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William Martin Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The first half term of the Spring Term has flown past and here we are at the beginning of our well-earned break. The children have worked hard learning through our historical concept of **Change** and have produced brilliant work.

The Head Pupils would like to thank everyone for the huge amount of entries we had for the Logo competition. With so many designs we have pulled out key themes, and will be back in contact with you all next half term with further details.

So we wish you an enjoyable break and look forward to seeing you soon!

School starts again on Monday 26th February.

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Rudolph Run/Santa Dash for St Clare Hospice

Here are our sports ambassadors handing over the donations collected on our Rudolph Run/Santa Dash day in December. £147.43 was raised for this worthy cause.



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Year 6 Holocaust Memorial Day



As part of our World War II topic, Year 6 spent the afternoon remembering those who lost their lives during the Holocaust. This years theme was "Fragility of Freedom" and the children learnt about how the freedom of so many people was taken away during this period. We then created beautiful candles as part of our class display and looked closely at who we are remembering and how we can remember them.

Logo Competition

We were overwhelmed with so many entries into the Logo Competition. The Head Pupils have looked through them all and selected elements that they liked. They will be writing to you again after half-term with a design brief for more entries!

PE days- Tag Rugby Coaches

We have arranged for Tag Rugby Coaches to deliver the main PE lesson next half term. All classes will have 5 lessons over the next half term. Please ensure your child wears the correct PE kit to school on the following days:



Year Group	Day to Wear PE Kit to school	
Reception	PE kit should be in school every day	
Year 1	Thursday	
Year 2	Monday	
Year 3	Thursday	
Year 4	Tuesday: Bring Swimming Kit	Wednesday: Wear PE kit
Year 5	Monday	
Year 6	Tuesday	

Attendance and Punctuality

The attendance this half term is 93.77% in the Juniors and 91.96% in the infants. The DfE expectation is 96%. Lateness is still a big issue with many pupils arriving late for their lessons. All pupils must come through the playground gates by 8.50am to be on time. Pupils are missing out on vital lesson time by arriving late which can be disruptive to their learning and others. Please ensure your child arrives in school by 8.50am every day.



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New MIS system- Arbor



We are excited to announce that we will be moving our MIS to Arbor after half term.

Adopting Arbor will allow us to communicate with you more efficiently and you will begin to receive emails from us via Arbor from admin.williammartin@dcvst.org. Please ensure you keep the school office updated with any changes to your address, phone number and email address. If your child has visited first aid during the school day, you will now receive an email informing you instead of a text message. As always, for more serious first aid concerns, you will receive a phone call.

We will send further communication on the parental app and how to register after half term, please look out for this information and register your child when prompted.

Safety concerns- Zebra Crossing

Please ensure you supervise your young children crossing the road safely at the zebra crossing. We have previously let you know our concerns, shared by many of you, that unfortunately many drivers do not stop, even when there are children/adults waiting to cross. Please continue to email your concerns to admin.williammartin@dcvst.org. Individual parent responses will strengthen the campaign for a traffic lighted pedestrian crossing and will give more evidence.

Thursday 18th April: Support Services Coffee Morning and Cake Sale



There will be another opportunity to speak to a variety of support services on 18th January. No need to book- just drop in and grab yourself a cake or two while you're here! More details to follow in March.

Best wishes,
Gina Bailey
Executive Headteacher

Claire Kearney
Head of School



Value of this next term: Justice

Dates for your diary

Friday 16th February: Last day of term (Normal finish time)

Monday 19th February-Friday 23rd February: Half Term

Monday 26th February: Start of Spring Term 2

Wednesday 28th and Thursday 29th February: Parent/Teacher Consultations- separate letter has been sent

Friday 1st March: Year 5 Air Quality Theatre Presentation

Thursday 7th March: World Book Day (Separate letter has been sent)

Friday 15th March: Red Nose Day and Young Carers Recognition Day

Monday 18th March: Year 3 to West Stow

Monday 18th March: Year 4 Those History People Ancient Greek Workshop Day

Monday 18th March PM: Year 6 to Crucial Crew

Wednesday 20th March: Year 5 Egyptian History Workshop Day

Friday 22nd March: Reception to Boydell's Farm

Thursday 28th March: Whole School Easter Church Service (sorry no parents)

Thursday 28th March: Last day of term (Early Finish)

Friday 29th March- Friday 12th April: Easter Holidays

Monday 15th April: First day of the Summer Term

Monday 15th April-Friday 19th April: Science Week

Monday 15th April: Science Boffins Assembly (separate letter will be sent)

Thursday 18th April: Support Services Coffee Morning and Cake Sale

Friday 19th April: Dress as an Inspirational Scientist

Monday 29th April: Class Photos

Thursday 1st May: Year 5 to The Lion King, London

Monday 4th May: May Bank Holiday (School Closed)

Monday 13th- Friday 17th May: KS2 SATs Week

Wednesday 22nd- Friday 24th May: Year 6 Residential to Thriftwood Scout Camp

Friday 24th May: Last day of term (Normal finish time)

