

# Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September 2022

'Inspiring all to Dream, Believe, Achieve'

## Dates for your diaries

Wed 28<sup>th</sup> Sept – Rec Parents Meeting 9-10

This Fri 3.15pm FOD's AGM

Black History Month-October

Fun Lunch Day –Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> October

Fri 21<sup>st</sup> October FOD's cake sale

Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct Anti-racism day

Sat 3<sup>rd</sup> & Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Dec –Winter wonderland

Christmas Lunch Weds 14<sup>th</sup> December

Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March World Book Day

### Term dates;

Half term 24<sup>th</sup> -28<sup>th</sup> Oct

**INSET DAY-31<sup>st</sup> October**

Back to school Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov

**Last day of term Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec 1.30**

OCCASIONAL DAY no sch Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

Christmas holidays 21st Dec –4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

**Back to school Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023**

Half term 13-17<sup>th</sup> Feb

Last day Fri 31<sup>st</sup> March 1.30pm

Easter holidays 1<sup>st</sup> -16<sup>th</sup> April 2023

INSET 17<sup>th</sup> April

Back to school 18<sup>th</sup> April 2023

Bank holiday no school Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May

Half term 29<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Transition day Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July

Last day Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Term dates –Please note:

We have a staff training day (INSET) the day after half term on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> October and our occasional day is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> Dec. The school will be closed to pupils on both of those days which allows you an opportunity to take children to special places out of school holidays. Any requests to do family holidays or days out on a usual school day will be unauthorised

### Sports for Champions Workshop

Wednesday was an exciting morning for all our pupils. We had the pleasure to meet Commonwealth **Games gold medalist Courtney Tulloch** who shared his amazing journey in becoming a gymnast representing GB. The children got a chance to meet, listen and ask questions followed by a **sponsored fitness session**. A huge thank you to everyone for taking part so enthusiastically and for all the money you raised. Together we reached a whopping £840 which will partly go towards improving our school playground to encourage active play. Postcards, posters and signed photos will be sent home today.

### 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 at Goffs Academy**

### School Dinners

All pupils 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 our NEW 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

**Doors open at 8.45 and end of the school day is 3.15. Registers are taken at 8.55**

### Class Videos

Useful information regarding your child's class has been posted on Dojo. These videos are useful guides to share important reminders to help the year run smoothly for your child and to know and understand the curriculum which will be taught this term. Reception parents will get their information on Weds 9-10am.