



# Denmead Junior School

Building success, inspiring curiosity

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Something is Happening!

Well it was late in the night, that the sight of delight began to happen!

And so it was, that last night, we all joined together for a festive, if freezing, round of carols. Leading us in our musical merriment was Miss Gill's wonderful DJS school choir. From the traditional, We Three Kings, to the modern delights of Calypso Carol and the aforementioned Something is Happening, culminating in the celebratory We Wish You a Merry Christmas, ensured that we all had a great time, especially the lucky raffle winners. Lewis, the Youth Chaplain from All Saints Church, reminded us of the joy to be had from collecting together and sharing this moment. There is always a special sense of community at these times, especially as we were able to marvel and feel proud that it was our children's voices who unified us.

The power of music, for many of us, is pervasive throughout our lives. It entertains us, often bringing us joy and can evoke powerful memories of a time or place or person. Unfortunately, the power to create music is reserved for the all too few, which is a shame, as often an instrument learned whilst we are young, stays with us for life. The power to perform music can also be wonderful and life affirming, as much as it is to be performed to.

Here at Denmead Junior School, we are fully committed to provide our children with all of these opportunities. Our school choir, open to anybody and everybody, have not only been performing at our carols event yesterday but also at several care homes in and around the local area, bringing joy to all who hear. In addition, carols have been ringing through the school in preparation for our church services next Tuesday.

Today, has also seen our Rocksteady bands perform to children and parents alike throughout the day. And what performances they were! As I said to the parents who were able to attend, your children performed with such joy, such skill and such confidence.

And then, next Monday and Thursday, our Listen2Me Africa classes concerts perform throughout the day for your delight. A feat which will be repeated in the Spring and Summer terms for the remaining classes, meaning by the end of the year, every child will have learned to play a musical instrument and will have performed to an appreciative audience.

And finally, our expert violinists are performing one or two pieces that they have been practicing, for our PRIDE assembly on Monday.



The sound of music is always wonderful to hear on the lead up to Christmas. It has been made even more special this year, as it is our children who are responsible for it all. And the good news is that this Christmas gift continues throughout the year for everyone's benefit, which is music to my ears, and no doubt yours!

Have a great weekend.

Kind regards,



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

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

- Email communications regarding current Strep-A guidance
- Email to confirm helpers for Church Service (next Tuesday) thank you
- Email to Africa classes re: timings for music instrument performances (next week)
- Email to Year 5 re swimming (begins Friday 6<sup>th</sup> January)
- Denmead Parish Council - MUGA survey request

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

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup></b>	Ukulele concert for Djibouti (10.30) & Seychelles (11.20) classes
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup></b>	Church services for all 3 small schools
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>End of term NON-UNIFORM for house winners (to be announced)</b>
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup></b>	Clarinet concert for Egypt (10.30) & Cape Verde (11.15) classes Christmas lunch & Jumper day (no money required)
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	Last day of term – early finish 1.25pm

**\*\*Reminder – Karate club has finished for this term – no session on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> \*\***

**Library books:** We have over 100 outstanding library books – please check at home before the holidays.



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

JANUARY	
3 <sup>rd</sup>	INSET day
4 <sup>th</sup>	First day back for children
6 <sup>th</sup>	First swimming session for Year 5s
FEBRUARY	
10 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day
13 <sup>th</sup>	Half term week
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>	Easter Holidays
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>	Half term week
JUNE	
26 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day
JULY	
21 <sup>st</sup>	LAST DAY OF TERM – early finish tbc



# PRIDE CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Class	Child	Reason
Aruba	Sofia	<i>For always showing resilience and determination in her work. She greets everyone with a smile and is a pleasure to have in the classroom.</i>
Egypt	Summer	<i>For always showing positivity, excellence and respect in and out of the classroom. Summer is the first to offer to help and always strives to do her very best in her learning. Well done.</i>
Qatar	Poppy	<i>For having a successful week in class after having the target set of being where she is meant to be. Also, Poppy has worked extremely hard in English by trying to improve her set of instructions.</i>
Indonesia	Cece	<i>For showing excellence when reading aloud during her group performance of "Coming Home"</i>
Panama	Oscar	<i>For his determination in maths lessons this week. Oscar has tried really hard all week and shown great improvement!</i>
Seychelles	Isla	<i>Isla exemplifies all of the learning behaviours. She is curious and attentive, polite and cooperative. She takes pride in all her work, which is evident in the effort levels and presentation.</i>
Djibouti		<i>To follow</i>
Philippines	Thomas	<i>For really getting into character when writing his diary based on the Highwayman poem and excellent effort across all lessons. Well Done!</i>
USA	Milly	<i>For showing great resilience in all her learning. In particular her determination in solving problems linked to time in maths this week.</i>
Bermuda	Megan	<i>For trying extremely hard with her fractions work, listening to feedback, using bar models, and therefore being a resilient and successful learner.</i>
Cape Verde	Henry	<i>For being an excellent teacher to other students and helping them understand difficult concept. You have shown respect to your table and inspire others around you.</i>
Mongolia	Kyan	<i>For using linguistic devices such as repetition to vividly demonstrate emotion in his diary entry.</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**