



Denmead Junior School

Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Another eventful week here at Denmead Junior School. My day especially, was very eventful having experienced getting a sudden puncture whilst travelling on the M27 and having to pull over on the new, smart motorway, on a narrow, grass verge. As you can imagine, my emotional well-being at that moment was quite fragile. For too many however, the serious debilitating nature of dealing with mental health issues is all too common. The fear is that many will not seek help and believe that they are alone and that no one can help them. Our Hello Yellow day, has hopefully raised awareness around the important topic of emotional well-being and mental health and also hopefully raised some money for a very worthy cause. The Young Minds charity is one of many charities who aims to help support those young people who really need help. This is what it says on their website:

“Last year #HelloYellow was a record-breaker - it was our brightest year yet! But this year a different, more concerning record has been broken. According to the latest NHS figures, nearly half a million young people are being referred for mental health problems every month, with many not being able to get the support they need. That's more young people than ever before seeking support - and most aren't getting the help they need.

This needs to change. With your support, it can.

Our vision is clear: we want to see a world where no young person feels alone with their mental health.

To achieve this, that wait for support has to end. If all young people can get the mental health support they need, when they need it, we can stop an emerging mental health need becoming a crisis. This is our purpose – and we are absolutely clear about we can make it happen.”

Thank you for your support in raising awareness through the simple but powerful act of allowing your children to wear yellow for the day, and also, if you have been able, to donate to any mental health charity of your choice.

My day finished better than it started when I was able with Mr Goodens and Miss Shute, to take our Cross Country team up onto Portsdown Hill for their 2nd race of the season. As a team, they all did magnificently, but with honourable mentions to Kayli, Seren, Leo and George, who did especially well.

H.W.C.S.A Boys League								
SCHOOL	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total	H.W.C.S.A Pos
PURBROOK	1	1					2	1
DENMEAD	2	2					4	2
HORNDEAN	4	3					7	3
BOSMERE	3	4					7	4



H.W.C.S.A Girls League								
SCHOOL	Race 1	Race 2	Race 3	Race 4	Race 5	Race 6	Total	H.W.C.S.A Pos
PURBROOK	1	1					2	1
HORNDEAN	2	2					4	2
DENMEAD	3	3					6	3
BOSMERE	4	4					8	4

As you can see, the team are doing great, despite some stiff opposition.

This week, we held our Open Morning for prospective parents. It was very well attended and I was proud to share with those who visited our vision for Denmead Junior School. However much I waxed lyrical, the real stars of the morning were the children themselves. A massive thank you to Willow and Nate from Year 6, who confidently spoke about what Denmead Juniors had taught them. And also to young Oliver in Year 3, who bravely spoke about how he had settled in to life in year 3 and what he has already learned. A final thanks to our Year 6 ambassadors, who took groups of parents around on extensive tours of the school. We are both defined and constantly made proud by the actions and deeds of our children – they are a credit to you all.

On Wednesday, the PTA met for their annual AGM. Whilst there was only a small turnout, they are already thinking big about how they can support the school for this year. I understand why many of you are unable to commit to joining the PTA, but please, when events are advertised, consider actively helping each event so that they can take place.

With this in mind, I am delighted that we can look forward to the first school disco in many years, after half-term. Please do get in contact with the school if you are able to help on Thursday 3rd November and we will pass this on to Mrs Windsor, the new chair person, at the PTA.

It was great to meet with Reverend Emma this week to plan out how we might get involved in the church this year, both in terms of visits to the church and in receiving visitors from the church into our school. We have a plan that will involve Harvest after half-term, Christmas and Easter services as well as having regular visits to our assemblies each term. It's both lovely and important that this relationship is fostered as we both play such key parts in our Denmead community.

My bags are almost packed and I have checked the weather (there's no such thing as a bad weather, only bad clothing) as I ready myself for our visit to Stone Farm. In my absence, both Mrs Marks and Mr Stapleton will be duly deputising. I will endeavour to send out regular updates on the school website, so can keep an eye out in News & Events > Residential News

Have a great week without me.

Kind regards,

A. Clarke

Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher



KEY COMMUNICATIONS & REMINDERS THIS WEEK:

- Hampshire Constabulary – Parking information letter
- Year 4 Calshot – price increase update
- PTA information – email with Chair and Treasurer report + orange disco letter
- School photo proofs

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL REGARDING ABSENCE:

If your child is not well enough to be in school, please telephone the office by 9.30am daily with details so that we may update the registers and keep a track of any illnesses in school. Please note our answerphone is available at all times, so you can leave a message before school if needed. 8.30-9am is a peak busy time, so please do leave a message for us if we cannot answer at that time.

OUTDOOR LEARNING:

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												
6. 10/10/22												
7. 17/10/22												

WE NEED YOU: GARDENING VOLUNTEERS

We would like to invite volunteers with general gardening knowledge to help maintain the Forest Garden on a Wednesdays from 10.30am (for an hour or two). This would involve general gardening duties such as weeding, clearing, sorting etc. Although people will not be working with children, as with any regular visitor to school, we would require a DBS to be completed. We will provide tools and tea/coffee and biscuits. Please contact us in the office if you or someone you know are interested. Thank you.



CALENDAR (new additions will appear in red):**WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK:**

Bermuda & Cape Verde residential

Lower school Butser Farm trip

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

