

Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter

Monday 3rd October 2022

'Inspiring all to Dream, Believe, Achieve'



Dates for your diaries:

Black History Month - October

Fun Lunch Day - Thurs 6th October

SEN pupil reviews this week

Parent teacher consultations Mon 17th &

Thurs 20th October

Thurs 20th Oct **Anti-racism day**

Fri 21st Oct **FOD's cake sale**

Fri 11th Nov **FODs 80's family disco** 6-8pm

Fri 18th Nov - **Children In Need** spotty theme

Half term 24th -28th Oct

INSET DAY-31st October

Back to school Tuesday 1st Nov

Weds 23rd Nov - School photos

Thurs 24th Nov - FoD's Non-Uniform day

Sat 3rd & Sun 4th Dec -Winter wonderland

Christmas Lunch Weds 14th December

Last day of term Tuesday 20th Dec 1.30

OCCASIONAL DAY Weds 21st Dec

Christmas holidays 21st Dec -4th Jan 2023

Back to school Thurs 5th Jan 2023

Half term 13-17th Feb

Thurs 2nd March World Book Day

Last day Fri 31st March 1.30pm

Easter holidays 1st -16th April 2023

INSET 17th April

Back to school 18th April 2023

Bank holiday Mon 1st May

Half term 29th May-2nd June 2023

Transition day Thurs 13th July

Last day Thurs 20th 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 31st October** and our occasional day is Wednesday 21st 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 17th and Thurs 20th 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 5th 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 7th Year 2 (This Week)

Friday Oct 21st Year 1

Friday Nov 4th Year 4

Weds Nov 9th Year 5

Friday Nov 25th Year 3

Friday Dec 2nd 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](#).**