



Denmead Junior School

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Dear parents and carers,

WEEKLY UPDATE

I woke up today to hear a very pleasing government announcement regarding funding for schools to provide catch-up programmes for those children worst affected by the lockdown and the lack of schooling as a result. I look forward to hearing the finer details about this tonight.

We are going ahead with our wider opening to year 5s on a part-time basis starting on Wednesday next week and we will then have 49% of the school children back, with every suitable room being used to 'house' a bubble. This week I noticed some lovely laughter coming from one of the bubble rooms as I passed – and then it really struck me how odd the silence in the building has been up till now. Of course that means that 51% of our children are not in school and as you know teachers have been keeping in touch with their classes via Seesaw. Our phone calls home have prioritised those children and families not using Seesaw, so if your child is active on the platform then it is possible that you have not been called yet, but we will be doing so.

We are also mindful of the difficulties it may have caused some families, with some children being back in school and others not, and also the sense of boredom that is setting in with some children. We are therefore planning a refresh of the home learning to try to alleviate this. We will also be providing some printed sheets for the lower school which will also be available on the website, from next week, to collect from outside the school on a Friday between 10 and 12. If you are interested in receiving one of these please get in touch via djshomelearning@gmail.com as we will only print out the number pre-ordered, to be collected at the set time.

We have also decided to bring back an element of our Thursday's celebration assemblies. Whilst we are clearly not gathering children all together, we have introduced a new certificate called 'Being Brilliant in Bubble School' which is to recognise and celebrate any 'brilliantness' from children both at home and in school. Just as we used to recognise the efforts of children outside of school, we will continue to do so in this new format; for example teachers have noticed some amazing learning happening via Seesaw. Please see below our first recipients (for those of you at home, your certificate will be emailed; for those in school, your certificate is being displayed and you will be taking it home after 72 hours to allow for de-contamination!) If your child is at home and they have just been amazing, please do let us know!

A technological highlight this week was getting The Cowplain School live on the interactive whiteboards in all five year 6 bubbles at the same time, which allowed children in the different bubbles to see one another for the first time - there was much excitement!

As the school has set its transition dates for Friday 10th and Friday 17th July, the school will **not be open the key worker bubbles on those two days, including our year 6 key worker bubble**. However, we are planning for children to come in to meet half their class in a bubble and their teachers on these two days either from 9.30-11.30am or 1-3pm; full details to follow in due course.

I noticed on the school calendar this week that today was going to be our Sports Day and last night was supposed to be the Pantaloons performance. If you are a fan, please take a look at their new online offering via Facebook or <https://www.tickettailor.com/events/thepantaloons/381317/> to raise a smile.

Enjoy the weekend,

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher





**“BEING BRILLIANT”
IN YOUR BUBBLE**
Certificates awarded - 18th June 2020



CLASS/BUBBLE NAME	AWARDED TO
<i>Botswana Bubble</i>	<i>Imogen</i>
<i>Canada Bubble</i>	<i>Lucas</i>
<i>China Bubble</i>	<i>Evie</i>
<i>Fiji Bubble</i>	<i>Mya</i>
<i>Philippines Bubble</i>	<i>Ellie</i>
<i>Rainbow Warriors Bubble</i>	<i>Ryan – The Netherlands Class</i>
<i>Happy Hubba Bubba Bubble</i>	<i>Jack – Belgium Class</i>
<i>Hubba Bubba Bubblegum Bubble</i>	<i>Lily – The Netherlands Class</i>
<i>Bicycle Bubble</i>	<i>Max – Fiji Class</i>
<i>Unbelievably Bubblicious Bubble</i>	<i>Aviraj – Sweden Class</i>
<i>Home Bubbles:</i> <i>Harry – Belgium Class – for all his learning activities shared on SeeSaw</i> <i>Oliver – Canada Class – for his fantastic NHS and BHF fundraising efforts</i>	

IMPORTANT DATES:

- The school has moved its final INSET day to Wednesday 22nd July. Therefore the last day of term for children is Tuesday 21st July and **NORMAL GOING HOME ARRANGMENTS WILL APPLY**, ie there will be no early finish.

INSET DATES 2020-21:

We are pleased to share next year's INSET dates with you as below:

- Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September
- Friday 23rd October (Friday before half term)
- Monday 4th January 2021 (not shared with Denmead Infant School who have one on 12th February)
- Monday 28th June

YEAR 3/4/5 REMINDER:

If you haven't finished your 'Voice of DJS' letter to welcome the new Year 3s, **you've still got until Monday** to complete them and email them in to us via djshomelearning@gmail.com – thank you to all those received already, they're really great.

