

Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Tuesday 20th September 2022

‘Inspiring all to Dream, Believe, Achieve’

Dates for your diaries

**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.

Sports for Champions Workshop This Wednesday

We are looking forward to Wednesday this week 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. If you would like to make a donation please do so by today (Tuesday)

Kind sponsor donation will need to be made online :

<https://www.crowdfunder.co.uk/p/dewhurststmary#start>

Please make online donation stating your child's name clearly so we can allocate the thank you rewards. You can also leave a supportive message online.

Extra-curricular clubs;

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

This sounded amazing last Thursday lessons will continue each week and in a few weeks time you will be sent information to let you know how your child is getting on.

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](#).**

Absence

If you are reporting absence please e-mail admin before 9am

admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk if we have not heard from you we make contact to rule out a safeguarding concern.

Doors open at 8.45 and end of the school day is 3.15