



Denmead Junior School

Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear parents and carers,

WEEKLY UPDATE

Can I start with a plea that all children coming into school bring water bottles, hats and sun cream – we do not have enough trees for socially distanced shade sitting and playing for all of you! Having said that, we have been busy planting trees on the mound just behind the circular wooden seat – thank you to Miss Halford and her Forest School volunteers for organising this! Eventually we would like to increase the size of our wildlife and pond area in that corner of our grounds to include this newly planted area.

Children have been busy at home and at school writing individual letters to help welcome our new year 2 children as they prepare to come to us in September. These have been wonderful to read and so I attach some quotes for you to enjoy too. Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 will be receiving a letter regarding more of our transition plans shortly, so please look out for that.

Congratulations to our weekly certificate winners – both at home and at school!

Stay safe and enjoy the weekend,

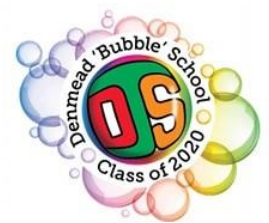
Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

- My favourite lessons are maths and PE because in maths I like solving problems and completing questions. In PE we do lots of great stuff like bench ball and rugby. Once we had a bench ball tournament and we won! Miss Shute is in charge of all of the PE in the school and she makes it so much fun!*
- Last but not least, the teachers. All of them are very nice, some of them are very funny and you know what that means? Funny teachers = fun learning!*
- When it was my first day, I was a little bit nervous but everyone was really friendly and kind. It was great to have the year 4's in our class so they could help us out. My teacher is called Miss Brady. She helps me when I get stuck with my work.*
- When you do a special thing, you get a house point and at the end of term the house with the most points gets the house cup and you get to have a non-school uniform day! I'm really looking forward to seeing old friends from infant school. Things might be a bit different when we return to school but it will be ok and we can all help each other out.*
- I am moving up to year five. You might be a bit nervous but don't be all the teachers are lovely if you ever wanted to speak they will be happy to.*
- We also have really fun activities for example school discos, the trim trial and lots more fun things. Our play grounds are really big so there is lots of room to play in. There are also lots of outside toys that you can play with if you are bored which you will not be. There is even a running track and a big field with a climbing wall. Can you believe that!!!?*
- When I first started at DJS, I was nervous – I was worried about getting lost or not understanding the work. It's okay to be worried but I want to reassure you that you will be fine. If you are not sure about something you only have to ask – the teachers are really kind and helpful and so are all the pupils. I hope you have a good summer and I look forward to getting to know you when we all go back to school!*





**“BEING BRILLIANT”
IN YOUR BUBBLE**
Certificates awarded - 25th June 2020



CLASS/BUBBLE NAME	AWARDED TO
<i>Botswana Bubble</i>	<i>Harry</i>
<i>Canada Bubble</i>	<i>Erin</i>
<i>China Bubble</i>	<i>Chloe & Rawa</i>
<i>Fiji Bubble</i>	<i>Ellie & Evan</i>
<i>Philippines Bubble</i>	<i>Ruben</i>
<i>Rainbow Warriors Bubble</i>	<i>Tilly</i>
<i>Happy Hubba Bubba Bubble</i>	<i>Ivy</i>
<i>Bicycle Bubble</i>	<i>James</i>
<i>Unbelievably Bubblicious Bubble</i>	<i>Georgia</i>
<i>Home Bubbles:</i> <i>Sidney – Switzerland Class – for all his varied contributions on SeeSaw including a new found skill of knitting</i> <i>Courtney – Philippines Class – for posting daily Seesaw updates and completing an abundance of learning tasks!</i> <i>Alice – Netherlands Class – for her positive contributions on SeeSaw</i> <i>Ethan – Belgium Class – for showing a lovely variety of activities on SeeSaw</i>	

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **TRANSITION DATES** for Year 2, 3, 4 and 5 – Friday 10th and Friday 17th July (specific times to follow), so NO key worker bubbles running (children in these groups will only come in for their allotted time slot on these to days).
- 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**, i.e. there will be no early finish.

INSET DATES 2020-21:

We are pleased to share next year’s INSET dates with you: 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.

