

Weekly Newsletter

14th October 2022



Message from the Head

AUTUMN TERM

Dear Parents and Carers,

Headteacher's Award

Huge congratulations to the children who have been chosen for this half term's Head teacher Award. These children have shown perseverance and resilience with their learning and will be joining me for afternoon tea next week.

Elodie in class 1 has won the award. She has settled into Class 1 beautifully and demonstrated super learning behaviours. She listens attentively to sessions and asks thoughtful questions to further her understanding. In class 2, Ivy H has won the award. She listens well to all the new learning and tries her very best with all of her independent tasks. She is helpful and likes to keep our classroom tidy. Ivy is enthusiastic about all areas of the curriculum and always has a smile on her face. In class 3, Grace H has begun Year 4 with a fantastic attitude to her learning. She is contributing to every lesson with well thought out and reflective answers. She has gained in confidence and is a great role model for the rest of the class. For class 4, the award goes to Alex. She is conscientious and always gives her best effort in everything she does. She listens carefully and is an excellent, independent learner. She is also a kind friend and very helpful member of the class. Harry Dimond has won the award in class 5. He has shown a mature attitude to learning - he identified what he was finding tricky and found a way to help himself. He has worked exceptionally hard this half term and we are very proud of his independent, motivated and determined attitude!

Well done to all our Headteacher award winners.

Kind regards, *Mrs Laura Whateley*



Stars of the Week

Class 1

Arthur - for determination to progress in his Maths and working really hard.

Freddie - for great listening in carpet sessions.

Class 2

Zander - is a very helpful member of the class - he always helps to tidy up and listens well to all new learning.

Isabelle - is a very kind member of our class and always tries her best with all of her work.

Class 3

Jack - for great work in Maths.

Alana - working hard on learning her times tables.

Class 4

Leah - for excellent mental strategies in Maths.

Dexter - for increasing confidence in Maths.

Class 5

Josh L - for clearly explaining his thinking in Maths.

Fran - for confidently explaining her answers in Maths.

House Trophy (this week)

Larks 195 House Points

Martins 185 House Points

Swifts 239 House Points

Congratulations to the

Swifts!

Attendance this week

Class 1 93.9 %

Class 2 95.8 %

Class 3 96.8 %

Class 4 96.8 %

Class 5 98 % Well done!

Whole School Attendance this year:

96.1%

Target for this year: 96%

All Saints' Church, Long Marston, Prayers and Hotdogs



Everyone is invited to All Saints' Church on the evening of Halloween (All Hallows' eve) for hotdogs and prayers. There will also be an opportunity to donate some sweets to DENS to give to families less fortunate.

5-7pm Monday 31st October

Class 5 cake sale

Class 5 will be holding their cake sale on **Friday 18th November**. Please could class 5 children bring cakes on the day and some children will need to stay after school to help with the sale.

Thank you.



SEN support worker job available

We have been informed of an exciting opportunity to work with one of our wonderful SEN children. This is a paid position and would involve supporting the child out of school in the evenings/weekends and school holidays. If you would like further information please contact us in school and we can pass on further information.

50 things to do before you're 5!

Herts for learning have published a fantastic list of things for children to do (mostly free!). See the link below.

<https://50thingstodo.org/parents>



Rooted, Rejoice, Respond



Coming Up

Monday 17th October

- Parent Consultations

Tuesday 18th October

- Drum Lesson

Wednesday 19th October

- Book Fair
- Woodwind lessons

Thursday 20th October

- Guitar lessons
- Music Concert 2.30 p.m.
- Forest School Class 5
- Parent Consultations

Friday 21st October

- Break for half term 3.15 p.m.

Monday 31st October

- INSET Day
- PTA Creepy Crafternoon - LM Hall

Tuesday 1st November

- School returns

Letters

All - HCL Dinner Menu

All - Bookfair Letter

All - PTA Creepy Crafternoon poster

All - Toy Hub

All - SEND Information Fayre

All - P&I Football Club

All - Beezee Bodies flyer

YEAR 4 - Road Safety Awareness Letter

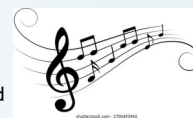
Music concert reminder

We wish to develop opportunities for children to perform musical instruments and have a performance assembly scheduled for:

Thursday 20th October at 2.30pm.

If your child plays an instrument inside or outside school, we would like to give them this opportunity. Parents of performers are welcome to watch. If your child wishes to take part, please email the office by

Monday 17th October.



Book Fair Wednesday 19th October

Our popular book fair is returning! Each class will have an opportunity to visit the book fair to purchase a book in the morning. The average price is about £7 or £8 which they will need to bring in a named envelope. There are also pencils, rubbers and pencil sharpeners etc. for sale for less money. The school makes commission from the sale of the books, which enables us to buy extra books for the library and reading books in classrooms. More information is in the letter attached. The Book Fair will be open from **3 - 3.45 p.m.** after school to enable parents to choose a book with their child if required.



LM PTA News

Creepy Crafternoon on **Monday 31st October (Inset Day) between 2-4pm** at Long Marston Village Hall. £5 per child and £2.50 for siblings. To get everyone in the mood for Halloween we'll have a range of creative and fun crafts for all ages. Tickets on sale in the playground next **Thursday 20th and Friday 21st**. We hope to see you there!



Parents' Evening – please sign up if you haven't yet done so

Parents' evening will run on **Monday 17th October and Thursday 20th October** evenings. All meetings will be virtual and will run for 10 minutes. We will be using a new tool (Schoolcloud) which will take you through the booking of the teacher/slot and provide you with all the necessary login details on the day. Link for your reference

<https://support.parenteveningsystem.co.uk/article/801-video-parents-how-to-attend-appointments-over-video-call>.

Online safety resources

Internet Matters are continually bringing out new, updated resources for schools and for parents. They have recently put together 3 useful pages which contain a parent pack, common online safety issues, top apps and platforms and a few resources, all split by age to make things easier. You can find a link to each page below:

Early Years - click [HERE](#).

Primary - click [HERE](#).

Secondary - click [HERE](#).

DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter; Dacorum SEND courses, support & information for families

The latest 'DSPL8 Parent/Carer Newsletter: Autumn Term' & 'Dacorum Parent/Carers courses and support' newsletters are available to download from our website via the following link:

<https://dacorumdspl.org.uk/online-resources-for-parents-and-carers-2/>

These fortnights newsletters include:

- Dacorum Families SEND Information Fayre; **09.11.2022**
- Support for Autism & ADHD in Hertfordshire
- Dacorum Parent/Carer courses and support from various local providers

Please also follow our social media pages for the most recent updates:

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dspldacorum>

Instagram: https://www.instagram.com/dspl_dacorum/

Class 4 DT resources request

Class 4 will be starting a Textiles unit in Design + Technology after half term and would appreciate donations of buttons, poppers and ribbon please.

Break for Half term
Friday 21st October