

# Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 30th October 2023

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

## Dates for your diaries

### Parent/Teacher Consultations

We are currently reviewing provision with parents of SEN pupils some of these meetings took place before half term. Other consultations will take place this week:

**Mon 30th Oct and Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov for years 1-6**  
**Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Oct and Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov for our reception class.**

### Family Sharing Assemblies 2.45pm

**This week: 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**

### MORE DATES:

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

School photo day Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov

**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

**OCCASIONAL DAY Fri 3rd May 2024**

**BANK HOLIDAY Mon 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

Half term holiday: 27 May– 31 May 2024

Break up for Summer: 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.

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Our School Value this half term ;



Be kind and compassionate to one another,  
forgiving each other, just as in Christ God  
forgave you.

**Ephesians 4:32**

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

### School Tours

We have already started our 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 will need to speak to the office to book a tour.

### FOD's AGM

Thank you for those parents who attended our AGM- watch this space to see some events coming up soon. **Next FOD's meeting this Tues 31<sup>st</sup> 9am in the dining room.** You are welcome to pop along for a coffee and to offer your support.

### 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 should have received an e-mail last week to make a Parent/Teacher Consultation for this week. These consultations will be in person starting today **Mon 30th Oct and Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov for years 1-6 and Tue 31<sup>st</sup> Oct and Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov for our reception class.** This short 10 minute meeting is intended to be an opportunity to see how your child has settled and to discuss how they are getting on in the classroom. 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.

### GC Sports

Another successful camp was held at school during half term. Thank you to Gary and his team for organising and running this for our families during the half term break.

### 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 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)

### Christmas Jumper and Christmas Dinner day

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December we will be encouraging staff and pupils to come to school in a Christmas jumper to enjoy their Christmas dinner. Every year we enjoy wearing our festive jumpers, however this year we are looking for any outgrown jumpers to be handed in as a donation. FOD's will then be recycling these and selling them for a small fee to raise money for the school, whilst giving those Christmas woollies a new home!

**We are just confirming days and times of some of our Christmas events – please keep your eye out for dates.**

### Extra-curricular clubs

We will continue the same clubs as last half term and will assume the pupils who signed up last half term wish to continue unless we hear from you. Some clubs are not running this week due to parent consultations- Please see Dojo.