



Denmead Junior School

Inspiring Curiosity, Building Success

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Dear Parents and Carers,

No matter how lovely or how long any holiday is, when you return it soon feels like a distant memory! As with all weeks here at Denmead Juniors, we've begun back at 100mph! I have to say, that is the joy of learning and working within a school, is that there is always a sense of pace, passion, enthusiasm and the delights of each day being different.

As an update, although the Easter break was indeed lovely, we were still busy in school. We had 4 Interactive Whiteboards installed across the school, meaning now that every class and teaching space has access to these impressive bits of technology. This is in addition to the new laptops we purchased earlier in the year, the new Ipads and also the new charging trollies. This coupled with the wireless infra-structure, also recently installed, means that our ICT is in the strongest place it has been for many years. Thank you to the PTA for supporting us with these purchases.

The joint PTAs of both schools had another excellent meeting on Wednesday to discuss the fast approaching Summer Fayre. We are really lucky to have such a committed group of parents, who bring both skills and passion in equal measure - thank you so much for your efforts. I will be writing to you all in the near future to call upon your support, because as dedicated and wonderful as the joint PTA is, the Summer Fayre needs a great deal of additional support to make it the success we all want it to be.

My assemblies this week had a distinctly mathematical theme, focussing on Fibonacci and Ron Graham. We looked at the beauty of mathematics in nature and of the mind blowing aspect of really large numbers ... hence Graham's Number! There is a joy to be had in mathematics and a relevance to our lives both practical and beautiful. Too often, our own sometimes negative experiences of maths in school can lead us to believe that maths isn't for everyone and that sometimes you're not any good at it. We try and encourage all our children to always believe in themselves, that a good struggle is better than always finding things too easy and that being a good mathematician can be obtained by anyone. Of course, there will always be those geniuses, like Fibonacci and Ron Graham, but they would be the first to admit that they stand on the shoulders of giants and that their 1% genius was complemented with 99% perspiration – effort is everything ... alongside a positive mindset!



Many of you will know we were lucky enough to have a delivery of some very special Happy Hens a while ago, courtesy of the local Denmead Artist known as 'Hensy'.

We know many of our families have also been the lucky recipients of these wonderful creations and would like to show our gratitude for this ongoing Random Act of Kindness in the coming weeks with a non-uniform day.

Watch this space for more details but if you would like to find out more about the background to Hensy, do follow this link: <https://gofund.me/afde1944>

Following on from our successful Autism Awareness day during the national week, please find attached a list of future workshops for parents and carers to be aware of:



Bookable via eventbrite:

Ask About Autism - whether you suspect traits, on the pathway or have a diagnosis already for your young person - all are welcome

- **Tuesday 25th April - Meet an Occupational Therapist - discuss Motor Skills and Sensory - Alton**
- **Thursday 27th April - Clinical Psychologist - Discussing Self Esteem for your autistic child - Hook**
- **Wednesday 17th May - Clinical Psychologist - Discussing Anxiety and Autism - Basingstoke**
- **Share & Support - non bookable session - peer support session in Basingstoke, Fareham, Havant and Winchester**

Future in Mind - This service is for anyone with concerns around their child or young persons mental health and well being, whether you are on the CAMHS waiting list already or would like more information from a CAMHS professional or other professionals within mental well being. (Please note these workshops are not neurodivergent specific but apply across all mental health and well being for children and young people)

- **Wednesday 3rd May - Managing Crisis - Winchester**
- **Friday 5th May - Thinking Beyond the Behaviour - Fareham**
- **Tuesday 9th May- Thinking Beyond the Behaviour - New Forest, Totton**
- **Thursday 11th May - Eating Disorders - Aldershot**
- **Thursday 18th May - Teenage Turmoil - Eastleigh**
- **Thursday 25th May - Meet a Mental Health Practitioner East Hants Mind - Havant**
- **Friday 26th May - Meet a Social Prescriber - Vision 4 Youth - Basingstoke**

I hope that some of you will find this signposting useful.

Next week continues to be both busy and exciting, as our Year 4s in particular, enjoy their annual sojourn to Calshot Activity Centre. I shall be going up to visit next Thursday, which I am already really excited about.

Wishing you a great week also.

Kind regards,

A. Clarke.

Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher



KEY INFORMATION THIS WEEK:

- [NEW MENU](#) for the school dinners starts this week.
- Class group photo orders have been sent home.
- Qatar class assembly rescheduled for 2.40pm Wednesday 26th April.

COMING SOON... *more details to follow*

- Upper School science trip to Paultons Park: **Wednesday 7th June** - see email next week
- Coronation Tea Party at school: **Friday 5th May**
- Enterprise Day
- News on PTA events for the summer term – fun run, fair, disco
- Booking link to follow for the Panto performance on **Thursday 22nd June**
- Sports Day – Plan A **Friday 7th July** with Plan B *Friday 14th July*

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

APRIL	
26 th	2.40pm Qatar Class Assembly
26 th	DJS PTA planning meeting 6pm
26 th – 28 th	Year 4 Calshot residential
MAY	
1 st	Bank Holiday
5 th	Coronation Tea Party
8 th	New Coronation Bank Holiday
w/c 8 th	SATS week – tests from Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th May inclusive
w/c 30 th	Half term week
JUNE	
7 th	Upper School Paultons Park Trip
10 th	Saturday – 12-3pm PTA SUMMER FAIR
22 nd	PANTALOONS PM – SAVE THE DATE!
26 th	INSET day
JULY	
7 th	1st choice SPORTS DAY
14 th	Back up SPORTS DAY
21 st	LAST DAY OF TERM – early finish 1.30pm with Leavers Arch created from 1.15pm





DENMEAD CORONATION STREET PARTY

MONDAY 8TH MAY, 1:00PM - 5:00PM
HAMBLEDON ROAD

CROWN COMPETITION:

GET CRAFTING AND CREATE A CROWN AS PART
OF OUR VILLAGE CORONATION COMPETITION.

RULES:

- ALL MEDIUMS ARE WELCOME INCLUDING 2D/3D DESIGNS
- NO BIGGER THAN AN A4 PIECE OF PAPER
- DROP OFF 3PM - 8PM FRIDAY 5TH MAY OR 9-11AM SAT 6TH MAY AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH
- COLLECT AT EVENT BETWEEN 4PM - 6PM
- EXTRA POINTS FOR ECO FRIENDLY DESIGNS
- NO COST TO ENTER

AGE CATEGORIES:

PRE-SCHOOL
INFANT (RECEPTION TO YEAR 2)
JUNIOR (YEAR 3 - YEAR 6)
SENIOR (YEAR 7 - YEAR 13)
ADULT

