



Denmead Junior School
Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear parents and carers,

Weekly news update

Another busy week at DJS. We have been joined by three PGCE teacher trainee students from both the University of Chichester and Winchester who are undertaking their teaching practice with us from now until Christmas. They are Miss Bennett and Mr Lammas who are based in Sweden class with Mr Goodens and Miss Gilbert who is based in Iceland with Mr Stapleton.

Our quest for a third Sportsmark Gold award in a row continued this week with teams taking part in ultimate frisbee and football; we were moved by Botswana's class assembly which tackled people fears about outsiders (based on the book, The Island) and we enjoyed all the dance moves on display at the PTA disco this week! Thank you to all the families who support the school with these events.

Thank you too, for all your donations to Portsmouth Foodbank for our Harvest collection, it will be much appreciated.

Our Ofsted report has just come through to us, please see the separate report and letter.

Enjoy the weekend.

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

Reminders this week:

- Please ensure you have booked your parent evening appointment.
- **All children should arrive at school to register by 8.55am.** The gates will close at this point and children arriving after this time must sign in at the school office.
- A reminder that the school must remain a nut-free site owing to some children having serious allergies.
- No children should be using the trim trail equipment after school as they cannot be supervised safely, especially in these slippery, wet conditions.
- As we head into half term we are noticing a number of children not wearing the correct uniform. Children should be wearing school shoes and not trainers; school PE kits and not football shirts or other sports wear; girls should be in either skirts or trousers - not leggings. Children with long hair should wear it tied back please. If wearing a bow or other hair accessory, this should be small and blue, black, white or grey. We are also noticing a number of skirts which are too short. When these children sit on chairs or on the floor in assembly it is embarrassing for all around them. There are also a number of children who are still not bringing in coats. Please use the opportunity of the half-term break to re-kit your child if any of the above applies to them.

Key information sent out this week: *all available on the website*

- Privacy notice (by email – hard copy available from the office)
- Outdoor Learning Day – non-uniform this day
- Absence letter (by email)
- Bushcraft Residential payment letter – hard copy sent today
- OFSTED report and cover letter (by email)

Key dates next week:

- **Tuesday 22nd October:** CANADA class parent performance – please sign in at reception
- **Tuesday 22nd October: NO KARATE NEXT WEEK – PARENTS EVENING**
- **Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 24th October:** parents evening – please ensure you have booked
- **Thursday 24th October:** Outdoor Learning Day
- **Friday 25th October:** INSET day