



Denmead Junior School
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Dear parents and carers,

Weekly news update

It was a joy to see so many of you (over 120) for our Beat the Blues Monday and thank you for the lovely feedback. Would you believe that some children had never blown bubbles before! It was an absolute pleasure to work with the Happiness Ambassadors who gave up most of their lunchtimes last week to put the assembly together. They came up with excellent ideas – particularly the use of the current Own It app TV campaign (about writing kind text messages) – a great example of the ripple effect and knowing your impact on others.

We experienced our own ripple effect in the village – a person who had been given a flower and wished a happy day, then went into a shop to buy a box of chocolates for the school. As that was handed to me, one of the Ambassadors said that we should give it to The Cowplain School band – which we did, and they were delighted!

Our school hall was busy the next day too with parents coming in to see Sweden's class assembly – they provided a handy check list in terms of being prepared for all types of natural disasters, another reminder of just how lucky we are to live where we do.

We are going to publish each week our attendance figures, in order to keep this in everyone's minds. We cannot repeat a school day, so once it's missed, it's missed. Our school target is 97%, which we were close to last year at 96.62%. This week congratulations to Fiji class whose attendance is 97.5%.

Enjoy the weekend.

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

Key information sent out this week:

- Year 4 Calshot (2020) meeting (paper copy)
- Upper school Greek Day letter (email)
- Lower School trip letter – Kew Gardens

Attendance data:

Year 3 95.77%
Year 4 95.15%
Year 5 96.18%
Year 6 96.36%
Whole school 95.84%

Reminders this week:

- **Considerate parking:** Following complaints received from local residents and parents, please can we ask drivers who use the car park at pick up time, to avoid blocking the road into the car park. Aside from the inconvenience to those vehicle trying to leave the site, this could provide a serious issue for emergency vehicles requiring access.
- **Uniform:** Please note trainers are not school uniform, neither are back leggings or tight trousers, please provide your child with the correct uniform items.
- **Year 4 Calshot 2020:** A reminder that the full balance for this April's trip is due at the end of next week. Any queries about places or payment should be directed to Mrs Rogers in the office.

Events Next Week:

- **Monday 27th** Y4 swimming sessions – Year 4
- **Monday 27th** 7pm Joint PTA Meeting – summer event planning Fox & Hounds Pub (all welcome to attend)
- **Tuesday 28th** BELGIUM CLASS ASSEMBLY:
9am Parent assembly & class activity
3pm School performance

February key dates:

- **Friday 9th** Upper School Greek Day
- **Tuesday 11th** FIJI CLASS ASSEMBLY:
9am Parent assembly & class activity
3pm School performance
- **Wednesday 12th** 6pm Year 4 Calshot parent information evening

Community notices:

- We are looking to recruit for Governors to join the school so look out for the forthcoming communication.
- Denmead Youth Club are looking for trustees to join the management committee. All welcome to attend their next meeting at Ashling Pavillion on Tuesday 28th January 7pm to find out more.