



Dunton Bassett Primary School Newsletter w/e 03/03/2023

Welcome to this week's newsletter; I hope you had a great half-term break. It was great to see parents and carers in school three times this week and we thank all of you for getting involved in our school community. The Topic Showcase was great, it was good to see parents and carers in reading with children on World Book Day and it was a really good session at the Parents Forum this week on school trips. See below for more details and photos!

Mr. Howard

Next (School) Week's Calendar (*=Parents Invited):

Day	Event
Mon 06/03	Forest School Class 2 NHS Height/Weight Measurement YR & Y6 Arts & Crafts Club (paid) 3.15 - 4.15 pm
Tue 07/03	Guitar Lessons pm in school. Sparx Club Yr 1/2 3.15 - 4.15 pm
Wed 08/03	Swimming Gala Y4/5/6 @ Lutterworth Leisure Centre 9.00-10.30 * Lego Club (paid) 3.15 - 4.15 pm Y6 SATS Club (by invitation) 3.15 - 4.00 pm
Thu 09/03	Mrs Newman's Film Club YR-Yr 4 3.15 - 4.15 pm
Fri 10/03	Fire Service Talks in class.

Topic Showcase:

Thank you for coming to see what the children have been learning about at our latest showcase. It was good to see a range of curriculum topics on display, from the Maya to children showing their coding skills on the computers.

Parent Forum:

Many thanks to parents and carers who came to our latest parent forum, all about school trips. The discussion was around the cost of trips, the frequency of trips moving forwards, communication about trips and swimming arrangements. Below is a summary of the discussion:

Current (Approximate) Costs For Trips:

- Curriculum Visit: £25-£30, incl coach.



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- Residential: £80-£100/ day. Depends on where & when. Costings include staffing + challenge for small school.
- Swimming: £7-£8 per lesson (transport, pool hire, instruction)
- Other Occasional Costs: Charity Days, Experience Days in School, Visits, Dressing Up days, etc. £50 approx per year.
- E.g. Year 6 child in residential year: £750 for the year approx.
- If you have twins, children in other classes....

Our Initial Proposals:

- Review swimming lessons in terms of who goes and frequency.
- Instead of a trip out every term per class, have an 'curriculum event' per term; this could be a trip out OR a speaker/ group in school, for example.
- Continue with one residential experience per child during their time at our school.

Suggestions from the discussion:

- Parents/carers get a schedule of trips and visits for the year with approximate costs.
- Swimming: school surveys the parents and takes only the children who can't yet swim 25m. (these 'Booster' sessions are fully funded)
- Promote trips better, so that parents are fully aware of what they are paying for. Include more information about what the trip involves.
- Improve communication to parents during a trip (e.g. letting parents know if the bus is running late)

It was a really useful, constructive session; watch this space for news about how we organise trips.

Year 6 SATS Information Session For Parents:

We run an information session for Year 6 parents every year, detailing what to expect during SATS test week, the order of the tests, how we are supporting pupils in school and how you can continue to support at home. This year's session will be on Monday 13th March, 3.30-4.00pm. We hope you can join us.

E Safety:

We will provide information about a different aspect of E safety every week in this publication; we hope you find it useful. Please do check your security settings and talk to your children regularly about their online behaviour. This week's topic is: **World Of Warcraft**

Lunchtimes:

From Monday, we are adding 10 minutes to lunchtimes to enable all children to:

1. Be able to eat their dinner in good time.
2. Have enough time to play and spend time with their friends.

No learning time will be lost, as this extra time each day will be taken from non-curriculum parts of the day.

PTA News:

Please bring in empty, washed jam jars for the PTA, ready for a craft session they have planned. Please leave in Reception; the collection ends on Friday 10th March. Thank You.

Topic Showcase:



School Calendar (*=Parents Invited):

Spring Term 2023	
Date	Event
Mon 06/03	Height & Weight YR & Y6.
Wed 08/03	Swimming Gala Yr 4/5/6 (invite only) *
Mon 13/03	Y6 SATS Info Session For Parents 3.30-4.00 *
Fri 17/03	PTA Mothers' Day Craft
Fri 17/03	Red Nose Day
Mon 20/03	Leics Mobile Library
Mon 20/03	Parents' Eve 1 *
Wed 22/03	Parents' Eve 2 *
Thu 23/03	Parents' Eve 3 *
Thu 23/03	TAG Rugby Festival (Y3/4) @ Mkt Harboro RFC 1.00-4.00
Tue 28/03	C2 Production 2.00-3.00 & 6.00-7.00 *
Fri 31/03	PTA Non-Uniform Day for Easter Cakes & Eggs. PTA Easter Treats Sale. *
Fri 31/03	End of Spring Term

Summer Term 2023	
Date	Event
Mon 17/04	Start of Summer Term
Mon 17/04	Leics Mobile Library
Mon 17/04	Y4 Parents Info Session: Time Table Check. 3.30-4.00 *
Thu 04/05	Dance Festival (C2) @ Lutt College 3.45-5.30 *
Mon 08/05	Kings' Coronation Bank Holiday – School Closed
w/c 09/05	KS2 SATS Week
Mon 15/05	Leics Mobile Library
Mon 15/05	PTA Fathers' Day Craft 3.15-4.15
Mon 15/05	Tennis Festival (Y3/4) @ Lutt High School 3.45-5.30
Sat 20/05	PTA Garden Clearance @ School: Volunteers. 11.00-1.00 *
Mon 22/05	Saffron Lane Athletics (Y3-6) 9.30-12.30 *
Fri 26/05	Class Photos
w/c 29/05	Summer Half-Term Week
Mon 05/06	Start of Summer 2nd
Wed 07/06	Transition Sports Festival (Y6) @ Lutt College 3.45-5.30
Thu 08/06	Parent Forum 2.00 – 3.00 *
Sat 10/06	Village and PTA Summer Fete *
Fri 23/06	School Sports Afternoon 1.30-3.00 *
w/c 26/06	Bikeability Yrs 5&6
Mon 26/06	Annual Reports Out
Tue 27/06	C3 Production 2.00-3.00 & 6.00-7.00 *
Thu 06/07	Leavers' Assembly 2.30-3.00 *
Fri 07/07	Minnie Burman Awards Assembly 2.30-3.00 *
Wed 12/07	Last Day of School Year

Class One Weekly News

This week we have been learning:

- Yr R - to write a sentence and read our words aloud as we write
- Yr R - to understand what a pair is and represent this in lots of ways
- Yr 1 - to rewrite a series of sentences using our own ideas
- Yr 1 - to represent numbers to 50 using base ten resources
- what countries are part of the UK and to use an atlas (Yr 1) and sharing stories about our capital city @ in geography
- to use lines in different ways to create a picture in art

We enjoyed celebrating World Book Day, sharing lots of our favourite stories. Thank you for supporting the children to create fantastic characters with their lolly sticks. We have displayed these proudly on our classroom door for all to see!



Next, we will be learning about properties of materials in science, the four seasons in Geography and exploring making waves in art. We will be continuing to develop our core strength in PE and learning about Easter in RE.

Notices:

PE sessions weekly on **Mondays**. We will keep your child's PE kit in school until the end of this half term.

Homework:

Phonics books / quizzes will be added weekly on Fridays onto Oxford Owl. Please access these via

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students> with your child's unique login.

RWI Phonics Online Consolidation of Learning at School (please note that these links change weekly to support the children's current learning and can be accessed at home on a computer, tablet or mobile phone. They are only active links for 7 days.)

Yr 1 Please follow the links to consolidate learning we have been practising in class this week

[set 3 reading at home ea](#)

[review set 3 lesson 7](#)

Yr R Please follow the links to consolidate learning of the sounds we have been practising in class this week

[Word Time 1.5 lesson](#)

[reading at home ay](#)

[Fred's toybox](#)

Reading: Please add a comment in your child's reading book each day they share their phonics online learning with you at home. Thank you for sharing your child's reading scores and feedback via Oxford Owl. Stickers will be added to the children's reading charts at the end of each week.

An additional reading book has been sent home as well as the one selected for your child on Oxford Owl. This is one that aligns closely with what the children have been working on at school for them to consolidate their learning with you at home.

Tapestry - Please continue to add any learning your child is doing at home. Thank you to all the parents who have sent in learning from home this week.

Friday Toast Morning - If your child would like to have toast, please pay your donation of £1.00 via Parentpay from Monday. Many thanks.

Thank you for all your continued support - have a lovely, relaxing weekend.

Mrs Newman, Class 1 Teacher 😊

Class Two Weekly News

We hope you all had a good half term break!

This week in English we have been doing some reading assessments and activities linked to World Book Day. In maths the year 2s have been multiplying and dividing by 5 and 10. The year 3s have looked at measuring length in mm, cm and m. In history we began finding out about who Christopher Columbus was. In computing we began our unit on databases by looking at attributes and yes/no questions. In forest schools the children did some tree identification and made some 'bug hotels' which hopefully will be welcoming some residents soon!

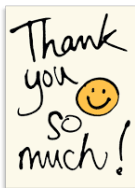
Next week in English our work will be based on George and The Dragon by Chris Wormell. In maths year 2s will be finishing their unit on multiplication and division and moving on to looking at measuring in cm and m. Year 3s will be adding and subtracting lengths and looking at perimeter. In History we will be discussing some of the reasons behind why Christopher Columbus went on his voyages. In RE we will begin looking at Holy Week. In PHSCE we will be looking at rights and responsibilities.

Taste testing - in DT next week we will be taste testing some wraps and ingredients that could go inside them as research for our own wrap creations. If there are any new food allergies or issues we would need to know about in relation to this could you please inform the office before Wednesday.



We have begun our Superstan rehearsals this week. Thank you so much to those of you who have been helping the children with their lines during half term. We will be sending out information about costumes next week and possible props you may be able to help with.

Thank you to those of you who came to our topic showcase on Tuesday. The children really enjoyed sharing some of the things they have been doing with you. Also a big thank you to those who came and to the stay and read event for World Book Day.



Mrs Senesie

Class Three Weekly News

Welcome back, we hope you enjoyed the half term break.

This week

This week we have been pleased to invite you into the classroom on two occasions. Firstly on Tuesday the children were able to share with you both the History work on the Mayans that they have been doing with Mr Rock and also their Mayan textiles inspired clothing designs that they have been doing with Mrs Romanovsky. On Thursday it was World Book Day and some of you came into the classroom to share books with your children which was lovely. We also had a wide variety of book character wooden spoons brought in and the children had clearly made a good effort with some fabulous results. On Thursday we also tuned into the BBC live lesson for World Book Day where various authors, including Michael Rosen, talked about their favourite books and what inspired them when they are writing.

In English this week we watched the short film *The Alchemist* and used it as the basis for our writing.



Next week

Next Wednesday morning some of our better swimmers will be going to represent the school at the swimming gala in Lutterworth and our Year 5 have been invited to watch the musical *Legally Blonde* at LHS in the afternoon.

Next week year 4 and 5 will be continuing with learning about fractions and year 6 will be doing decimals and percentages. We will be finishing our work from *The Alchemist* and year 6 have their next assessment week.

PE

Our PE this term is on a **Monday afternoon and a Wednesday afternoon**. We are no longer swimming.

Our topics next half term are...

Maths	Year 4/5: Fractions; Decimals (Y4); Percentages (Y5); Multiplication & division part 2 Year 6: Fractions/Decimals/Percentages; Area, Perimeter and Volume; Statistics
English	Letter writing; persuasive writing (adverts)

Science	Living Things
History/ Geography	South America comparison with the UK
RE	U2.9 Why is the Torah so important to Jewish people?
PSHE	Rights and Responsibilities
Art/ DT	DT: Textiles (combining different fabrics and shapes)
Music	Pitch
MFL	Spanish- Fruits or vegetables

Homework

Homework has been set as usual this week for years 4 and 5 and the children will need computer access to complete the spelling and maths aspects of it (All children now have the necessary logins). **If you are having problems with the app on mobile phones you may need to do updates or to uninstall and reinstall as I know they have recently introduced updates which seem to be causing some people problems. Year 6 will be continuing their revision homework so will only be expected to do the reading and values part of the class homework alongside the work set in their revision books.** Our school value focus for this half term is **confidence**. We continue to consider reading to be of vital importance and would ask you to positively encourage your child to read as frequently as possible (don't forget that discussion with an adult to check comprehension is vital even for those really good readers).

Thank you for supporting your child's learning.
We continue to be grateful for your ongoing support.

Kind Regards
Mrs Alison Romanovsky

What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WORLD OF WARCRAFT

AGE RESTRICTION
12+

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

World of Warcraft originally launched way back in 2004, and since then the game has blossomed into a major entertainment property. It's spawned spin-off novels, merchandise and even a Hollywood movie adaptation... but why are we still talking about it in 2023? World of Warcraft's most recent iteration, Dragonflight, launched last November and marks the game's ninth major expansion. This latest addition has attracted a whole host of lapsed players back to the game – as well as newcomers jumping into the realm of Azeroth for the first time.

ALWAYS ONLINE

World of Warcraft is an MMORPG, which stands for Massively Multiplayer Online Role-Playing Game. Players create a character and head off on mythical quests to earn rewards and become more powerful. The game's environment is absolutely vast, and it can only be played online on PC or Mac – so there's a high probability of young Warcraft fans wanting to monopolise the family computer.

REGULAR EXPANSIONS

As is common with many MMORPGs, World of Warcraft's developers, Blizzard, release regular expansions for the game (usually every 18 months to two years). So although there's still plenty of content for young players to experience right now, there will almost inevitably be a requirement to continue buying future expansion packs, which tend to cost around £50.

IN-GAME PURCHASES AND SUBSCRIPTIONS

Just like its genre contemporary Final Fantasy XIV, World of Warcraft requires a monthly subscription fee to play. It's currently £9.99 per month (although you can get it cheaper by signing up to a longer subscription). There are also many items which can be purchased from the in-game store that don't affect gameplay, but instead offer cosmetic alterations to a player's character.

VOICE AND TEXT CHAT

Because World of Warcraft is played exclusively on PCs and Macs, it's easy for users to type out text messages if they aren't comfortable using voice chat. If you'll forgive the pun, that's a double-edged sword because – although there's less chance of them being harassed verbally – it puts young players at increased risk of being trolled or receiving spam through the in-game messaging function.

SIMULATED VIOLENCE

The fact that World of Warcraft is almost 20 years old means that even its most violent battles look slightly cartoonish compared with the level of authenticity in many more modern games. The exception tends to be Warcraft's in-game cutscenes: animated sections which move the plot onto the next stage. These offer more realistic visuals, but they still aren't overly gory or scary.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

World of Warcraft can trigger a powerful "just one more quest" mentality in players (especially young ones) as they rush to secure the next dopamine hit from levelling their character up or earning a new item or weapon. It's also a game that doesn't have a definite 'end' – because as soon as a player finishes levelling up one character, they can start afresh with another one.

Advice for Parents & Carers

MANAGE PLAYTIME

World of Warcraft can be an extremely enjoyable game to play with friends, but it's important that your child doesn't let their adventures crowd out school work, socialising or anything else they also enjoy. You could, for example, consider imposing playtime limits – such as a set number of hours to play Warcraft per week, or restricting it to particular days or just weekends.

MAKE IT A REWARD

If your child is excited about getting the next World of Warcraft expansion, you could consider using it as a reward for completing their weekly tasks (you could even call them "quests") like tidying their room or doing their homework. This will demonstrate that you're happy for them to play the game but will also help them to build good, productive habits, reinforcing that hard work earns rewards.

SIGN UP FOR THE FREE TRIAL

Warcraft's monthly subscription effectively "pays" for the regular new content, but there's also a sizeable free trial that lets new players explore the world of Azeroth without paying a penny. Players can play up until Level 20 for free, which is easily several hours' worth of gameplay. If your child does take this option, we'd suggest minimising in-game spending by not linking a bank card to their account.

REMEMBER THE AGE RATING

Due to mild violence and the occasional use of offensive language, World of Warcraft has been rated as appropriate for players aged 12 and over by PEGI (the Pan-European Game Information system, which gives games their age certificate). It isn't really suitable for anyone below that age, so you may potentially have to explain this reasoning to your younger children if they want to play it.

ADVENTURE TOGETHER

Warcraft can certainly be addictive, but playing it together is also a great way to spend time with your child. The game's focus on cooperative questing and battling enemies can make it feel like you've accomplished something as a team, and you'll also be in a prime position to spot any early signs of addiction. Just remember to apply gaming time limits to yourself as well as your young ones!

Meet Our Expert

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Easter Clubs

Richmond Primary School

3 April - 12th April 2023 8am - 5.30pm

Burbage Scout Hut

3rd April - 6th April 2023, 8am - 5.30pm

Sapcote Primary School

3rd April - 6th April 2023, 8am - 5.30pm

Ullesthorpe Primary School

3rd April - 6th April 2023, 8am - 5.30pm

Price/Times

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Saturday 13 May 2023 - 9.30am to 12.00pm

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A morning of free hockey training on our astroturf, you'll learn new skills, make friends and have fun - beginners are most welcome! Aimed at girls and boys, the morning will finish with a mini tournament and refreshments for spectators.

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Susan Harris - Head of Transition at Princethorpe College

Open Morning

Tuesday 14 March,
10.30am to 12.30pm.

Year 5 Taster Days

Tuesday 9 and
Wednesday 17 May,
Thursday 15 and
Wednesday 21 June.

Open Evening

Wednesday 7 June,
6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Entrance Examinations Day for September 2024 entry (Year 7 to 10)
Saturday 11 November 2023. Register by Friday 29 September 2023.

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