



# Denmead Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy week it's been! And haven't we seen a lot of each other!? It's been lovely, as further indication of a return to normality, to welcome you into Denmead Junior School on numerous occasions this week. For some of you, you have been in school more this week than all of the last 2 ½ years combined!

We all really hope you enjoyed and found informative the Open Classroom events that we put on for both lower school and upper school. Thank you so much for showing your support in the numbers that you did. I also hope that you enjoyed being able to visit your child's classroom too. Thank you also to our Year 6 parents whose children will be attending the new Stone Farm residential next month. We hope you found either the evening or after school offering informative and that both you and your child are even more excited about attending. **The presentations from all 3 events will be uploaded to our website next week, so look out for links which will be emailed out to you.**

We hope that in the coming weeks and months, we can continue to deepen our relationships with you, continuing next week with our Parents Evenings. I hope you are able to find the time to find out how your child has settled in and to convey to us any information that we might find useful to support your child moving forward.

An important part of our partnership with you is the ability and attitude to listen actively to you and your concerns. Mrs Brookes, our new SENCo, has been busy in the last few weeks meeting with numerous parents to help us learn more about your child and to begin cementing that positive relationship.

Equally, you will have seen myself and Mrs Marks out on the playground most days to not only welcome you into school but also to be a listening ear when needed.

We have enjoyed having the school photographer in today to take individual child photos. I know for those of you with siblings that many of you have signalled to me the disappointment that we were unable to take sibling photos today. I have been in contact with the photography company and we have arranged for them to come back into school in March (Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March) to take all photos of siblings together as well as class groups. The 25% family discount will still apply. I know that in certain cases, this year would've been the only time they could have had their photo taken together, so I'm really pleased we were able to negotiate a solution for this year.

The school Cross Country team compete in their first race of the year up on Portsdown Hill in the South East Hampshire Schools Cross Country League. Most of the team will be transported in our new minibus with me driving. Wish us luck ... in the race that is, not arriving! They will all be wearing our new Cross Country bibs, kindly sponsored last year by Mrs Webber and all at Leydene Glass and Glazing – thank you again for your kind generosity.

Finally, I'd like to tell you about Oliver in Year 3, who was brought to my attention by a beautiful, kind deed that he has undertaken at one of the local care homes. Oliver decided it would be a good idea to go and read to the local 'old folks' to keep them entertained. He has been doing this every other week, and I for one, think that this is just wonderful. Well done Oliver – you're making us all proud and more importantly, making a real difference to our community.

And on that uplifting note, have a great weekend, and I look forward to seeing you all next week.



Kind regards,

*A. Clarke*

Mr Andy Clarke  
Head Teacher

### KEY COMMUNICATIONS & REMINDERS THIS WEEK:

- Lower School – Butser Farm trip online sign up information – **please book by 5<sup>th</sup> October**
- Year 3 & new joiners – paper copy of MS Teams login sent out today
- Year 6 Cowplain clubs information (deadline 28<sup>th</sup> September to reply)
- Governor information letter (deadline 7<sup>th</sup> October to enquire)

**\*\* Cut off for online parents evening bookings: midnight, Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September \*\***

**\*\* Y6 Stone Farm medical & consent forms – please return by next Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September \*\***

**YEAR 3: ART SHIRTS...** your children will be painting, glueing, using glitter etc, and we no longer have enough shirts in class, so if you can in an old shirt (think adult size, worn back to front to cover their clothing), that would be terrific, thank you !

### OUTDOOR LEARNING SCHEDULE:

Please remember **WELLIES, TRAINERS AND COAT** for your child's sessions....

Day	UPPER: MONDAY & TUESDAY						LOWER: THURSDAY & FRIDAY					
Class	Mongolia	Bermuda	Cape Verde	Philippines	USA	Djibouti	Qatar	Aruba	Egypt	Indonesia	Panama	Seychelles
Weeks/date												
4. 26/9/22			■						■			
5. 3/10/22				■						■		
6. 10/10/22					■						■	
7. 17/10/22						■						■

**\*\* Still welcoming donations for the composting programme in school, thank you \*\***

**\*\* CHANGES FOR NEXT WEEK \*\***

**Bermuda** are owed their second session from this week, which will take place next Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> in the morning.

**Egypt** will have their first session on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon and their second session on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> October.



## CALENDAR:

### WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK:

- Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening - in person
- Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Parents Evening – MS Teams virtual appointments

OCTOBER	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Open Morning for Y2 families – <i>invitations to be sent out</i>
w/c 10 <sup>th</sup>	Bermuda & Cape Verde residential
12 <sup>th</sup>	Lower school Butser Farm trip
w/c 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mongolia residential
24 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Half term week</b>
31 <sup>st</sup>	First day back Deadline for Y7 applications Collection date for rotary boxes and Harvest donations ( <i>more details to follow</i> )
NOVEMBER	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Y6 Height & Weight checks in school
18 <sup>th</sup>	Children In Need Day
DECEMBER	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Flu spray
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day of term – early finish tbc</b>
JANUARY	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	<b>INSET day</b>
4 <sup>th</sup>	First day back
FEBRUARY	
10 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET day</b>
13 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Half term week</b>
MARCH	
2 <sup>nd</sup>	World Book Day
8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Trip to Mary Rose
9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 5 Trip to Mary Rose
31 <sup>st</sup>	Last day of term
APRIL	
3 <sup>rd</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
17 <sup>th</sup>	First day back
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Calshot residential
MAY	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday
w/c 8 <sup>th</sup>	SATS week
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Half term week</b>
JUNE	
26 <sup>th</sup>	<b>INSET day</b>
JULY	
21 <sup>st</sup>	<b>LAST DAY OF TERM – early finish tbc</b>

