs 80's family disco 6-8pm

Fri 18th Nov -Children In Need spotty theme

Weds 23rd Nov - School photos

Thurs 24th Nov - FoD's Non-Uniform day

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th Dec -Winter wonderland

Xmas Lunch & Xmas Jumper day Weds 14th Dec

Last day of term Tuesday 20th Dec 1.30

OCCASIONAL DAY Weds 21st Dec

Christmas holidays 21st Dec -4th Jan 2023

Back to school Thurs 5th Jan 2023

Half term 13-17th Feb

Thurs 2nd March World Book Day

Last day Fri 31st March 1.30pm

Easter holidays 1st -16th April 2023

INSET 17th April

Back to school 18th April 2023

Bank holiday Mon 1st May

Half term 29th May-2nd June 2023

Transition day Thurs 13th July

Last day Thurs 20th July 2023

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.

'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.

Reminder INSET DAY coming up

We have a staff training day (INSET) the day after half term on **Monday 31st October** and our occasional day is Wednesday 21st Dec. The school will be closed to pupils on both of those days.

Parent/Teacher Consultations this week

Monday is our face to face day and Thursday (or Weds for yr 5) is our day for Video meetings. We are running both to suit working parents or families who would prefer to meet virtually without having to make travel and childcare arrangements. The video calls allow for you to add another parent to join the call if this is useful. The meetings are 10 minutes long and an opportunity to find out how your child has settled.

Harvest Festival and Foodbank Donations

We will be visiting Church with the pupils on Wednesday 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, long life milk, long grain rice, tinned meats, biscuits, squash or toiletries. **We hope you are able to make a donation. It would be amazing if your child could bring it to school on Wednesday 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 too.

Family Assemblies 2.45pm

Friday Oct 21st Year 1 (This Week)

Friday Nov 4th Year 4

Weds Nov 9th Year 5

Friday Nov 25th Year 3

Friday Dec 2nd Year 6

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

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 NEW attendance email before 9am to attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk this will go straight to Mrs Dove our attendance officer. If we have not heard from you we will make contact to rule out a safeguarding concern. Please also remember to cancel their chosen meal before 8am.