

# Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2022

'Inspiring all to Dream, Believe, Achieve'

## Dates for your diaries:

**Black History Month** - October

**Fun Lunch Day** - Thurs 6<sup>th</sup> October

**SEN pupil reviews** this week

**Parent teacher consultations** Mon 17<sup>th</sup> &

**Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> October**

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

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

**Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Nov FODs 80's family disco** 6-8pm

**Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Nov -Children In Need** spotty theme

**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

**Weds 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov** - School photos

**Thurs 24<sup>th</sup> Nov** - FoD's Non-Uniform day

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

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

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

**OCCASIONAL DAY** Weds 21<sup>st</sup> Dec

**Christmas holidays** 21<sup>st</sup> 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

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

**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** 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.

## Reminder INSET DAY coming up

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.

## Parent/Teacher Consultations

**This week we will be reviewing the provision and targets of our SEN (Special educational needs) pupils with parents.** For all other parents an invite to make an online Parent/Teacher Consultation will be sent out electronically. The consultations will take place using the Video School Cloud on **Mon 17<sup>th</sup> and Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> Oct.** This initial meeting is intended to be an opportunity to see how your child has settled and to ask any questions. Following the feedback we have extended the time to 10 mins to allow more time to conclude conversations. Parent/Carers will be invited 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.

## FOD's AGM

**Thank you to FOD's for holding their Annual General Meeting so lovely to see some new faces and lots planned. Thank you for all your hard work and dedicated time.**

## Extra-curricular clubs;

**No board games club this Weds. All other clubs as usual.**

**Scooterbility training this week** Weds 5<sup>th</sup> Yr 2 in the playground.

## Fun Lunch Taster this Thursday

This Thursday we will be having a fun taster day to get lots of children to try our school dinners. You can order a one-off meal on School Gateway. Please remember this is completely free for Rec, Year 1 and Year 2.

## Family Assemblies 2.45pm

### Friday Oct 7<sup>th</sup> Year 2 (This Week)

Friday Oct 21<sup>st</sup> Year 1

Friday Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Year 4

Weds Nov 9<sup>th</sup> Year 5

Friday Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Year 3

Friday Dec 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## 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](#).**