



Denmead Junior School
Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear parents and carers,

Weekly news update

Well here we are, another step closer to the Christmas holidays.

I begin this week's roundup with a huge thank you to the PTA and their group of helpers both for last week's fair and yesterday's shopping day. The fair had a lovely atmosphere and lots of you came to support it, thank you. It was a surprise to find some chocolate left at the end from the tombola – this is unheard of – however you may find yourself unwrapping some on Christmas morning, as it was passed on to the shop to supplement an excellent choice of gifts. Indeed, some of the staff joined parents after school to do a bit of their own shopping!

Earlier this week, Eco-Group ran their first Book Swap this year and reported that 153 books were swapped in total. They have also been discussing other ways to reuse and recycle things at this time of year and urge us all to consider how we dispose of packaging and wrapping.

This morning, our new band leader Joanna from Rocksteady led her first concert as the different groups performed to over 70 parents and carers who came in to watch. The children were excellent and I was struck by the talent and superb sense of team work as one group of 9 co-ordinated their parts brilliantly.

Finally, thank you for your messages of support for what is a tricky time for the school and the community.

Enjoy the weekend!

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

Information this week:

- **AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS** (*not Denmead Express or DDC Wrap*)

We kindly ask parents who are collecting children from clubs including Football, Karate, Gymnastics and Fencing, to now wait outside the school reception entrance for the organisers to release the children at the end of the session. You will appreciate as the office closes at 4.30pm it is not so easy to fully supervise people waiting in school at that time.

- **CHRISTMAS POST BOX**

The school now has post boxes for children to send Christmas cards. A rota has been set up to offer each class the opportunity to sort and distribute the cards to the classes. If your child is sending cards, please ensure the envelope states the child's full name and class.

- **YEAR 6 – SATS REVISION BOOKS**

You may have noticed your year 6 had brought home some SATS revision guides. They are free to refer to these as they choose. Home learning will be set later in the year but until then, please ensure your child brings the books in to school daily.

Key information sent out this week:

- Year 4 swimming letter
- Safeguarding update information letter

Key dates next week:

- **Tuesday 17th December:** Christmas lunch
This is complementary and please remember children can wear a festive top, socks or hat with usual school uniform.
- **Friday 20th December:** ****Early finish from DJS – 1.15pm****
- **Friday 20th December:** Denmead Village Christmas festival 6-7.30pm