



Denmead Junior School
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Dear parents and carers,

Weekly news update

It is always children singing Christmas carols that gets me finally feeling truly 'Christmassy'. Thank you so much to our choir who sang beautifully out on the playground at the end of last week and for their performance at All Saints Church, along with all of the children from the lower school – it was a lovely service.

For others it's the smell of Christmas cooking, and our kitchen team delivered on Tuesday with a yummy Christmas lunch. This was a joyous occasion with lots of wonderful help from the PTA who provided crackers (yes, we decided to go ahead with this - we had lots left over from last year that needed to be used up!) and helped all the staff to serve the children.

As always at the end of term everyone is pretty exhausted, at our celebration assembly we wished Mr Hunt a speedy recovery following what will be operation #48(!) In January. I had a great conversation with the recent Always, Above and Beyond certificate holders about how some of them intend to go home and get into their pyjamas so they 'can't possibly go out again!'. I know that many staff will be employing the same tactic later today!

Wishing you all a very relaxing, loving family time over the school holidays.

With love,

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

Information this week:

- **UNIFORM**

The school is having to pass on the increase in cost of uniform in the new year by 50p per item. Please be reminded that P.E. kits should NOT include football shirts and that children should be wearing black school shoes not plimsolls or trainers for standard uniform.

- **VIOLIN LESSONS - SPACES**

Music lessons will be running again from January. If you are interested, please see the separate letter emailed today.

- **GYMNASTICS CLUB**

The new Gymnastics club will also be running on Wednesdays again. See attached flyer for details of how to book.

Key information sent out this week:

- Year 5 Tour Guide invitation
- Music letter
- Gym club
- Kidmore House Cup non-uniform letter
- Safeguarding Update letter

Event Reminder:

Denmead Glowride
Friday 27th December 4-6pm
Starting at DJS – see website for more information

www.denmeadglowride.org.uk

Key dates Spring Term:

JANUARY:

- Monday 6th INSET DAY
- Tuesday 7th: 8.45am First day back for children
- Monday 13th First of 10 swimming sessions – Year 4 swimming
- Wednesday 15th 6.30pm Calshot Meeting for current year 3 parents*
- Monday 20th Beat the Blues day*

FEBRUARY:

- Friday 7th Lower School Greek Day*

MARCH:

- Thursday 6th World Book Day
- Friday 6th Lower School Trip to Kew Gardens
- Tuesday 10th/Thursday 12th Parents Evenings
- Friday 13th Comic Relief Day
- Friday 20th Upper School Trip to Winchester
- Wednesday 25th Class Photos and Y6 whole year group

****More details to follow***

REMAINING 2020 INSET DATES: Monday 6th January, Monday 1st & Monday 29th June