



Denmead Junior School

Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear Parents and Carers,

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times!" Denmead Junior School versus the weather!

We are definitely winning but the weather is trying to have its way! There is that famous saying that there is no such thing as bad weather, only bad clothing... easily said as I went outside to say goodbye to everyone with my umbrella in these winds!

I have not been the only one battling the winds – I saw a rather windswept Mr Goodens and Mr Marley having taken Austria class outside to complete our hedgerow planting this afternoon. We have now planted more than 350 hedgerow whips, which in the fullness of time, will complete a living border to both demarcate the Forest Garden area and provide a natural habitat for all manner of indigenous wildlife.

The winds may have battered the raised planters but they have yet to penetrate the sturdy greenhouse. And look what treasures lie within, growing surely but steadily, ready for the better weather.



Speaking of hidden treasure... here's Mr Stapleton! As you can see, he is the guardian of the Treasure Box of Books in our mysterious 'Ocean Room'. These hidden gems will wend their way into the hands of eager readers through the medium of the Book Raffle, which I will draw again on Monday in my latest PRIDE assembly.

We're hoping to continue to furnish our treasured new library with more sparkling new additions too, thanks to this year's National Book Token competition. If you have a few moments, we'd love you to nominate us and why not share the link with friends and family on social media!

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools>



Next week also sees us continue our recent theme of focusing on mental health and well-being, with all classes experiencing the NSPCC's guidance and support around the theme of, 'Speak out and Stay Safe Online' fronted by none other than Ant and Dec.

The NSPCC do incredible work in both raising awareness and supporting young people through difficult and hard to navigate waters. Their key messages, delivered through Buddy, the speech bubble, encourage children to be open with their thoughts and feelings and to share them with a trusted adult.



Normally our work with the NSPCC is direct, with regular school visits every two years. But for obvious reasons, this year they have decided to support schools virtually with a range of online resources that we will share with the children throughout next week.



Please make sure that you look after your own mental health too – there is always someone to listen and someone to help.

In school, we have two trained ELSAs in Mrs Bizley and Mrs Jones, who work with a number of children to help them better understand themselves and the issues that affect them.

We all need someone we can trust and rely upon, to listen, to try and understand and to offer support. I've shared this with you before, but it is always worth a second look ...

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Evwgu369Jw>

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,

A. Clarke

Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher

PUPIL MOBILE PHONES:

We have recently updated our request form to allow children, in certain circumstances, to bring in a mobile phone into school. Our position is that mobile phones should not be brought into school without good reason and prior consent. The request form allows your child to gain permission to bring in a phone, providing that they follow the strict but simple rules outlined in the form and that the reason for needing a phone is sufficient. If you believe your child needs a mobile phone for use before or after school, please ask them to collect a form from the office first. Thank you for your anticipated support in this matter.



DIARY DATES:

- **31st May:** Half Term week
- **Friday 25th June:** Sports Day
- **Monday 28th June:** **INSET DAY**
- **5th-9th July:** Yr 6 Tregoyd Residential visit
- **Friday 9th July:** School reports
- **Friday 23rd July:** Last day of term – time TBC

ALSO COMING...

Lower school Egyptian Day, Enterprise Day, Y6 group photo & leavers' event (dates tbc)

RESIDENTIAL TRIPS STATUS:

Current Yr3 – Calshot April 2022. Letter sent 14/5/21. Deposits of £55 due by Friday 2nd July 2021.

Current Yr4 – Calshot October 2021. Very limited spaces available. **Deposits of £57 due by the end of next week.**

Current Yr5 – Tregoyd July 2022. Letter sent 14/5/21. Deposits of £45 due by 23rd June 2021.

Current Yr6 – Tregoyd July 2021. Official closing date has passed – please contact Mrs Burton or class teacher urgently if you wish to discuss your child being added. Additional permission and kit list details to follow next week.

