



Denmead Junior School

Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well we've all enjoyed a fun-filled Children in Need day. The children looked fantastic in a variety of different outfits, whether they be Pudsey, yellow or spotty ... or like me, a bit of all three. As Children in Need say on their own website: <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

"We're there for you!" *The last couple of years have been incredibly hard for children and young people. Living through Covid has caused feelings of anxiety, fear and hopelessness in too many children; and the cost of living crisis is now pushing even more families into hardship."*



Thanks to you, we were able to raise almost £300 to this really valuable cause today.

I would like to think that at Denmead Junior School, we try to be a 'mini-children in need' in the way that we operate as a school, in the heart of a vibrant and diverse community. We are acutely aware that times are challenging at the moment. We are constantly looking to seek new ways to give a rich and varied learning experience for the best value for money. That can manifest itself in the quality music we are able to provide through the Listen 2 Me programme, that is free at the point of delivery. Or the in-house clubs that we run, which are also free. Or the trips out that we can make on our new mini-bus, which have started with our local library but we hope to expand to encompass our outdoor



learning and our inter-school sports, which also are free. Our new residential trip to Stone Farm, which was so successful earlier in the term, was more than £100 cheaper than the venue we had previously used. And we are currently looking into and evaluating our year 4 residential to make sure it provides the best value for money and is even more inclusive in the future.

Your feedback continues to be vitally important. The conversations I have with you, are vitally important in helping us to consider and reflect upon our offer and in doing so, helps shape our future offer to you and your children. We are also looking at other ways that we can make learning and life in general, that much more accessible for everyone. Just to clarify, when we have a non-uniform day, everyone can wear non-uniform - we just encourage a donation, if you're able to make one. I wouldn't like to think that children might not be participating because of the donation element.

It was lovely yesterday, to see so many children wear their odd socks to show solidarity in accepting everyone's differences. The PRIDE assemblies on Monday, which focussed on anti-bullying, were an important part of making sure that no one has to live on the receiving end of bullying, whilst also encouraging children to be more aware of their own behaviours, which can sometimes look and feel like bullying type behaviours. I think that anti-bullying week is really important in raising awareness but every week should be an anti-bullying week.

Thank you to those of you who were able to make a donation to support the British Legion leading up to Remembrance Day – as a school we raised £170. Sunday's commemoration in Denmead was a beautiful and poignant occasion where we were all able to remember together.

On Wednesday, our PTA met to discuss a range of Christmas events. Ably led by Mrs Windsor, we were able to agree and plan some new and some traditional festive activities for you and your children to enjoy in the lead up to Christmas – you should see more details in the email sent earlier today!

Finally, our School Council had their first meeting this week. I can already see that they are going to be a formidable team, working for the good of the school. Mrs Painting and the Council were considering what incentives can encourage everyone to read more regularly. It was a fascinating and exciting discussion, which they will now take back to their classes to consider further.

Have a lovely weekend,

Kind regards,



Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher

KEY INFORMATION THIS WEEK:

- PTA updates for forthcoming Christmas events
- Reminder about reporting absences as soon as possible on a daily basis
- Flu permission letter from school nursing team

REMINDER: Village eco-decoration competition - entries are welcome into school from Monday – Thursday next week please.

COMING SOON: Year 5 swimming lessons in Spring Term. Further communication to follow soon.



PRIDE CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Class	Child	Reason
Aruba	Jensen	For really applying himself in all tasks. He completed all of his work without disruption, keep it up!
Egypt	Felix	For inspiring others with his effort. Felix showed great determination and focus, writing an informative non-chronological report that he should be very proud of.
Qatar		To follow next week
Indonesia	Eloise	For determination in Maths, when learning about perimeter. Eloise listened to feedback and was able to talk through her method of calculation.
Panama	Erin	For fantastic effort when writing her non-chronological report this week. Erin has really listened to advice and has produced an inspiring piece of writing.
Seychelles	Leo	For showing inspiration in his positive attitude to his learning as well as the challenges and expectations he sets for himself.
Djibouti	Arthur	For super effort in all lessons, willingness to help others and some really clear scientific explanations. Well Done!
Philippines	Sophia	For her positive attitude in her learning and particularly in our salsa dancing. She made great progress in the lesson and impressed her friends and teacher.
USA	Elliott	Elliott exemplifies all of the learning behaviours. He has a thirst for knowledge and loves a challenge. He has worked hard on the skill of slowing down and seeing the merit in showing calculations in lots of ways in maths.
Bermuda	Seren	For inspiring the staff(!) when giving a demonstration on how to use Doodle Maths effectively.
Cape Verde	Anna	For her positivity towards her learning and her ability to consistently self-improve in everything thing she tries.
Mongolia	Jess	For demonstrating self-improvement when using the correct technical vocabulary in maths without being prompted (product).



OUTDOOR LEARNING:

Please remember **WELLIES, TRAINERS AND COAT** for your child's two consecutive sessions on their weeks as follows...

	UPPER: MONDAY & TUESDAY						LOWER: THURSDAY & FRIDAY					
	Mongolia	Bermuda	Cape Verde	Philippines	USA	Djibouti	Qatar	Aruba	Egypt	Indonesia	Panama	Seychelles
w/b 21 st November												
w/b 28 th November												
w/b 5 th December												

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CALENDAR (new additions will appear in red):

NOVEMBER	
21 st	PTA decoration competition runs till 30 th November – limited stock (see separate email)
24 th	Deadline for Village Eco-decoration competition entries Y6 SATS parent evening 6pm
DECEMBER	
2 nd	Christmas Shopping Day – PTA event letter to follow next week
6 th	Flu spray for all children – complete online form by Friday 2 nd December
8 th	Carols at Denmead. 5.30pm – more information to follow
15 th	Christmas lunch & Jumper day
16 th	Last day of term – early finish 1.25pm
JANUARY	
3 rd	INSET day
4 th	First day back
FEBRUARY	
10 th	INSET day
13 th	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	
3 rd -16 th	Easter Holidays
17 th	First day back
26 th – 28 th	Year 4 Calshot residential week
MAY	
1 st	Bank Holiday
w/c 8 th	SATS week
w/c 30 th	Half term week
JUNE	
26 th	INSET day
JULY	
21 st	LAST DAY OF TERM – early finish tbc





**MERRY
christmas**

Christmas holiday club
19th Dec - 22nd Dec

ASHLEY BARKER COACHING
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A fun, dynamic and exciting holiday club for children aged 5-11.
Core hours £20 (10am - 4pm)
£3.50 per extra hour
Denmead Junior School
Stoke Park Junior School
8:00 - 18:00



With games such as Dodgeball, Ultimate Tag and the much loved Chicken, Hero, Pair!

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WINTER TENNIS CLUB – FUNDED FSM PLACES:

This Winter (19th-23rd December) JG Tennis are running our popular Activity Holiday Camps at Denmead Tennis Club (PO7 6EH). After the success of our Summer Programme these will again include the HAF scheme funded by The Department of Education and Hampshire County Council.

Please see below details for FREE Holiday Camp places for eligible children which involves a 9am-1pm Holiday Camp for ages 5-11 and a nutritious hot meal daily. A multitude of indoor and outdoor physical and enrichment activities daily with expertly trained coaches and staff.

We only have 20 Funded places available for each session on a first come, first served basis. **Funded places are for all children in receipt of Free School Meals.**

To book these limited places click the link below
 (All sessions listed as HAF Funded)

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/DenmeadTennisCoaching/Coaching/Camp/71d08b6c-3ef9-477e-93a0-2e92ef0dc137>

Any questions, please email the organisation directly via:
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