



Denmead Junior School
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Dear parents and carers,

Weekly news update

I hope that you all had a good half term experience despite it being something of a soggy break! This week we have welcomed Year 2 parents to the second of our open mornings on Tuesday; talked to year 6 parents at our SATS information evening and seen many of you early this morning in the queue for the new Bushcraft residential. We are aware that a few parents felt that allocating places on a 'first come first serve basis' was not fair and we currently have a number of children on the waiting list. If this new residential experience is as successful as it promises to be, the school will be organising it again in the future, so those children on the waiting list will be first in line for this.

Our Happiness Ambassadors spread some joy on Tuesday with a demonstration in assembly on how to be responsible with sparklers, and there will more news on them (and our new representatives) next week.

I know that many children will be taking part in the Denmead Remembrance parade from 10.30am on Sunday morning, whether walking with outside organisations or the school and we will also be coming together just before 11am on Monday to reflect on this.

In the meantime, I'm pleased to share some of our pupils' achievements, so congratulations to George achieving his certificate in Karate, Alice with her Silver Award at Stage 1 violin and Codie's with success in the National Scootering competitions over the holidays. He came 11th in the under 12's for the intermediate riders which is a fantastic achievement. He showed great resilience as he continued with his ride despite a very nasty fall.

Enjoy the weekend.

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

Key information sent out this week:

- Travelling Book Fair
- Remembrance Parade
- Lower school Winter Warmer event
- Student Council film night
- Children in need
- Christmas village bauble colouring sheet
- Year 6 SATS information – *don't forget to check website section too*

Key dates next week:

- **Monday 11th November:** 3pm Netherlands class assembly **dress rehearsal**
- **Tuesday 12th November:** 9am Netherlands class assembly **parent performance**
- **Tuesday 12th November:** 7pm Open Evening – Year 2 parents
- **Wednesday 13th November:** *** SCHOOL PHOTOS ***
- **Thursday 14th November:** 6.30pm Lower School Winter Warmer Reading Event
- **Friday 15th November:** Children In Need Day – non-uniform (donation £1)

PTA News:

The PTA elves are already hard at work with the shopping day and fair... watch for the letters coming home soon with more details. In the meantime, if you can help with raffle prizes, making games for the fair, please get in touch asap via the PTA Facebook page or emailing djs_pta@hotmail.com Thank you!

Next week also look for the letter about the annual Christmas ornament decorating competition!