

## Doxey Primary School Newsletter – Monday 23rd May

Let's celebrate...

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| Reception | <b>Isabelle</b> for focussing during whole class learning every day, like Jock the Dog!                          |
| Year 1    | <b>Connor</b> for showing independence in his history lesson this week, great perseverance.                      |
| Year 2    | <b>WHOLE CLASS</b> for working really hard in KS1 SATs, they have shown perseverance and self-belief. Well done. |
| Year 3    | <b>Casey-May</b> for working hard in 'Fred Time' and persevering to finish grey group.                           |
| Year 4    | <b>Aneesha</b> for consistently being focussed and ready to learn. Aneesha is a brilliant role model for Y4.     |
| Year 5    | <b>Paige</b> for her excellent perseverance in Maths when mastering long multiplication. Well done you did it!   |
| Year 6    | <b>Cameron</b> for always trying your best and persevering in lessons. Well done!                                |

### Local Authority Inspection Report

In March the school was inspected by the Local Authority. The inspectors reported that "Doxey School" was an excellent school. We are all very proud to be part of this community. Well done to everyone.

As you can imagine the report is lengthy and in depth, however we would like to share with you some of the quotes that appeared in the report.

"A strong culture of pride of the pupils and staff has been created in the school over the past two to three years. This is expressed in particular in the children's excellent behaviour for learning. Aspirations and expectations are high, and there is a great sense of optimism in the school. Parents feel positive about the improved educational experience that their children are now receiving"

"Across the school in lessons teaching and learning was at least 'Good', pupil behaviour and engagement was a strength."

"Leadership throughout the school is built on a strongly distributive model with the HT being keen to ensure all staff are given responsibility across the school. The leadership takes a forward thinking strategic view of issues and considers a wide variety of solutions to solve problems"

### YEAR 2 – DVD & PYJAMA DAY FRIDAY 27<sup>th</sup> MAY

To celebrate the end of SATs Miss Fellows is having a DVD & PJ Day. Children are allowed to come to school dressed in their pyjamas and bring a teddy. Children can also bring a DVD which may get chosen to be shown. Due to restrictions, DVD's must only be Cert U.

### GOOD TO BE GREEN "SPORTS AFTERNOONS" INVITE ONLY 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Today (Monday 23<sup>rd</sup>) – Year 3 & 4, Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Y5 & Y6, Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> May – Reception, Y1 & Y2.  
Children who are attending must return the signed consent slip back to their class teacher. On this occasion there will be NO tuck shop.

### SAINSBURYS ACTIVE TOKENS FOR SCHOOL

Sainsburys have now stopped giving these out but we are still collecting until the end of June. Please send them in if you find any. These tokens help provide excellent playground resources.

### GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> May

A guide dog called 'Elmo' and his owner Alison will be visiting the school next week. Elmo will visit each class and Alison will talk about some of his amazing skills, how he was trained, the costs involved and how Guide Dogs help their blind owners lead an independent life.

### New School Picnic Menu

In addition to the main lunch menu, the school kitchen will be offering a summer picnic menu, it will be available from Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June until Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Therefore the kitchen will only be producing sandwiches on the picnic menu and no alternative fillings will be available to order.

**Children requiring a picnic lunch must inform their class teacher each morning when the lunch register is taken.**

### The Queen's Birthday Lunch Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June

To celebrate the Queen's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday we are having a royal lunch.

#### On the Menu

*Hot Dog Royale or*

*Palace Cheese & Tomato Pizza*

#### On the side...

*Coronation Chips, Regal Corn on the Cob*

#### Dessert

*Crown biscuit or Queen's Vanilla Ice-cream*

**There is no need to pre-order and the cost of the lunch is £2.15. All lunches must be paid in advance, using the secure online payment system "Parent Pay" or at any store that has a Pay Point facility.**



**WANTED...**

Over the next few weeks we are going to create a 'water wall' in Sparkles and to be able to do so we would like to ask for donations of; trellis, plastic funnels, plastic milk bottles, pop bottles, and plastic tubing.

**HEALTHY SNACKS & LUNCH BOXES**

Please can we remind parents/carers that we promote healthy eating and would like this to be reflected in the children's lunch boxes and snacks that you provide from home. Chocolates and sweets should be used as an occasional treat. Please ask Mrs Knott for advice on what could be put in a healthy lunch box.

Sparkles Pre School currently have spaces available, sessions run Monday to Friday from 8.45am – 3.15pm, and are competitively priced at £14 per morning or afternoon session and £2 for a lunchtime session. There are also FREE PLACES available for 2 year olds (subject to meeting a set criteria) and 3 year olds.

**YEAR 5 and 6 IPC Theme**

**“Go With the Flow”**

Weather permitting on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> May in the afternoon, the children will be taking the boats they made using recycling to “Victoria Park” in Stafford to see if they float.

All children need to wear school uniform and will be accompanied by the appropriate adult ratio. Should the weather be unsuitable (too wet) they will go on the next fine weather afternoon.



**IN HOT & SUNNY WEATHER**

As the summer is approaching please ensure children are adequately protected from the sun. High protection sun cream needs to be applied prior to school and caps or hats can be worn when the children are outside.



**TALK HOMEWORK – NURSERY CLASS**

This week we are looking at the letters that feature in our names. Can you talk to your child about the letters in their name, maybe you can write their name and other family members’ names and see if any of them feature the same letters. Ask your child to practice writing their name at home and bring it in to class to show everybody.

This week’s nursery rhyme is “London’s burning”, we look forward to seeing you all at 11.40am on Friday for our performance.

Thank you  
Miss Callen (Class Teacher)

**CLASS WITH THE BEST ATTENDANCE**

**For week ending ...20.05.16**

**Reception, Year 3 & Year 5 – 100%**

Here’s how all the other classes performed...  
Year 1 – 97.6%, Year 2 – 99%, Year 4 – 96% and  
Y6 – 86.7%.

**TALK HOMEWORK – RECEPTION CLASS**

Last week we read “The Truly Magic Porridge Pot” which is an adaptation of “The Magic Porridge Pot”. In class we made and tasted porridge. Also in the story the townspeople were farmers, so we had a box of unusual vegetables (aubergines, melons, courgettes, marrow, and butternut squash) to look at, feel and taste.

Can you read the traditional story to your child? Can you talk to your child about the version they have read at school? Ask your child if they remember the unusual fruit and vegetables? What kinds of fruit and vegetables do they eat at home? Do you grow any fruit or vegetables at home?

Thank you,  
Mrs Cliffe (Class Teacher)

**ROCK IT PROJECTS LTD**

Mr Baugh from Rock It Projects visited school last week to deliver a music assembly. Today in the post we received a lovely letter from him saying, “Throughout the presentation the children were enthusiastic, noisy, silent and smiling.” He also went on to say “The staff were all welcoming and the office ladies were very helpful”. Mr Baugh congratulated us all and felt sure that the conduct of the children was due to the behaviour policy and its implementation across the whole school.

**Dates**

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June – School Closed – Half Term**

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| Mon   | 06.06.16 | School re-opens   |
| Wed   | 08.06.16 | Tempest Team Photos<br>Y6 Road Safety talk – Getting to High School |
| Fri   | 10.06.16 | The Queen’s Birthday Celebrations                                   |
| Wed   | 22.06.16 | Y5 St Mary’s Church – Open Door                                     |
| Thur  | 30.06.16 | Y6 Alton Towers   |
| Thurs | 07.07.16 | Y5/Y6 Bikeability   |
| Fri   | 08.07.16 | Y5/Y6 Bikeability   |

