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News and information for families and the community



Friday 17th October

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Message from Mr Finney



As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on what has been an exceptional period of learning and growth at The Duchy of Lancaster Primary School.

This term has been remarkable, with our pupils demonstrating remarkable progress and commitment to their educational journey.

I have a few important updates to share with our school community.

First, I want to confirm that our phonics event has been rescheduled and will now take place on Wednesday at 9am.

I encourage all parents interested in understanding our phonics approach to attend.



We will be breaking up for the term on Thursday, marking the conclusion of another successful academic period.

I am immensely proud of the hard work and dedication shown by our pupils and staff throughout these past weeks.

Wishing everyone a restful break.

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SLEEP WORKSHOP



Following the highly successful **NO** workshops, which received significant praise, I am pleased to inform you about our upcoming sleep workshop.

On Wednesday, 22nd October at 2pm, we will be hosting a workshop focused on establishing effective bedtime routines.

This session is designed to support families in creating strategies that can lead to a great night's sleep for children and, importantly, for the entire family.

The workshop presents a valuable opportunity to learn techniques that can transform your evening routines.

SLEEP WORKSHOP



As we often say, just one hour of learning can potentially save you hours of stress every evening.

This practical session aims to provide parents and carers with actionable insights into supporting better sleep patterns for their children.

We encourage all interested families to attend this informative workshop.

The strategies shared will be practical, evidence-based, and immediately applicable to your home environment.

We look forward to seeing many of you there and supporting your family's wellbeing.

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PHONICS AT DUCHY

IN ACTION

Come and see your child learn phonics as our expert teachers demonstrate a lesson.

WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

9AM - 9:30AM

THE BEST WAY TO ENJOY YOUR EVENING

22.10.2025

with **SOPHIE BREARLEY**



SLEEP WORKSHOP
HOW TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL BEDTIME ROUTINE

2pm School Hall

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PHONICS

We are opening our classrooms to showcase how phonics is taught across our school.

This is a crucial moment for our pupils' educational journey.

Phonics is far more than just a teaching method; it is the fundamental building block that enables children to read effectively.

By mastering phonics, pupils develop the essential skills that will support their spelling and reading capabilities.

These are not simply academic exercises, but vital skills that will significantly influence their future success.



PHONICS



Our approach to phonics is comprehensive and carefully structured.

By observing our teaching, you will gain insight into how we support pupils in developing these critical literacy skills.

We believe that education is a collaborative process, and your understanding of our methods is an important part of that collaboration.

This is an excellent opportunity to understand the foundational work we do in helping pupils become confident, capable readers.

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CELEBRATIONS

Happy Birthday to
**Emily
Leo L**

Be On Time Bee Winners
Badgers 96.8%

Elephant of Excellence Winners
Hedgehogs

Positive Points

Green Mercator - 75 positive points
Yellow Hillary- 77 positive points
Blue Raleigh- 76 positive points
Red Goodall- 78 positive points

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Diary Dates



Wrap Around Care
EVERY DAY - 07:45-18:00

Our excellent Breakfast Club and After-school Club are open every day. You can book through MCAS.



October Half-Term
THURSDAY 23RD OCTOBER

End of term for children, an professional development Friday for teachers



Phonics with your child
WEDNESDAY 22ND OCTOBER

Come in to school to complete a hands-on phonics activity with your child(ren)

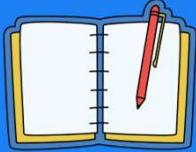
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