



# Denmead Junior School

*Inspiring Curiosity, Building Success*

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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

I was welcoming children and families to school last week at the start of the school day, when I was stopped by a parent who shared with me how lovely it was to see so many smiling faces making their way into school.

Later that morning, I was out on break duty and it was a typical fun, active and not-so-quiet place to be as children engaged in multiple games of Four Square, 9 Square and basketball. On the top playground, children were using the playground markings games to enjoy running races and down in the lower playground a class were merrily playing on the trim trail. There was a place of 'calm' sanctuary in our leafy Quiet Area, where several children were relaxing in the leafy shade, on our colourful benches.

At lunchtime, we were joined by the sports coaches from CM Sports, who assist our lunchtimes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We hope that they will soon be training up a group of Sports/Play Leaders, who will help facilitate lunchtime play in the near future.

We also hope to start up some quiet play, outside board games for those who might prefer quieter and calmer pursuits during the lunchtime break. If you have any unwanted, robust board games that would withstand being played outdoors in a variety of seasons, then please let us know, as they would help us get this new initiative started.

The Sports Coaches then stay with us for the afternoon (on Tuesdays and Thursdays) and lead classes across the school in additional Games sessions, much like we do for Outdoor Learning. This means that your child will receive high quality sports coaching in a range of new sports, across the year, as well as their usual (and equally high quality) Games and PE lessons.

We are also keen to compete in as many of the local tournaments and festivals as we can this year. CM Sports will help us train the various groups and teams, so that they are ready to represent the school with PRIDE.

Speaking of representing the school with PRIDE, the Cross Country season started up on Portsdown Hill on Friday. The team did a cracking job, with fantastic performances from both the boys and girls teams respectively. We hope to hold trials for Years 4, 5 and 6 next week, at afternoon breaks on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children will be told about this on Monday. All they need is a pair of trainers and a 'never give up' attitude! We are likely to run the club at afternoon breaks, so that even if your child might not be involved in the races, they can come out for a friendly 'fun run' of sorts, to keep fit and feel part of an important aspect of Denmead Juniors.

In my first year, we introduced the fantastic Outdoor Learning into the curriculum, the next year we focussed on giving children high quality musical opportunities, through additional staff training and the introduction



of the Listen2Me music tuition across all classes, led by Hampshire Music specialists. This year, we hope to enhance our sporting opportunities for children across the school in the curriculum and also in our extra-curricular offer and playtimes.

By further enhancing our provision in this way, I am sure we will continue to have many smiling faces coming into school each day!

Wishing you a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

*A. Clarke*

**Mr Andy Clarke**  
Head Teacher

### Doodle Maths

**Please remember to use your Doodle Maths account at home as part of your child's regular homework.**

**Please speak to your child's class teacher if you need support in logging on.**

### KEY AUTUMN TERM DATES

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

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| • <b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>     | Flu Vaccinations for all year groups*                |
| • <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | Harvest celebration at All Saints Church             |
| • <b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>  | Parents' Evening (Face to Face) at 3.40pm to 7.00pm* |
| • <b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>   | Parents' Evening (Virtual) at 4.00pm to 6.00pm*      |
| • <b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>     | Open Morning for Y2 families*                        |
| • <b>Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November</b> | Fishbourne Trip for Year 4*                          |
| • <b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | Children in Need Day*                                |
| • <b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> November</b>   | Butser Farm Trip for year 3*                         |

**INSET DAY: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October**

**Half term week – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October to Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October**

**Last day of term – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December (time to be confirmed)**

### **POLITE REMINDER TO PARENTS/CARERS**

When you come into the school, please do not walk around the school but remain in reception. We have very strict procedures where all visitors that need access beyond this point must sign in.

Please also, remember to park considerately, when parking in the local roads at drop-off and pick-up.



## KEY COMMUNICATIONS SENT THIS WEEK:

- Flu Vaccination email reminder sent out. - **Consent system will close at 10am on 28/09/2023**
- Parents evening letter sent out.
- Rocksteady sign up information sent out.

Reminder: Year 4, 5 and 6 should continue to use the reading app (now renamed BoomRead) as the expectation is to read 5 times with an adult per week. Year 3 will receive logins shortly, with more information.

## Flu Vaccination Reminder

Your child's Nasal Flu Vaccination is **NOW DUE**. This is free from the NHS and will be administered in school on Monday 2nd October.

**Click the link below information about the vaccine and for the consent form if you wish your child to be included.**

School Code: **SH116043**

Session date: **02/10/2023**

Link to website: [Winter Flu Vaccination - Hampshire Healthy Families](#)

**From the School Age Immunisation Service**

## Reminder: Applying for a secondary school place (Year 7)

If your child is currently in year 6 of a primary or junior school, you will need to apply for a Year 7 place in a secondary school for September 2024. Deadline for applications is 31<sup>st</sup> October.





# WRESTLING

## SEASON 2

IT'S ABOUT TO KICK OFF

SATURDAY OCTOBER 21ST

6.45PM

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BERE ROAD PO7 6PH

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7:00pm at Waterloo Community Centre  
PO7 7AY.

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