

# Dewhurst St Mary Newsletter



Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January 2023

'Let your light shine' Matthew 5:16

## Dates for your diaries

**Family Assemblies 2.45pm**

**Reception Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Feb THIS WEEK!**

Year 5 Weds 1<sup>st</sup> March

Year 4 Fri 10<sup>th</sup> March

Year 3 Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> March

Year 6 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> March

**FOD's Valentine Disco Thurs 9<sup>th</sup> Feb**

Half term 13-17<sup>th</sup> Feb

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

**Parent Consultation Evenings: Tue 28<sup>th</sup>  
or Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> March**

Palm Service Weds 29<sup>th</sup> March

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 Summer term 18<sup>th</sup> April  
2023

**Bank holiday Mon 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023**

**Bank holiday Mon 8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**

Yr 6 SATS Tues 9<sup>th</sup> – Fri 12<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Y2 SATS – During May

Half term 29<sup>th</sup> May-2<sup>nd</sup> June 2023

Yr4 – Multiplication Check-June

Yr1 – Phonics screening week beg 12<sup>th</sup>

June

Transition day Thurs 13<sup>th</sup> July

Last day Thurs 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023 1.30 finish

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

**Library –Every Monday** after school 3.20-3.45 The library door is the first door as you go round to the playground from the fitness equipment.

### Reception's Family Assembly

We look forward to our Reception's first family assembly. We recommend that if you have younger siblings you try to arrange childcare. However, we understand this may be difficult, so we ask that if you do attend with younger siblings it is usually easier to sit at the back for a quick escape if they are finding listening difficult.

### Reading At Home

In Reception and Key Stage 1 we teach children to read using our synthetic phonics programme 'Read Write Inc'. We systematically teach the sounds using the RWI core story books with red sight words and speed sounds in. We then send home the corresponding book or flashcards which will allow your child the opportunity to consolidate their learning and accelerate progress. This book should be prioritised and should be read lots of times to ensure your child becomes fluent when reading. How can we support reading at home? <https://youtu.be/VGsqPohuALo>



We supplement this offer with a closely matched book from the classroom, which may require adult support. We have just purchased lots of brand new exciting titles across key stage 2. Please encourage your child to take good care of the books they bring home. Please remember to log their reading on the GoRead App.

### 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](mailto: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.

### FODS

The new website is live: [www.friendsofdewhurst.co.uk](http://www.friendsofdewhurst.co.uk) The next event will be a **Valentines Disco after school this Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February**

Rec, Yr 1, Yr2 3.30-4.45

Yr3,4,5 and 6 5pm-6.15 pm

### FOD's World Book Day- Costume and book donations

We are looking for donations of children's fancy dress costumes... Have you got a redundant book day costume you are happy to donate to school this week?

FODs are happy to sort and recycle donated costumes and these will be sold after half term ready for World Book Day 2<sup>nd</sup> March at affordable prices with proceeds going to school fundraising. Superhero costumes welcome too

### Children's Book donations.

We are also hoping to hold a second hand book stall on World Book Day 2<sup>nd</sup> March. If you have any donations which are in good condition we would be very grateful.

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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.