



# Denmead Junior School

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Dear parents and carers,

## Weekly news update

I can't believe how fast this half term has gone - the evenings are getting lighter, the birds are singing and the daffodils look beautiful! Despite the rain, spring is definitely coming!

Fiji class performed their assembly earlier this week with the focus on 'Fairness'. Children acted out several sketches to illustrate ways in which we can interpret and promote fairness in our lives. They also discussed 'Fair Trade' and how we can buy products to support people in other parts of the world.

On Wednesday evening we welcomed some of our year 4 parents and pupils in to talk in more detail about the forthcoming Calshot residential. Some of the tips for packing were helpful – including child size to suitcase capacity ratio and the benefits of choosing a **small** soft toy! The presentation will be available on the website shortly for anyone who missed it.

There was an amazing buzz coming out of assembly yesterday as the upper school had just been treated to a surprise performance of lower school's Haka routine! We hope this will carry through to the end of today as parents and carers will be able to catch the performance on the playground at 3.15pm.

There is much to think about next half term, with in-school activities, upper and lower school trips, national 'themed' days (book day and sports relief), PTA events and more. Do keep checking these weekly Friday bulletins for dates and reminders, but in the meantime, enjoy the half term break.

We look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February.

Elaine Viner  
Head Teacher

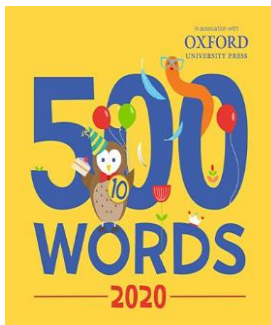


## Key information sent out this week:

- Governor Vacancies – *by email*
- Non-Uniform for half term house cup winners - letter
- SATS information for half term – *by email*
- Upper school home learning for next half term
- Current Y4 Calshot information A4 envelope packs (April 2020 visit)

## REMINDER

- **LOWER SCHOOL KEW GARDENS TRIP:** A reminder that permission slips for lower school should be returned by the Monday after half term (24<sup>th</sup> February) at the latest.



The BBC 500 Words competition to challenge children to create their own short story is running over half term. Why not check out the website for ideas and tips below. Send your entries to the school by Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February!

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4n1HgL2GFCWDmCtq9Sx5kKB/500-words-2020>

## Events After Half Term:

- **Monday 17<sup>th</sup>** **HALF TERM WEEK**
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup>** First day back after half term  
Year 4 swimming session (this plus 4 more)  
Deadline for payment for lower school Kew Garden trip
- **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup>** Metacognition morning 9-10am

### MARCH:

- **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** NETHERLANDS CLASS: Parent assembly & class activity 9am + school performance 3pm
- **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** World Book Day – costumes welcome (no donation required)
- **Friday 6<sup>th</sup>** Lower school Kew Gardens trip: 7.50am arrival please & approx. 4.15 pick up
- **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup>** Grounds Day 10am
- **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** ICELAND CLASS: Parent assembly & class activity 9am + school performance 3pm  
Parents' Evening 4-6.30pm
- **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** Parents' evening 5-7.30pm
- **Friday 13<sup>th</sup>** Sports Relief
- **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** SWITZERLAND CLASS: Parent assembly & class activity 9am + school performance 3pm
- **Friday 20<sup>th</sup>** Upper school Winchester trip
- **Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** ITALY CLASS: Parent assembly & class activity 9am + school performance 3pm
- **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** Class & whole Y6 group photos
- **Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** **PTA QUIZ – held at Infant school 7pm for 7.30pm start**
- **Monday 30<sup>th</sup>** SWEDEN CLASS: School rehearsal performance 3pm
- **Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup>** SWEDEN CLASS: Parent assembly & class activity 9am

### APRIL:

- **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>** **PTA Disco: Lower school 5.30-6.45pm & Upper school 7-8.15pm**
- **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** **Last day of term: Easter holidays 4<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April (children back on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April)**

