



Denmead Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What an eventful week! The weather gods seem to know when school begins and on Wednesday, when it ends. I don't think I've seen 'sideways' weather like that in this country. Apologies if you were waiting outside for your child, it came on so suddenly, I was only aware of it when I attempted to see you all off outside and then, forgive me, I thought better of it, with umbrellas turning inside out and saturated bodies everywhere. Our reception area became a haven for those less brave than the vast majority of you – including our two local PCSOs who had come to be a presence in and around the car park.

I'm not sure from a weather perspective, that the day was a representative day but the parking situation was still very apparent.

I met earlier this week with Mrs Lees from Hampshire County Council, who was helping us update our School Travel Plan. We discussed how difficult the parking was and how this was an ongoing issue for all involved. We viewed the issue from a safety perspective, especially considering the children and we looked at realistic solutions to help improve the current situation.

There will be an electronic survey that will be emailed to you on Monday, along with parents and carers from the Infant School. If you are a parent and carer from both schools, please only complete one survey. This will help us better understand the bigger picture of travel to and from school.

One of the suggestions that Mrs Lees put forward was to re-promote the Park 'n' Stride initiative which was trialled a number of years ago. In order for this to be effective, the public car parks on Kidmore Lane and the Recreation Ground car park on Ashling Park Road, would be used as they are within a 5 – 10 minute walk to both schools.

Unfortunately, the Ashling Car Park opening times are not currently conducive to a morning drop-off but we hope to be able to address this so that parents who have no choice but to drive, could use this space safely at either end of the day.

Following the survey, we will update you further.

In the meantime, please try and be mindful of where and how you park. And on the flip-side, where you see inconsiderate or unsafe parking, please be minded to report it.

After wet Wednesday, we then experienced 'no-power' Thursday, which fortunately hit our school and the neighbouring area at around 4pm when school had finished and it was still relatively light.

'No-power' Thursday was followed on Friday with National Rubber Ducky Day, which might have worked better on Wednesday with all the water that was present!



Most 'wet' mornings, I greet parents and children alike with 'morning' but 'not a 'good' morning, unless you're a fish or a duck, frog or a newt'. I should add to that, 'unless you are doing outdoor learning' as Miss Halford is currently teaching a unit on weather and climate and this week children were creating 'clouds in a jar'!

The Listen2Me programme has now begun for another 4 classes across the school, with the favourite musical instruments with parents of recorder and violin! The most important thing is that the children really enjoy these sessions and, as I've said before, they might be the missing stepping stone into a musical passion and/or talent.

Hopefully, the weather will abate for the weekend.

Kind regards,

A. Clarke.

Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher

KEY INFORMATION SENT THIS WEEK:

- Y5 Email – Stone Farm Residential parent meeting



CALENDAR (new additions will appear in red & * indicates more details to follow):

JANUARY	
17 th	Year 5 parent meeting for Y6 Stone Farm Residential – 6pm
FEBRUARY	
10 th	INSET day
13 th	Half term week
27 th	Day 1 – Lower School Rivers Trip*
28 th	Day 2 – Lower School Rivers Trip* In-person Parents' Evening*
MARCH	
1 st	Day 3 – Lower School Rivers Trip* Virtual Parents' Evening*
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
8 th	New Coronation Bank Holiday
w/c 8 th	SATS week – tests from Tuesday 9 th – Friday 12 th May incl
w/c 30 th	Half term week
JUNE	
26 th	INSET day
JULY	
21 st	LAST DAY OF TERM – early finish tbc

OUTDOOR LEARNING SCHEDULE:

	UPPER: MONDAY & TUESDAY						LOWER: THURSDAY & FRIDAY					
	Mongolia	Bermuda**	Cape Verde	Philippines	USA	Djibouti	Qatar	Aruba	Egypt	Indonesia	Panama	Seychelles
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



PRIDE CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Class	Child	Reason
Aruba	Reuben	<i>For trying his best after a long break from school. His dedication to work has been outstanding.</i>
Egypt	Benjamin	<i>For his determination and bravery in performing at the clarinet concert. Benjamin showed great resilience and was able to showcase all of the hard work he had put into learning a new instrument.</i>
Qatar		
Indonesia	Thomas	<i>For showing inspiring the whole class with his curiosity and asking intriguing questions in every subject.</i>
Panama	Jessica	<i>For her curiosity and enthusiasm in every lesson. Jessica is always happy to share her ideas with the class and she has provided thoughtful contributions particularly in music this week.</i>
Seychelles	Joel	<i>For curiosity – his line of questioning in a science lesson on light showed genuine enthusiasm for the subject.</i>
Djibouti		
Philippines	Reuben	<i>For great effort in all lessons and particularly the determination shown in his first swimming lesson. Well Done!</i>
Bermuda	Lucy	<i>For outstanding effort in her learning, particularly when engaging with her maths, as well as writing an intriguing descriptive narrative based on our English text, Skellig.</i>
Cape Verde	Alice	<i>For her perpetual enthusiasm in all subjects and activities. She always gives 100% and is the best version of herself.</i>
Mongolia	Loick	<i>For being him, for being supportive of others and for his kind nature. The world needs more Loicks.</i>



CLASS ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE:

LOWER SCHOOL: 2.40pm on TUESDAYS

Indonesia	24 th January
Seychelles	31 st January
Panama	7 th February
Egypt	7 th March
Qatar	14 th March
Aruba	21 st March

UPPER SCHOOL: 2.40pm on THURSDAYS

Mongolia	26 th January
Bermuda	2 nd February
Cape Verde	9 th February
USA	TBC (original date clashes with trip)
Philippines	16 th March
Djibouti	23 rd March

Open 8am - 6pm



13th- 17th February
3rd - 14th April (excl bank Hols)



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FREE FAMILY SUPPORT EVENT >>

Please find details of a free event provided by the NHS, to help families better understand the needs and difficulties that young people can face and how to manage potential issues/concerns they have about their young person via the link below.

All are invited to attend, however online booking is required for each session.

<https://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk/events/p-a-c-e-copy-copy-2-copy-copy/>



Our aims

- To provide information in a way that is helpful, engaging and non-threatening
- To present information that will de-stigmatise mental illness and other related issues
- To raise awareness of potential issues and where to seek help, advice and support

Event details

Date: Friday 27th January 2023

Location: Cams Hill School, 18 Shearwater Avenue, Fareham, Hampshire, PO16 8AH



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Night
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Feb 18th

February- HALF TERM 2023

Saturday 18th



Evening show. Doors 6pm Show start 6.30pm

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DENMEAD JUNIOR SCHOOL BERE ROAD PO7 6PH

TICKETS: £10 ONLY (GENERAL ADMISSION) [TICKETSTRIPE.COM/HEXPROFEB](https://www.ticketstripe.com/hexprofeb)

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