

# Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Dates for your diaries

Over the next two weeks we will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' Meetings to share information about the learning your child will be doing this term and some useful information to help the year run smoothly.

Meetings will be after school 3.15-3.45:

Year 3 Weds 6th Sept

Year 1 Thurs 7th Sept

Year 2 Mon 11th Sept

Year 4 Tues 12th Sept

Year 6 Thur 14th Sept

Year 5 Fri 15th Sept

It would be great if you as a parent can attend.

However, If you cannot make the meeting we will be able to share the PowerPoint with you.

## TERM DATES

Start of term: Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Sept

**INSET DAY : Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September**

Half term holiday: 23rd Oct– 27th Oct

**INSET DAY: Friday 1<sup>st</sup> Dec 2023**

Christmas holiday: 21<sup>st</sup> Dec– 3rd Jan 2024

Half term holiday: 19 Feb - 23 Feb 2024

Easter holiday: 29 March - 12 April 2024

**OCCAISONAL DAY Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

Half term holiday: 27 May– 31 May 2024

Break up Fri 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

## '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.

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

### Welcome Back

**Hope you have all had a well-deserved Summer break and are ready for an exciting Autumn term**

This half term we will be focusing on the school value of 'Trust'. This week we will be looking at 'What makes somebody trustworthy?'

### Reading books

We will be looking at assessment data and hearing children read to ensure pupils are reading appropriately pitched books. All pupils will be issued with new books this week with a plastic wallet to keep them in. It is crucial that children read at home to an adult five times a week and record this in their new reading diaries. After listening to parental feedback and hearing the technical difficulties parents were having we have decided to return back to the accessible method of paper records. Home reading is continuously monitored and is one of the biggest factors to accelerate progress. We teach the skills to read at school but being able to go home and practice these skills helps to consolidate and reinforce what has been taught.

### Some reminders...

- We have a strict no nut rule at school (we do have children in our school with serious nut allergies)
- No dogs on school grounds
- Please remind children to **walk their scooters and bikes across the car park** when entering or leaving school for the safety of all. Please remember all bikes and scooters are left at the owner's risk.

### School Dinners –order before 8am

Yr1-6 must select their meal choices on the **School Gateway App**. Years 3,4,5,6 must ensure they are in credit to enable selection. If your child is poorly and absent from school you must cancel the order as the meal will be made and payment will be taken. Reception pupils will not be taking school meals this week but we will be setting this up with parents soon.

### Break times- Snack

Children in Rec, Yr1 and Yr2 have access to a free piece of fruit at morning break. However, pupils in key stage 2 may bring in their own piece of fruit or a healthy cereal bar. Please do not send in crisps or chocolate covered bars as we promote a healthy snack.

### Communication- Dojo and E-mail

Dojo is checked just before children enter school for any messages from parents and again at the end of the school day. So, if you have a message about collection of a pupil, please inform staff in this way. We do not use Dojo when school is closed, messages that are sent later in the evening are picked up the following morning.

If you are reporting absence please e-mail [attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk](mailto:attendance@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk) before 9am . If we have not heard from you we make contact to rule out a safeguarding concern.

All other queries or messages can be sent to [admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@dewhurst.herts.sch.uk)