



Denmead Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all have had an enjoyable Christmas break and may I wish you all, rather belatedly, a Happy New Year! I can just about get away with all that, as it is the 12th day of Christmas – those 12 drummers always get forgotten about by this time of January!

Despite the week being only 3 days, it has nevertheless been eventful. Yesterday, many of you parents were treated to two marvellous clarinet concerts, which book-ended our term of Listen2Me music, before the next term begins next week. For those classes, they will be enjoying learning to play either the violin or the recorder. It was lovely to hear that a number of children, because of the experience that we have given them, have been inspired to continue their new-found passion for either the clarinet or ukulele.



Our year 5s have also enjoyed the start of their term of swimming, which is always very exciting for the vast majority who take part, learning to develop a very important life-skill along the way.

Much like Janus, the Roman God of doorways and transitions, representing the beginnings and endings often characterised by new year and the name of the month of January, so it is that we can look back with much PRIDE of the things we have learned, been challenged by and achieved. But also, like Janus's two faces, we can also look forward with much excitement to what the new term may bring.

Yes, as mentioned, another four classes will be receiving high-quality and extremely enjoyable Listen2Me music lessons delivered by the music specialists at the Hampshire Music Service. Year 5 will continue with their swimming at the Horizon Leisure Centre.

This term we will be launching the year 4 and year 6 residential for next year, which is always exciting. We have a date for the parents meeting for Stone Farm, which will be for the current year 5 parents, on **Tuesday 17th January, 6pm** in the school hall.

We have an upper school trip to the **Mary Rose on the 8th and 9th March**, which much like the Mary Rose herself, I'm sure will go down well!

For lower school, we are introducing a brand new rivers trip, in which the children will chart the course of the River Meon from source, all the way to the mouth. These will be on either 27th, 28th February or the 1st March, depending on class.



Throughout this term, there will also be an opportunity to attend your child's class assembly, which is another lovely experience for you and your child to share – see further down for dates and times. Not to mention, the next round of Listen2Me concerts at the end of term also.

We have **Parents Evenings planned for the Spring term on Tuesday the 28th February, for a face-to-face offering, and Wednesday 1st March for a virtual offering.**

On Thursday 2nd March, we will be marking World Book Day, in what way, details will follow.

And then on **Tuesday 7th March, there will be the opportunity for those siblings within school to have their school photo taken together. This will also be the day where class photos will be taken.**

Comic Relief Day is on Friday 17th March.

So, as you can see, we have a lot to look forward to this term (summarised below)! I'm excited and I'm just writing about it!

Have a great weekend!

Kind regards,



Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher

WHAT'S COMING UP THIS TERM - SUMMARY:

TRIPS:

- **Year 5:** Parent meeting for Y6 Stone Farm Residential trip (in Oct '23) @ 6pm on Tues 17th January
- **Lower school:** local 'RIVERS' trip split over 3 days - 27 & 28th Feb + 1st March
- **Upper school:** local trip to Mary Rose museum - Year 6 - 8th & Year 5 - 9th March

OTHER EVENTS:

- **INSET DAY - Friday 10th February** (just before half term)
- Parents evenings - 28th February (in person) & 1st March (virtual)
- World book day - 2nd March
- Class and sibling photos - 7th March
- Comic Relief - 17th March

**** RETURNING - CLASS ASSEMBLIES****

We're very pleased to say we are relaunching class assemblies this term. Each class will present a 15-minute assembly to the rest of their small school any of their parents or carers who wish to join, on the dates set out below.

LOWER SCHOOL	TUESDAY @ 2.40pm	UPPER SCHOOL	THURSDAY @ 2.40pm
Indonesia	24 th January	Mongolia	26 th January
Seychelles	31 st January	Bermuda	2 nd February
Panama	7 th February	Cape Verde	9 th February
Egypt	7 th March	USA	9 th March
Qatar	14 th March	Philippines	16 th March
Aruba	21 st March	Djibouti	23 rd March



KEY INFORMATION THIS WEEK:

- Y4 Calshot outstanding payment reminders (taking place in the Summer term, at the end of April)
- Y5 Swimming outstanding payment reminders
- Yr 6 SATS resources information email

OUTDOOR LEARNING SCHEDULE:

	UPPER: MONDAY & TUESDAY						LOWER: THURSDAY & FRIDAY					
	Mongolia	Bermuda**	Cape Verde	Philippines	USA	Djibouti	Qatar	Aruba	Egypt	Indonesia	Panama	Seychelles
w/b 9 th January	All day 10/1	Mon 9 th + Thurs 12 th										
w/b 16 th January												
w/b 23 rd January												
w/b 30 th January												
w/b 6 th February								All day 9/2				

YEAR 4 please bring in a 2-litre plastic bottle & YEAR 6 please bring in a lidded jar please

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 • **3rd - 14th April (excl bank Hols)** •

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