

The value we are looking at this half term is Courage. Our HeartSmart focus is: Too Much Selfie Isn't Healthy!

Monday 6th February 2023
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Things to remember:

- YEAR 1 FAMILIES - the Year 1 class assembly has been moved to Wednesday 24th May due to Mrs Norman's recent illness
- School Disco on Thursday this week - tickets available from the school office
- Please send in books for the World Book Week School Book Swap - details below
- [Messy Pups Half Term Holiday Club](#) - This is the last chance to book in as the club may need to be cancelled due to lack of numbers.

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's hard to believe we are now at the last week of this half term, with some lovely weather to enjoy at the moment as well! We have a busy half term planned for after the holidays - please see below for information about World Book Week so you can plan ahead!

On a health and safety note, can you please ensure that as pedestrians you do not use the car park to enter the school, particularly if you are accessing Reception or Year 1 classrooms? Please enter through the pedestrian gate and walk down the path. This is to ensure all members of the school community remain as safe as possible at all times.

World Book Week

World Book Week is rapidly approaching! This year it will run from Monday 27th February to Friday 3rd March, and the school theme will be Celebrating Diversity. There will be lots of activities taking place across the week, the dates for your diaries are as follows:

On **Monday 27th February** we will be enjoying Books at Bedtime. Starting at 5.30pm we invite children to come back to school with their parents and carers to enjoy listening to some bedtime stories and a hot chocolate and biscuit. Everyone (staff included!) will be in their pyjamas and dressing gowns to make this a really warm and cosy event! Adults are asked to stay - there will be hot drinks and cake available in the hall while you are waiting for your children. Please note this is a change to the date that we originally advertised.

On **Tuesday 28th February**, we are planning on holding a book swap for the children in school. We would like as many children as possible to bring in one or more books that they would be happy to swap for another book from someone else. **These books need to come into school as soon as possible to allow us to get the swap ready for the children.** Please do not send in any tatty books that you would not want to rehome yourself!

On **Wednesday 1st March** we will be holding one of our popular Read with a Friend or Relative sessions starting at 9am - meet in the hall. Bring along a book you would like to share, or choose one from the school library!

On **Thursday 2nd March** it is World Book Day and we are excited to be welcoming into school [Alexander D Great](#), who will be working with all our classes celebrating Caribbean calypso, rhymes and stories. We will be ending our day of work with him with a celebratory assembly which we hope to record and share with you all afterwards.

On **Friday 3rd March** we are asking everyone to come to school dressed as a word that describes you, for instance perhaps you are flamboyant, sporty or a fantastic guitarist... How could you dress to express yourself?

Cool Kids

Our after-school club, Cool Kids, is currently very popular, which whilst a good thing does mean that at times we are over-subscribed and cannot find places for children. Please ensure you book in good time if you need to use this service - in particular we tend to be full on Thursdays and will not be able to accommodate last-minute requests for places.

Clubs after half term

The following clubs will be running after half term, all beginning in the first week back:

[YOUNG ARCHITECTS](#) for Years R, 1 and 2 on Thursdays after school.

[PREMIER SPORT Dodgeball \(KS1\)](#) on Tuesday lunchtimes for KS1 children

[PREMIER SPORT Hockey](#) on Tuesdays after school for KS2 children.

Both Wild Art Club and Trevor Senior's Football Club will also be continuing.

Changing Key Dorset

[Changing Key Dorset](#) is a new charity which provides funding to support young musicians facing challenging circumstances with the cost of their musical activities. Changing Key Dorset provides financial support to young musicians who face barriers to music education, and applications for funding are welcomed from any young musician educated across Dorset, including the wider BCP area. The funding can be used to support a variety of musical activities provided by private or public providers. Funding awards are for up to £300 per year and last for three consecutive academic terms. For more details about funding awards please visit the [funding application page](#) on the Changing Key Dorset website. To become a supporter of Changing Key Dorset and to receive all the latest communications, please sign-up to the [mailing list](#). Please visit the Changing Key Dorset website for more information: <https://changingkeydorset.co.uk/>

Dorchester Town Football Club - free tickets

You may recall that back in November 2022 Dorchester Football Club offered free tickets to their home fixture against Metropolitan police, and following on from this success they would like to offer this scheme again.

They are delighted to confirm that their upcoming fixture against Bracknell on Saturday 18th February during Half Term will offer free tickets to local families. All students/parents would need to do is head to their website and purchase the ticket online using the discount code **HALFTERM23**.

Please note it is online tickets that are free only. People paying at the turnstiles would need to pay the standard entry fee.

The ticket page can be found here: <https://dorchestertownfc.ktckts.com/event/dch2223h23/bracknell-town>

Yours faithfully
Mrs Collings

Calendar Dates Spring Term 2023

Date	Time	Event
FEBRUARY		
Tuesday 7th		SAFER INTERNET DAY
Thursday 9th		LAST DAY OF HALF TERM 9.15am Year 3 Class Assembly Snapshot Reports Years 1-4 FABS Disco
Friday 10th		INSET DAY
Mon 13th - Fri 17th		HALF TERM
Monday 20th		Return to school
Monday 27th	5.30pm	World Book Week begins Books at Bedtime
Tuesday 28th		School Book Swap - please bring in suitable books for swapping as soon as possible!
MARCH		
Wednesday 1st	9am	Read with a Friend or Relative
Thursday 2nd		Alexander D Great in school all day
Thursday 16th	6.30pm	Year 4 singing concert - THS theatre
Friday 17th		Comic Relief
Monday 20th March		Start of Take One Picture Week Parent/teacher evenings Reception and Year 4 begin- further information to follow
Wednesday 22nd	9.15am	Reception class assembly DASP Collaborative writing celebration
Friday 24th		Written reports Years 1,2 and 3
Wednesday 29th		Year 4 depart for Hooke Court residential trip
Friday 31st		Year 4 return from Hooke Court residential trip LAST DAY OF TERM