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Dear Families,

As we end another week in school, we are once again celebrating our children as leaders. This week Eco council led a whole school worship, they shared their ideas for keeping us all eco-friendly with the children. They also celebrated the energy efficiency improvements made to our school over the summer. From next week they will be celebrating the class with the least waste in Celebration assembly.



Science

At DPS we are all scientists. Mrs Wells has once again been weaving her magic across the school with children of all ages. As you can see below, Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed testing hardness of rocks. Our Year 5 children were really engaged looking at the conditions that woodlice need to survive and thrive so that they can reproduce. Year 6 have been Investigating what happens to the size of a shadow when the distance increases between the light Year and the object. What wonderful learning!



Labelling Uniform

We continue to see an increase of misplaced items, and more concerning uniform that is not labelled. This does make it difficult to return lost items to their rightful owner. Please could you ensure that all items of your child's uniform are clearly labelled so they can be easily reunited with them should they be lost within school. Our DPSA currently receive commission from orders places for nametags via www.mynametags.com where you can buy and personalise nametags in a variety of designs – simply put in the school ID of 31441 when processing your order.



After School Clubs

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying a variety of clubs this term, from archery, to football, to musical theatre, rain or shine, as well as the after school club run by the school. We hope the children have enjoyed having our extra-curricular clubs back in school. Bookings for all Term 2 clubs will open on Friday 8th October and we have attached a copy of the Club Timetable with the newsletter. Please note that for you to access all the available clubs for your child, all outstanding balances must be settled. When booking one of our extra-curricular clubs, payment is required in advance of the term commencing to confirm your space.



DPSA presents School Disco with Disco Dion

Next week we have our first school disco in what feels like a long time. Our DPSA have worked hard to make this happen. The disco will be a cashless entry and therefore all tickets must be purchased in advance via SchoolGateway. Booking will be available until midday on Thursday 7th October.

The KS1 disco will commence at 4:15pm and run until 5pm and the KS2 disco will commence at 5:15pm and run until 6pm. Entry will be via the gate on the Memorial Gardens (this will open approximately 10 minutes before) and children must be signed in before parents leave them.

Unfortunately, parents are not permitted to stay for the disco, we have sufficient volunteers and staff.

Our KS1 parents will be able to purchase sweet cones, flashing toys and glow-sticks when signing their child in for the disco. KS2 children may wish to bring some money with them to purchase one of the flashing toys, glow sticks or sweet cones which will be available to buy on the night! Please do not send them with more than £5.



Children are to be collected from the staff car park via the green gate for each disco. Children will only be released to parents or those on their approved pick up list.

There will be ice lollies available to purchase for 50p at pick up from the disco after the children have danced their socks off! If you have any questions about the disco, please do contact the school office.





Menu change for w/c 4th October

Due to supply issues, there has been a slight adjustment to next weeks school lunch menu. We have attached a copy of the menu for the week for ease however this can also be found on our website. The jacket potato options remain the same for the week.

Christmas Shoe Box Appeal

Don't forget we are supporting The Rotary Club of Fordingbridge and their annual Shoebox Appeal for 2021. It is a very worthwhile event, one which can benefit not only the recipient, but the child who prepares the box, by helping them become aware of the needs of disadvantaged children in other countries. This year our District is again donating to Albania, Montenegro, Moldova and Romania. Leaflets were sent home a couple of weeks ago and the deadline for shoe boxes to be in school is Monday 18th October.



Harvest Festival

We are inviting children to "Carry a Can" to Harvest Festival on Monday 11th October

Children are to bring a tinned food item to school with them on the day.

Children will walk to the service with their buddy and place the can on display in the Baptist Church.

These will then be used to make food parcels



Harvest Festival

We are delighted to once again be visiting the Baptist church for our Harvest celebrations this year. We would really appreciate it if you could donate tinned food for the service. We are hoping that each child will be able to carry a can to the service. These donations will then be donated to vulnerable families by the Baptist church.

What a full and rewarding week this has been for us all. Next week is already looking just as exciting.

Have a relaxing and happy family weekend.

Best wishes

Paula Carlton

