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Dear parents and carers,

Weekly news update

Another busy week alongside dodging the rain!

What a powerful performance we were treated to by The Philippines class in their assembly this week - sadly this was a true tale of The Philippines government having to close one of the islands because of the amount of rubbish. When will everyone act on the message that we must stop polluting this planet? As the activists say, there is no planet B.

In other news, Year 6 enjoyed an extended morning at The Cowplain School learning about fire safety and prevention and we had two year 6 football teams out earlier in the week. While one team enjoyed great success with a 4-0 win, our second team were left disappointed when one rival team did not show up, but still played their other match with great determination despite the pouring rain.

The new 'Bushcraft' residential opportunity for all DJS pupils in June 2020, has created a lot of interest amongst the children and parents. It was lovely to see so many of you – over 160! – at the information evening on Tuesday and it is clear that interest in the limited places is very high. Following a number of enquiries from those who were unable to attend, let us clarify **nothing has been sent out yet**, however a letter will be coming out shortly detailing the payment arrangements. In order to make it completely fair in terms of 'first come first served', **the office will open at 7.30am on Friday 8th November** to receive deposits.

In the meantime, we look forward to Harvest Week at school next week. We will be collecting items for Foodbank as detailed in the letter sent home, so please consider adding a little extra to your weekend's shopping!

As always, please see the following pages for key dates and reminders. Our website can be checked at any time for the calendar dates, copies of letters sent out, links to the school menu, curriculum information and resources at any time.

Enjoy the weekend.

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

Reminders this week:

- Deposits for the 2020 Year 6 Residential should be **paid by Monday 14th October**
- Extended learning for both Upper and Lower school should be in **by Monday 14th October**
- No children should be using the trim trail equipment after school as they cannot be supervised safely, especially in these slippery, wet conditions.

YEAR 6 Reminder that the application process for Year 7 places next September closes on Thursday 31st October.

Key information sent out this week:

- Harvest week information
- PTA Disco letter
- Parents' Evening booking letter (and guidelines by email)
- Curriculum newsletters – by email only (hard copies available in reception – as with all other letters issued)

****NB: NEW DATE FOR SCHOOL PHOTOS** Wednesday 13th November 2019**

Key dates next week:

- **Monday 14th October:** Year 6 height and weight checks
- **Monday 14th October:** 7pm PTA AGM
- **Tuesday 15th October:** BOTSWANA class parent performance – please sign in at reception
- **Wednesday 16th October:** PTA Disco – lower school 5.30-6.45pm/upper school 7-8.15pm
- **Saturday 19th October:** Denmead Apple Festival in the village – 10am-4pm



Class Assemblies cycle 2019/20

Lower School (2 assemblies each)

Upper School (1 assembly each)

Monday 3pm DRESS REHEARSAL	Tuesday 9am TO PARENTS	Class
30th September	1st October	BELGIUM
7th October	8th October	PHILIPPINES
14th October	15th October	BOTSWANA
21st October	22nd October	CANADA
11th November	12th November	THE NETHERLANDS
18th November	19th November	ICELAND
25th November	26th November	SWITZERLAND
2nd December	3rd December	CHINA
13th January	14th January	ITALY
20th January	21st January	SWEDEN
27th January	28th January	BELGIUM
10th February	11th February	FIJI
2nd March	3rd March	THE NETHERLANDS
9th March	10th March	ICELAND
16th March	17th March	SWITZERLAND
23rd March	24th March	ITALY
30th March	31st March	SWEDEN