



Denmead Junior School

Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear parents and carers,

Weekly news update

You may have noticed that we are having a renewed focus on reading in the school (and out of it!). The Netherlands class parents enjoyed various reading activities with their children after their assembly all about staying healthy and yesterday, during World Book Day, the whole school got stuck into their reading books. Whilst there were some amazing costumes, the day is really about the pleasure and benefits that reading brings to us all. Children were given opportunities to 'D.E.A.R.' (drop everything and read) – including the adults – and to re-tell and act out some of their favourite parts of books and stories. There were some amazing performances that were shared in our assembly in the afternoon, including some scenes re-enacted from Macbeth, which the upper school enjoyed watching a live streaming of in the morning. I heard a big cheer and that was the children seeing DJS in the credits at the end of the performance!

Mr Stapleton has recruited a wonderful 'army' of reading volunteers from the community for whom he ran a training session this week, and they will begin in school as soon as possible. Our aim is to increase children's 'reading miles', because the more you read, the better you become at reading. Of course finding books that engage children is also a big part of this!

Of course we are monitoring the Coronavirus updates from the relevant authorities and following their advice. At the moment we are encouraging everyone to wash their hands well and our site staff are focusing on cleaning shared surfaces, such as door handles.

Let's hope the rain stays away for the lower school trip to Kew Gardens today.

Enjoy the weekend,

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher



Key information sent out this week:

- Coronavirus guidance information
- Update regarding Head Teacher appointment

Attendance data:

Year 3	95.45%
Year 4	95.61%
Year 5	96.16%
Year 6	96.43%
Whole school	95.77%

REMINDERS & NOTICES

- **UPPER SCHOOL TRIP:** Forms and payment for the trip on 20/3/20 should be returned by Monday 9th please.
- **BUSHCRAFT RESIDENTIAL PAYMENT:** payment for this should be received by end of April.
- **JOB OPPORTUNITIES – closing date Monday 9th:**
 - **Junior school:** Temporary Admin Assistant: Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays (8.30am – 12 noon). You will be a key member of our school including our very busy office staff, supporting all pupils and families in the community. Duties of the role include checking attendance in the registers and following up unrecorded absences and processing dinner money and trip payments. Full details can be found online via the Hampshire education jobs website: <https://hampshire.education-jobs.org.uk/Vacancy/Details/77914/L1ZhY2FuY3kvU2VhcmNoUmVzdWx0cz9yZXRYaWV2ZUZpbHRlcj10cnVl>
 - **Infant school:** We are looking for a LUNCHTIME SUPERVISOR to work as part of a team in our friendly school. This role would suit a cheerful, enthusiastic & energetic person who will be required to supervise a class of children under the direction of the Senior Supervisor. This role is 5 days a week for a total of 6 hours. Salary is currently £9.18 per hour. For further information and an application pack please contact the school office on 023 9226 2717.

What's coming up:

- **Saturday 7th** Grounds Day 10am
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- **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
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- **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 & whole Y6 group photos
- **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

APRIL:

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

