

Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 27th February 2023

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

Dates for your diaries

Reminder of Times Doors open 8.45am

Collect at end of day 3.15pm

Family Assemblies 2.45pm

Year 4 Fri 10th March

Year 3 Fri 17th March REVISED

Year 5 Weds 22nd March REVISED

Year 6 Fri 24th March

Thurs 2nd March World Book Day

SEN Consultations 20-24th March

Parent Consultation Evenings: Tue 28th
or Thurs 30th March

Palm Service Weds 29th March

Last day Fri 31st March 1.30pm

Easter holidays 1st -16th April 2023

INSET 17th April

Back to school Summer term 18th April
2023

Bank holiday Mon 1st May 2023

Bank holiday Mon 8th May 2023

Yr 6 SATS Tues 9th – Fri 12th May 2023

Y2 SATS – During May

Half term 29th May-2nd June 2023

Yr4 – Multiplication Check-June

Yr1 – Phonics screening week beg 12th
June

Transition day Thurs 13th July

Last day Thurs 20th July 2023 1.30 finish

Inspiring all to 'Dream, Believe, Achieve'

Girls 7-a-side Football Tournament

We couldn't be prouder of our amazing Year 5 and 6 girls football team who took part in the local schools 7-a-side tournament last week. They showed courage, respect and compassion. We got through to the quarter finals and were just pipped by penalties. Such a great bunch of players who demonstrated skills and an excellent attitude to competitive sport. Good luck to our football and netball team who are playing Flamstead End today.

National Education Union Strikes – This Wednesday 1st March

Wednesday is the second of the four dates allocated for strikes by the NEU. They are about the level of funding schools receive and terms and conditions. The dispute is not with the school, but some of our teachers will be taking strike action, others will be working normally.

The school will be closed on Wednesday for children in: Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6

Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 will run as normal and should arrive at the normal time.

I know that making alternative arrangements for your children will be difficult for some parents. That is why we are giving as much notice as possible. Pupil attendance figures will not be affected for those classes closed.

As a result of this latest strike we have rescheduled the Year 5 Family Assembly to Wed 22nd March 2.45pm

We have also made a slight change to Year 3 Family Assembly which is now on Fri 17th March.

This Thursday 3rd March- World Book Day

We will be celebrating this special day by having the author Alice Hemmings to visit and work with classes throughout the day. We are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2 per child to put towards the cost of the visit. This can be paid via school gateway from today.

We would like to invite the children to **come to school dressed as their favourite book character on the 3rd March and to bring their favourite book or the book they have dressed up as to share.** We look forward to seeing all of your wonderful costumes.

FOD's will be holding a Book Sale on Thursday after school. Last call for good quality book donations to sell to raise money for our school and to give the books new homes.

REMINDERS:

Fresh named water bottles and reading book bag EVERY DAY

We are a nut free school – we have pupils with allergies

Morning snacks – Fruit or cereal bar or plain biscuit/cracker

PLEASE KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE- DO NOT DRIVE DOWN THE LANE

Absence

If you are reporting absence please e-mail our 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.

Library –Every Monday after school 3.20-3.40 The library door is the first door as you go round to the playground from the fitness equipment. Come along a borrow a book. Please remember to return any books you currently have on loan.

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Our School Value;



Deuteronomy 31.6:

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go.

2 Timothy 1.7:

For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid but gives us power, love and self-discipline.