



# Denmead Junior School

Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well here we are again, at the end of another busy week. We are rapidly leading up to the month of tinsel turmoil but before we fully embrace all that this month brings in terms of activities and excitement, we have all (mostly) enjoyed an eventful start to the World Cup, with England's exciting win on Monday ... during school time! I know we have a number of Welsh fans in the school (including myself, as I'm a quarter Welsh – this fraction may get bigger the further they get in the tournament!), and their start was broadly positive too, albeit not in school time!

In my PRIDE assembly this week, I continued along the theme of last week's anti-bullying assembly with a focus on cyber-bullying. As part of the assembly I showed them a clip, that whilst American, translated well across 'the pond' in making children think firstly about what cyber-bullying is and is not and also what to do about it if it happens to you or someone you know. [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtfMzmkYp9E&ab\\_channel=StopBullyingGov](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vtfMzmkYp9E&ab_channel=StopBullyingGov)

You might also find useful, Mr Goodens' video offering on our school website, which focusses on being safe while you 'game' online. Mr Goodens did this as part of our Safer Internet Day earlier in the year.

<https://www.denmead-jun.hants.sch.uk/news/?pid=3&nid=1>

Using the internet safely and responsibly is the bedrock to our use of the internet to enrich and entertain. It is important that we all play a role in teaching our children both.



The Computing curriculum is an important aspect of our wider curriculum, and of our desire to ensure that children are best placed to make the most of their futures. In order to do this, we need to make sure that children have access to up-to-date equipment that fits our curriculum and enables all children to be taught effectively.

You'll be delighted to hear that the school has just invested in 32 state-of-the-art laptops – I can say this quite confidently, as the laptops we have procured are considerably more powerful than my own laptop at home!

Along with 16 brand new iPads, to complement our existing stock. A massive thanks to our PTA, and by that I mean all of you parents, for their donation to help us purchase this major investment for the school.

As always, the work of the PTA benefits directly the experience of all our children, both in the activities that they are able to put on, with everyone's help, and in the money that they are able to raise.

Exciting times indeed!



Continuing on the exciting theme, children partook in the long-awaited House Captain vote yesterday, the results of which, we hope to announce in our PRIDE assemblies next week. Well done to all those 'would-be' House Captains for putting themselves forward, all of whom would be worthy captains. I'm sure those who are chosen will represent their House and the school admirably.



Upper school also took on some tasting challenges admirably this week as part of their Mexico learning in DT, as groups planned their choice of fillings to create and cook their own enchiladas at school in the coming weeks. Ingredients included a cheese sauce, a spicy tomato sauce, dark chocolate, kidney beans, sweet peppers and jalapenos.

Taitum enjoyed the stronger flavours of the chillies but admitted that the dark chocolate was actually his favourite. Chilli and chocolate is an intriguing combination, but popular in many sweet and savoury recipes.

Finally, a massive thank you to those year 6 parents who were able to make the SATs Information Evening yesterday - we hope you found the evening useful. For those of you who were not able to make it, you should have received an email with the website link.

Have a great weekend. C'mon England! C'mon Wales!

Kind regards,

**Mr Andy Clarke**  
**Head Teacher**

### **KEY INFORMATION THIS WEEK:**

- Orange PTA paper letter sent out today regarding Christmas Shopping Day (next Friday)

### **WHAT'S ON NEXT WEEK:**

- **Wednesday:** Deadline for PTA Christmas decoration competition
- **Friday:** Christmas Shopping Day (adult helpers needed – please return reply slip)  
Deadline to complete Flu vaccination consent form sent last week



## 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 28 <sup>th</sup> November												
w/b 5 <sup>th</sup> December												

## CALENDAR (new additions will appear in red):

DECEMBER	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Flu spray for all children – complete online form by Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December
8 <sup>th</sup>	Carols at Denmead. 5.30pm – more information to follow
15 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas lunch & Jumper day
16 <sup>th</sup>	<b>Last day of term – early finish 1.25pm</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
7 <sup>th</sup>	Sibling & class group photos
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 week
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>



# PRIDE CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Class	Child	Reason
Aruba	Harlow	<i>For creating an incredible non-chronological report on the Stone Age this week. She worked extremely hard and it was definitely worth it. Well done!</i>
Egypt	Ruby	<i>For demonstrating excellence in all of her learning. Ruby has shown a fantastic approach to her written work and it is lovely to hear her contributing these ideas to our class discussions.</i>
Qatar	Emilia	<i>For inspiring others in English and guided reading with her amazing ideas during class discussion and when working in a group.</i>
Indonesia	Sophia	<i>For inspiring others with her positivity every day and showing respect to everyone around the school.</i>
Panama	William	<i>For excellent work during maths this week. William has worked really hard to prove his understanding of multiplication and division facts.</i>
Seychelles		<i>To follow next week</i>
Djibouti	Reggie	<i>For showing determination and resilience in all his learning. He has developed much more confidence in himself and this is helping him to shine!</i>
Philippines	Miles	<i>For thoughtful contributions to class discussions about the Mayans in history lessons. Well Done!</i>
USA	Kit	<i>For his positive attitude, determination and excellence in Maths. He always gives 100% and loves a challenge. I was so impressed with the dodecahedron he made.</i>
Bermuda	Margo	<i>For improving the amount of effort she's been putting into her learning. Margo has produced some excellent art work and tried hard with her Maths and English learning too!</i>
Cape Verde	Jacob	<i>For being reflective and using feedback to develop this understanding in all the subjects. Great work Jacob, keep it up.</i>
Mongolia	Willow	<i>For showing real concentration and value in her learning when taking notes about the Mayans while others were not.</i>

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## Christmas Services 2022

**Sun 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 10.00am Gift Service**

At this service we bring gifts and toys to be given to the Stop Domestic Abuse charity.

**Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Dec 3.30pm Messy Church**

Please join with us for messy activities, crafts, singing and prayers as we explore the nativity story. Messy Church is ideal for young families with pre-school/primary aged children. Refreshments/snack included too.

**Sun 18<sup>th</sup> Dec 6.00pm Carol Service**

Set amongst sparkly lights and glowing candles, join with us for a traditional mix of Carols and Readings followed by refreshments and mince pies in our church hall. At this service we will take a retiring collection in support of The Rowans.

**Christmas Eve 3.00pm Christingle**  
**5.00pm Christingle**

This year we are hosting two identical Christingle services – so you chose what time suits you best... Come and build your own Christingle as we raise money for the work of The Children's Society. Ideal for young and old!

**Christmas Eve 11.15pm Midnight Mass**

Please join us for this late-night service as we welcome in Christmas morning!

**Christmas Day 8.00am Traditional Communion Service**

Please join with us for a traditional BCP service including a couple of Christmas carols!

**Christmas Day 10.00am Christmas Celebration**

A Christmas Celebration for all ages – including carols, prayers and a talk followed by:

**10.45am Simple, said Communion**

