



# Dorset Road Infant School Newsletter

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This first half of the Spring term has been packed with lovely activities and learning. The whole school has learned about Chinese New Year, Year 1 children have visited St Andrew's Church and greatly enjoyed a Music Workshop led by Eltham College students, and Year 2 children have attended an Art Workshop at Eltham College and organised a Sports Afternoon for their parents. We will be finishing the half term in style with our Valentine's Disco (a big thank you to the PTA for organising). Thank you to the parents and carers who came along to the E-Safety workshop, led by PCSO Sue Kennedy. PS – watch out for "Pride Postcards", 2 per class being posted tonight.



*Year 2 parents enjoying the Sports Afternoon*

### Gardening

Do we have any green-fingered parents or grandparents who could spare an hour or so each week, to help us tidy the front of the school, and the beds in the playground? Please speak to Mrs Oke if you are able to help us.

### University Students

We have been very fortunate to have 3 placement students with us over the last couple of months; Nicola Cownty in Reception, Georgia Morgan in Year 1 and Hollie Randall in Year 2. They have been a great asset to the classroom.

### Nurture Room

We will be making some improvements to Lime Room over the next few weeks, to create a Nurture Room. The school will be using recent donations from the Co-op, Albins and Waitrose Green Token scheme to help with the refurbishment. The school has also received £169 in commission from the school photographers.

### Free afternoon tea at St Edward's Church Hall

St Edward's are hosting an "information" afternoon tea on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 1.00pm – 3.00pm. St Edward's are working in partnership with Bromley Children's Project, the Police, Victim Support, Women's Aid, BDAS, Mencap and Mind, and information will be available on internet safety, family support, domestic violence, free benefit checks, drug and alcohol advice and counselling.

### Sainsbury's vouchers

Don't forget to hand in your Sainsbury vouchers, or pop them in the postboxes located by the front door and on Lime Room. We will be able to "buy" quite a few items later in the year. PS – nimble fingers needed in the summer term to help count them!

### Punctuality

Overall, our attendance is very good, but please ensure that your child arrives promptly at school before the gate closes at 8.55. Don't forget you can come in from 8.40. Phonics teaching takes place first thing every day, in each class, and being just a few minutes late means missing out.

### Parking outside of school

PLEASE don't park on the zigzags, either in Dorset Road or Portland Road when collecting or dropping off, as it makes the roads less safe for all our children and parents. Dangerously parked cars restrict vision when crossing the road and you risk a fine. Thank you.

**PTO for more news and calendar dates**





### Achievements outside of school

We love to hear about the children’s achievements outside of school – sporting, musical, dancing... Please let us know if you have done something wonderful!

George D in Year 2 scored the equalising goal for his team Russellers, in a 5-5 draw against West Ham Under 7s, and Indie in Year 2 recently won a gold medal for diving. Well done to both of you!



*George looking smart in his football kit*

The children return to school on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February. Year 2 are going to Chatham Historic Dockyard – so please be in promptly as the coach will be leaving at 9.00am. Don’t forget a packed lunch, and sensible footwear and coat. Year 1 - don’t forget you have “Dinosaur Day” – please come in to school dressed as a scientist. Another short half term leading up to Easter, please see below for dates for your diary.

- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Year 2 to Chatham Historic Dockyard
- Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> February Year 1 – “Dinosaur Day”
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February Year R – height and weight checks, school nurse
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February “Shrove Tuesday” – pancakes for pudding with school dinner!
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March Year 2 – “Scoot Sure”
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March PTA Mothers’ Day Sale
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March Easter Lunch – change of menu to roast turkey
- Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> March Easter egg Hunt in the Methodist Church Garden
- Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March Last day of term