



Denmead Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It's great to start this week's newsletter with an update from Miss Halford about the learning that has been taking place across all year groups in our Forest Garden area this term:

"This half term is an extremely exciting one as we are focusing on foraging and cooking! For many weeks now we have been nurturing our crops in the Forest Garden and now it is time to harvest and enjoy the process of producing and preparing dishes with our own crops. Our year 6s have been picking the potatoes and onions and they all designed their own 'Potato Salad' recipes. We have also been making a Korean dish known as 'Bokkeumbap'. Fried vegetables and rice with their own choice of spices and herbs proved a real hit with them and there were certainly some pleasantly surprised faces when we sat down to eat!

Our years 4s have been enjoying making 'Tomato and Courgette Bruschetta' and 'Feta and Mint Dip' with a children's cocktail using our home-grown strawberries and mint plants that we propagated back in the Spring term. What is even more rewarding, is that so many have already fed back that they are now cooking these dishes at home and it is a delight to witness the joy that they are getting from sowing seeds to appreciating fresh and healthy foods. We look forward to more delicious dishes from our Year 5s and 3s. We will share the recipes online next week some time!"



This week also saw upper school investigate the local area with a village walk, as part of their geography study linked to local land use and development. The children have been learning about land use and issues related to housing shortages. They investigated suitable new sites for potential housing. Dave Buczynskij (a town planner) and his colleague, Daniel Ramirez, from Persimmon Homes came into school on Monday 12th to talk to the children, giving an expert account of what issues and barriers need to be overcome in order to build new housing. Their visit focused on the following areas:

- What makes a suitable site for building?
- The different stages of house construction
- Changes to road layout to the site
- Environmental and archaeological issues relating to the site



The children visited different areas around the village, conducting traffic surveys and identifying potential new sites to build on, and what impact that may have on the community.

It has been another scorching week, which is lovely in some ways and challenging in others – we are never happy! To make us happier, our PTA have kindly donated enough new fans so that each class is able to have one. Thank you so much, we are now your biggest fans!

Some of you more eagle-eyed parents may have spied that we seem to have an awful lot of spare tables and chairs outside the bin stores. This is because, as part of our ongoing classroom development plan, we have secured new tables and chairs, classroom units and bookshelves for another 4 classes. As soon as we break up, new carpets will also be installed into these classes.

Next Thursday sees the arrival again of the Pantaloons (does it seem a year ago that they last visited?). This time, they will treat us to an anarchic version of Lewis Carroll's 'Alice in Wonderland'. It is a show that gets curiouser and curiouser, with live music and plenty of audience interaction. Please come and join us and remember to bring a picnic and something to sit on! The link to booking your tickets is below. The weather has been booked!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

A. Clarke.

Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher

SENT THIS WEEK:

- Upper School local site visit email
- Events roundup & updated picnic menu emailed to whole school
- Y5 Stone Farm payment reminder email
- Y5 letter sent from Cowplain School

BOOK YOUR TICKETS HERE:



<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thepantaloons/879020#>



SUMMER PICNIC MENU: SUMMER 2023

The kitchen are offering the following picnic options alongside the current 3-week menu. This will be available every week as a BLUE option, served with vegetable sticks and pudding of the day.

DAY	FOOD
MONDAY	HAM ROLL
TUESDAY	CHEESE ROLL
WEDNESDAY	TUNA ROLL
THURSDAY	HAM ROLL
FRIDAY	CHEESE ROLL

BOOK YOUR TEAM HERE:
[BOOKING LINK](#)

CALENDAR (new additions will appear in red & * indicates more details to follow):

JUNE	
21 st	Wednesday – Lower School Egyptian Day
22 nd	PANTALOONS 6pm – tickets can be booked HERE
26 th	INSET day
30 th	PTA QUIZ NIGHT
JULY	
3 rd	5pm Lower School PTA Disco TIME TBC - Upper School Disco
5 th	Transition Day & Year 2 parent meeting – 6.30pm
7 th	1st choice SPORTS DAY*
w/c 10 th	Year 6 Production performances
14 th	Back up SPORTS DAY
20 th	Year 6 Leavers' do (5pm finish)
21 st	LAST DAY OF TERM – early finish 1.30pm with Leavers Arch created from 1.15pm

