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DORNEY SCHOOL



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Dear parents,



World Day for Cultural Diversity – Wednesday 21st May 2025

We would be thrilled if pupils can come to school in clothes (traditional or otherwise) that represent their culture or identity on that day. The main aim is to celebrate diversity so just dressing brightly in favourite colours would also be appropriate. Each child may bring a small plate of food that will be shared with their classmates during this day. Please ensure there are no nuts or seeds as these may cause severe reactions in some pupils. Do label the ingredients if possible and let us know if the product contains meat. We would be thrilled if parents or grandparents would like to come in to school on the day and explain about their family's culture, background or identity to the class. Due to the physical space of each class and the timetable for the day, we can only accommodate up to five parents/grandparents per class so this will have to be on a first come first served basis. The timing for this is 9.15 -10am. Do speak to your child's class teacher if you are interested. We had an amazing time last year and would love to build on this experience.

Teachers are planning a range of activities that will celebrate our diversity and wonderful community which may include artwork, writing and discussions. Children will learn more about the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) is an important, legally binding agreement signed by 196 countries (as of 12 July 2022) which outlines the fundamental rights of every child, regardless of their race, religion or abilities. Two out of the 54 articles will be specifically referenced:

Right to Respect for Their Identity:

Children have the right to a name and nationality, and their identity should be respected and protected.

Right to Participate in Cultural Life and the Arts:

Children have the right to participate in cultural life and the arts.



A Huge Well Done to Our Year 6!

I am incredibly proud of every one of our Year 6 pupils for completing their SATs week. Their hard work and determination throughout the week and in the lead-up to it has truly impressed me.

It was great to see so many of them enjoying breakfast and coming into school each morning with enthusiasm. A big thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting the pupils over the past term, and especially this week. What a wonderful bunch of children they are! I hope they feel proud of themselves and, most importantly, that you **ALL** get a much-needed break this weekend. I know I certainly will!

Mrs Parkash

Park and Stride Walk



We will also be running a **Special Park & Stride Walk on Thursday 22 May**. We will be meeting at the bus stop on Marsh Lane (school side of the road) from 8:10am and will be leaving for school promptly at 8:20am. Any parents that would like to join in are more than welcome! Please be aware there is very limited parking around this area of Dorney Reach, so we request that you park considerately and safely, and if possible, in Trumplers Car Park.

As part of our safe travel campaign, we would like to share the information from Bucks council below with all parents:

Wearing a seatbelt saves hundreds of lives every year. You should wear a seat belt in both the front and rear seats. Wearing a seatbelt in the back is just as important as wearing one in the front of the vehicle.

Take time to make sure your parents know which child restraints they should have and are properly fitted every time.

https://www.think.gov.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/07/DfT_SeatBeltBooklet.pdf

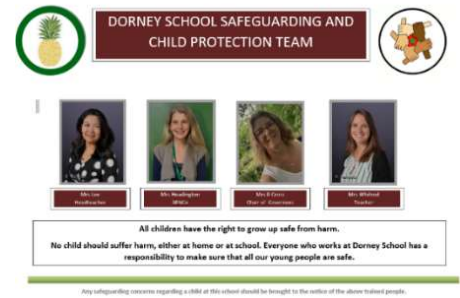
We will be holding **FREE** car seat checks at Asda Superstore, Cressex High Wycombe on the 3rd of June and Broadfields Retail Park near Smyths Toys, Aylesbury on the 4th of June. Tell them to pop along and see us if they would like their child's car seat checked or for any advice between 10-3.



Safeguarding

Parents may be interested in attending this session below from the headteacher of Eton End School

*I am delighted to invite you to a special event hosted here at Eton End School on Friday 6th June, from 9.00 to 11.00 am, focused on the increasingly vital topic of **Smartphone-Free Childhood**.*



We are honoured to welcome Jennifer Powel, a leading voice from PAPA (Parents Against Phone Addiction in Adolescents), who will be joining us as our guest speaker. Jennifer brings deep insight, research and practical advice on managing phone use in young people and supporting families and schools in creating healthier digital boundaries.

This event is particularly relevant for parents who are passionate about safeguarding children's wellbeing in a fast-changing digital world.

We would be delighted if you could join us for what promises to be a thought-provoking and inspiring morning.

Please RSVP by clicking

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=wwNO09NggEa3ExZmqmVKpEVYVI_p_YtIt_Jy6QEi_zDhUMDVPUUxGWkIYUTQ2TDcxQII2SkU2VEhRVi4u

Parents may also be interested to find out more about <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/about> shared by a parent of our school. This is grassroots movement started by a group of parents concerned about the damage and dangers of children using smartphone technology.

This topic on children's access to smartphones is gaining momentum. Our school joins other schools in a nationwide campaign to highlight the escalating risks of children using smartphones and other digital devices.

Keep safe near water

As half-term approaches and the weather gets warmer, children may be tempted to take a dip in local rivers and watering holes. Please do take a look at the letter from Bucks School Swimming Partnership on how to stay safe near water and other great ideas and activities.

Safeguarding Questionnaire

Thank you to all the parents who responded to the questionnaire. There were some good suggestions that we will take on board and respond to in the coming weeks.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

Please avoid parking on Harcourt Close outside the school gates. We have received multiple complaints and concerns by residents.



Dates for Your Diary

19-23.0.25 – Walk to School Week

20.05.25 – Y3 Class Assembly for Y3 Parents at 9.15am

21.05.25 – World Day for Cultural Diversity

22.05.25 – Special Park and Stride Walk – meeting at the Marsh Lane bus stop 8.10am

22.05.25 – Y2/Y6 Maidenhead Mosque visit

22.05.25 – school closes for Half Term to all children at 3.30pm

23.05.25 – **Inset Day – school closed to children**

26-30.05.25 – **May Half Term**

17.06.25 - Coffee Morning for parents – focus on Transition – school hall 10-11am

19.06.25 - SEN Drop in Clinic for parents virtual 10-11am

Have a safe and happy half-term break. The school is closed on Friday 23rd May for staff training and will re-open on Monday 2nd June.

Best Wishes

Mrs S Lee
Headteacher



Reception

Alfie for his amazing effort in home learning – numbers and daily reading

Poppy for her growing confidence and always being ready to learn

Year 1

Scarlett for being kind and helpful in the classroom, especially with new starters

Year 2

Jacob for settling really well and also for showing kindness by helping another child

Avaani for her excellent effort at fractions in Maths

Year 3

All of Year 3 for their amazing listening and fantastic questions on our school trip to Gurdwara

Year 4

Freya for her fantastic effort when learning about decimals in Maths

Florence for her positive attitude in all of her learning

Year 5

All of Year 5 for their excellent learning and listening during our class trip to the Gurdwara



Year 6

Maryam for challenging herself with vocabulary, applying this to her writing and for being a good friend
Avleen for consistently putting 100% effort into her work, pushing herself out of her comfort zone and always being kind

Staff Star of The Week

Mrs Bannister for arranging STP activities, especially Bling Your Bike

Class of The Week

Y6 for being resilient, determined, focused and amazing during their SATS week

