



Denmead Junior School

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Dear parents and carers,

Weekly news update

A quieter week this week with just one school event, Belgium's brilliant class assembly. I learned that the words cyclone, hurricane and typhoon mean the same, it just tells you which part of the world it is happening! I also noted a few parents even coming back in to school later that day to watch the performance again.

It's been a few weeks now since we sent out our questionnaire about home learning, and before half term we will be issuing our new school policy on this – so please look out for that.

We have added in a new event to the diary for after half term: we want to tell you all about metacognition – what it is and how we use it in school to support your children. If you can come along for the first hour on Thursday 27th February, Mrs Painting will tell you all about it and then you will be able to work with your children using it in the classroom afterwards, look out for more details shortly.

The school would be grateful for your support in helping us clear the shrubs from the 'quiet area' between the two playgrounds. Mr Marley has been valiantly tackling this over last summer, but we need a big push on it to really make an impact. We have set aside Saturday 7th March in the morning for this, so we hope that you and your family can come and help.

March will be a busy month with school trips, themed days and more, so do please keep a note of the dates coming out in this communication or check the website. Letters will be coming home about many of the events so please do keep checking bags.

In the meantime, wishing you a good weekend,

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher



Key information sent out this week:

- Governor update of Head Teacher recruitment (email)

**** Lower School: Please note we have helpers allocated for the forthcoming Kew Garden trip now thank you – offers received to date should receive an acknowledgement reply slip today. ****

Attendance data:

Year 3	95.66%
Year 4	95.07%
Year 5	96.17%
Year 6	96.24%
Whole school	95.76%

Reminders this week:

- **Year 4 Calshot 2020:** A reminder that the full balance for this April's trip is **due today**. Emails have been sent today regarding outstanding balances. Any queries about places or payment should be directed to Mrs Rogers in the office.
- **Pupil Absence:** If your child is unwell and unable to attend school, please call the school to let us know on each day of absence. You can leave a message on the school answerphone whenever convenient to you, as this is available 24/7. Unexplained absences will be recorded as unauthorised.
- **Office Hours:** The office is staffed from 8.30am - 4.30pm however we close to non-urgent enquiries between 9.30-11am & 1.30-2.30pm. The answerphone is checked during these times.

Events Next Week:

- **Monday 3rd** Y4 swimming sessions (Mondays up till 23rd March)
- **Friday 7th** Upper School Greek Day

February key dates:

- **Monday 10th** Lower school extended learning deadline
- **Tuesday 11th** FIJI CLASS: Parent assembly & class activity 9am + school performance 3pm
- **Wednesday 12th** Year 4 Calshot parent information evening - 6pm
- **Monday 17th** **HALF TERM WEEK**
- **Monday 24th** First day back after half term
Deadline for payment for lower school Kew Garden trip
- **Thursday 27th** Metacognition morning 9-10am (letter to follow)

March key dates:

- **Tuesday 3rd** NETHERLANDS CLASS: Parent assembly & class activity 9am + school performance 3pm
- **Thursday 5th** World Book Day
- **Friday 6th** Lower school Kew Gardens trip
- **Saturday 7th** Grounds Day 10am
- **Tuesday 10th** ICELAND CLASS: Parent assembly & class activity 9am + school performance 3pm
Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm
- **Thursday 12th** Parents' evening 5-7.30pm
- **Friday 13th** Sports Relief
- **Tuesday 17th** SWITZERLAND CLASS: Parent assembly & class activity 9am + school performance 3pm
- **Friday 20th** Upper school Winchester trip
- **Tuesday 24th** ITALY CLASS: Parent assembly & class activity 9am + school performance 3pm
- **Wednesday 25th** Class photos & whole Y6 group
- **Friday 27th** PTA QUIZ – held at Infant school 7pm for 7.30pm start
- **Monday 30th** SWEDEN CLASS: School rehearsal performance 3pm
- **Tuesday 31st** SWEDEN CLASS: Parent assembly & class activity 9am

