

**DORRINGTON NEWS: 20<sup>th</sup> April 2018**

**DORRINGTON DIARY - Dates for your Diary**

Thursday May 3<sup>rd</sup> - School Closed for voting  
 Friday May 4<sup>th</sup> – School closed – Teacher Training Day  
 Monday May 7<sup>th</sup> – School Closed for the Bank Holiday  
 Friday May 25<sup>th</sup> – School Closes for Half Term  
 Monday June 4<sup>th</sup> – School Opens for all pupils  
  
 Monday May 14<sup>th</sup> – SATs week for Year 6 children

**Dinner Money**

**A reminder that dinner money should be paid every Monday for the coming week and not in arrears. Thank you.**

Unicef Article: 28

**ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY FOR WEEK ENDING 29<sup>th</sup> March 2018**

This week the top classes for Attendance and Punctuality were as follows:

<b><u>Attendance</u></b>					
KS1	2I	98.75%	KS2	5S	99.58%
REC	RS	96.67%	Year 3	3B	95.00%
Year 1	10	97.08%	Year 4	4D	97.92%
Year 2	2I	98.75%	Year 5	5S	99.58%
			Year 6	6S	96.55%
<b><u>Punctuality</u></b>					
KS1 Winners	1W	2 LATES	KS2 Winners	4P	0 LATES
KS1 Most Lates	RC	8 LATES	KS2 Most Lates	6D	12 LATES

Unicef Articles: 12, 28, 29, 31

## Nursery

We have all returned to Nursery after the Easter break full of excitement for the new term. This week we are continuing our Spring topic by looking at flowers. In the outdoor Education area we found daffodils, tulips, bluebells and many others. Thank you Omar for telling us about your rainbow garden. It sounds amazing! Have you noticed the new leaves, buds and catkins emerging on the trees? Why not talk about the signs of Spring with your child when you are out and about.

## Reception

This week we have been learning the story of The Little Red Hen. The children have enjoyed reading the story and learning the actions. The children have been learning to add two single digit numbers together using the mark making method and the count on method using a number line. They have also been busy painting pictures of the chicks and learning different facts about them. Please encourage your child to discuss with you what they have learnt this week.

## Year 1

A big welcome back to Year 1! We hope you had a relaxing break ready for a hectic final term! This week in Numeracy we have been learning how to halve and quarter numbers. We found out that a half is two equal parts and a quarter is four equal parts. We also learnt that you can only halve and quarter even numbers. In Literacy, the children have been reading a new story "Katie Morag delivers the mail". A story all about a little girl in Scotland who ends up delivering the wrong parcels to people on the island. First, the children retold the event of the people not getting the correct parcel. On Wednesday, the children sequenced the story using pictures and sentences. On Thursday, the children thought about character's feelings. Next week the children will be re writing the story, so make sure to practise writing sentences with your child. In Science, we have started a new topic, learning all about animals and their different groups such as reptiles and mammals. In IPC, we have done some Geography and the children looked at different geographical features such as rivers, deserts, beaches and mountains. The children have had a great week and the Year 1 teachers are looking forward to an exciting final term!

## Year 2

- 2A Welcome back to everyone after the Easter Break! I hope you're all rested and ready to tackle this last school term! We've started off this school term by changing topic to Space. So this term we shall be looking at the wonders of our Solar System. In literacy, our topic is Superheroes and we've kicked everything off by reading a book called Eliot the Midnight Superhero and we're building up to write our own story complete with setting description, bad guys and lots of action! In maths, we have started learning about time. For example, how to use an analogue clock to tell the time and to calculate how many minutes have passed between one time and another. It's very busy here in Year 2 and I look forward to seeing some amazing work.
- 2I What a wonderful first week back we have had! This week we have started a Literacy unit all about superheroes. We will be writing our own stories based on Eliot the Midnight Superhero. In Maths we have been learning to tell the time. It was also our first time going swimming; all the children were really well behaved and a pleasure to take out of school. Well done 2I!
- 2K Welcome back Year 2. I hope you have all had a lovely 2 week Easter break. In numeracy this week we have been busy looking at time. The children have enjoyed learning how many minutes in an hour and the intervals of time. Our new literacy topic is superheroes. The children have thoroughly enjoyed listening to the story 'Eliot the midnight superhero'. They have come up with some of their own superpowers and the equipment they might need to help them with that superpower. Year 2 have started swimming this week. A big well done to all of the children for bringing in their swimming kit.

## Year 3

- 3B** What a great start for 3B! This week in Literacy, we have been looking at informal letters and exploring their features. We are gearing up towards writing our own informal letters, focusing on all of the skills we will need to do so! In numeracy, we have been looking at time. The children have been comparing the differences between analogue and digital time, which they are making great progress in! We will also be starting our fantastic new topic in IPC about Ancient Egypt!
- 3G** A lovely start to our Summer term. I hope you all had a lovely break. A special well done to everyone who made their 3D model over the holidays; they are incredible! We have started our new unit in Literacy based around the book *The Time Travelling Cat and the Egyptian Goddess*. We are going to be writing an informal letter to our friend explaining how the cat has come to life! In Numeracy, we have been focusing on telling the time. We have learnt to read both digital and analogue clocks. Great work from everyone in 3G this week; keep it up!
- 3K** This week in Numeracy we have been learning about time. We have been learning how to read and write the time from digital and analogue clocks. In Literacy, we have been looking at the features of informal letters. We have worked on writing in the first person and in past tense. In PE we have started our African Dance unit. The children have really enjoyed being creative and working in groups. In Science we have started our unit on Forces and Magnets. In IPC we have started our new unit about the Egyptians. We are excited to find out more about the lives of people in Ancient Egypt. We have had a great first week back.

## Year 4

- 4D** We have had an interesting debate based on our literacy text 'Beowulf' which the children are all enjoying reading. We will eventually be writing our own discussion based on the text. We have started looking at how we can classify 3D shapes by looking at their properties. The children have been enjoying learning about the dangers of electricity. Keep up the great work 4D!
- 4N** We have begun to explore discussion texts and are preparing to write a balanced argument on whether Beowulf should risk his life and battle Grendel. In numeracy, we have been focusing on different 2D and 3D shapes and identifying different ways as to how we can sort these shapes and the properties of these. We have begun our new topic of electricity which children were very eager to learn about. Keep up the hard work!
- 4P** It has been lovely to hear that everybody enjoyed their 2 weeks off! This week, we have started our discussion text in literacy. We debated whether or not Beowulf should go to battle. Quite an intense debate arose and it was fantastic to see all of the children involved! In numeracy, we have looked at different shapes as part of our geometry unit. In IPC, we became news reporters and interviewed King Alfred! He had some very interesting comments to make.

## Year 5

- 5A** Welcome back! In Literacy this week, we have started to look at our next text for the term- *The Highwayman*! The children have enjoyed getting to know the poem and have been summarising the key events within each stanza. In Numeracy, we have focused on converting between different measurements. In Guided Reading, we have been using our prediction skills, with *The Highwayman*, by looking for stated and implied clues within the text.
- 5R** This week in 5R we have been working on converting metric measurements of weight, capacity and length in maths which has helped us practise multiplying and dividing by 10, 100 and 1000. In literacy we have been studying 'The Highwayman' poem, looking at the language used and summarising the stanzas. We have learnt about the food eaten by the Greeks in IPC and in science we have begun to study thermal conductivity.
- 5S** This week in 5S we have been studying the narrative poem *The Highwayman*, by Alfred Noyes. In Numeracy we have been converting between metric and imperial units of measure. In Science we have started our new topic on conductivity and have learnt about the insulating properties of different materials.

## Year 6

- 6S** This week, we are revising a mixture of reading strategies focusing on language within poems, fictions and non-fiction texts - particularly focusing on words in context. In numeracy, we have tackled the tough concepts of algebra, prime numbers and scale factor! A busy week in the lead up to SATs!
- 6D** In 6D we are getting ready for SATs. In reading we have been looking at how to answer three mark questions. In Maths we have been learning how to solve questions with algebra, prime numbers and scale factor. Miss Davidson's Star of the Month is Sara Ahmed who has been working really hard in all lessons. Keep up the good work 6D!!
- 6N** This week in 6N we have been busy in preparation for SATs. In maths we have been applying algebra and pie charts to a variety of reasoning questions. In grammar we have been revising a range of different methods needed for writing.

## **MESSAGE TO PARENTS**

The Reception classes would be pleased to receive any donations of spare clothes for the children, in particular socks, trousers and skirts. Many thanks.

## **REMINDER – LATE CHARGES**

For each child entering the late area, the parent will be charged an initial £5. For every subsequent 5 minutes thereafter, there will be a further £5 charge. For example, if a child in Key Stage 1 is in the late area at 3.30pm and is not collected until 4.00pm, this will incur a charge of £35. An invoice for the total amount will be sent to the child/children's home address within 7 days.

## **Weather**

As the weather improves, please remember to provide a hat for your child and apply sunscreen before coming to school. Thank you.

*“Together we are stronger”*