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*Building success, inspiring curiosity*

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**Weekly news update**

Dear parents and carers,

How much rain can possibly fall from the sky? Many wet play sessions this week, but fingers crossed for today!

We've seen some exciting new resources arrive already this week, after classes enjoyed spending their PTA funds, which will help on those grey, wet days. It's thanks to your support that the PTA can provide the school with these lovely extras and we look forward to judging the bauble entries on Monday to decorate our Christmas Tree next week in time for Friday's Fair!

Meanwhile some of our Year 6s have been spreading a little festive cheer, helping at the PTA Infant School Christmas Shopping day. The shopping day here takes place on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December and helpers for both this and the Fair are still very much encouraged please.

Highlights this week included Switzerland's class assembly on the Romans. They posed the question: Would you rather have been a Roman or a Celt, fighting for Boudicca? Children's responses were very interesting – being a rich Roman seemed to be popular, but there were some free spirits in the class who wanted an exciting Celtic life following such an inspirational leader.

As I write lower school are enjoying Roman Day and there are some fabulous costumes from both children and staff – thank you! We look forward to seeing many lower school parents this afternoon to look at the work from Roman Day and their topic home learning. Upper school parents are also invited to come in to their classes after school to look at the topic work.

Enjoy the weekend!

Elaine Viner  
Head Teacher

### Key reminders:

- **SAFE PARKING:** Another week, another concerned local resident notifying the school of unsafe parking. Parents have been observed repeatedly parking on double yellow lines along Hilda Gardens at school pick up and drop off times. This is a very busy junction and many children cross it by foot and sometimes on bikes and scooters at speed. Visibility - particularly on dark and wet autumnal days - is hampered and the concern about a possible accident is very high. Residents inform us that they are now passing registration details to the police, so once again we kindly ask you to consider very carefully where and how you choose to park.
- **CHANGE OF DETAILS:** Please ensure you let the office know as soon as possible if you change any of your contact details – mobile phone numbers and email addresses included. We send a lot of information via these methods, so make sure you don't miss out. If you are not receiving emails, it may be that you need to check your account set up on SCOPAY.
- **GLOWRIDE REGISTRATION:** Registration for this community-wide family-friendly cycle safety event is open online now at [www.denmeadglowride.org.uk](http://www.denmeadglowride.org.uk) The event is designed to raise awareness and promote the importance of being seen and being safe on the road in the dark winter months and we are proud to see it return to DJS as the starting point.

### Key information sent out this week:

- Choir letter (handed to choir members in person this afternoon)
- Photos were sent end of last week/early this week
- Weekly spellings for both upper and lower school

### Key dates next week:

- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** PTA bauble decoration competition deadline
- **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December:** 3pm CHINA class assembly **dress rehearsal**
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** 9am CHINA class assembly **parent performance**
- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December:** **\*\*PHOTO ORDER DEADLINE\*\*** for free school delivery
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December:** Pantaloons – gates open 5.30pm for 6pm start
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September:** PTA Christmas Fair 3.30-5.30pm