



Denmead Junior School

Inspiring curiosity, Building Success

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well last week we emerged from the winds and the incessant rain into a decidedly cold snap that stayed with us throughout this week. Personally, I was grateful for this. The sunshine and the blue skies puts everyone in a better mood and you can always wrap up against the cold elements, even when it was -5°C ... agreed this is more debatable.

Regardless of how cold it's been, everyone continues to work hard, which is part of what we do and expect everyone to do, each and every week.

Indeed, it's part of our school rules and I would also hope that it's also part of our culture.



Our culture can be best described by our Vision and Values statement. But perhaps most importantly, this can be characterised by how that Vision and those Values live within our school, in everyone's behaviour and attitude.

If a Vision and Values statement gathers dust in a folder or sits meaninglessly on a website, then it really doesn't mean anything.

If, however, the Vision and Values of our school can be seen each and every day, then it must be relevant and worthwhile. With the idea of a Vision however, is the idea that we're not there yet. A phrase that we like to use all the time when we experience difficulty or failure, especially in relation to our learning. If living our values and achieving our vision were that simple, we would probably be in need of a new Vision. Or if our vision just no longer seemed relevant to the times in which we were living, then it would also be time for a change.

Please read below, our current Vision and Values. Does it capture who we are? Is it something you agree with? There will always be times when we individually and collectively fall short and that is acceptable, as long as, like our rules say, that we are trying to 'Be the best that we can be'!





Our Vision

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Values

*Children are at the heart of everything we do at
Denmead Junior School*

We are committed to teaching and encouraging our children to:

- *Be happy, healthy, confident and resilient*
- *Have empathy, understanding and kindness for others and themselves*
- *Be able to show positive learning behaviours and develop a love of learning*
- *Be socially skilled and effective communicators*
- *Be prepared to understand, embrace and live successfully in our diverse world*

We will do this by:

- *Having high expectations in all areas of school life*
- *Developing a growth mindset for lifelong learning*
- *Offering a relevant, inspiring and broad curriculum, adapted to ensure all individuals grow*
- *Delivering high-quality, inclusive teaching every day, to all pupils*

We encourage all children to adopt the LEARNING POWERS of Resilience, Self-Improvement, Co-operation, Concentration and Curiosity, whilst modelling and teaching the values of Positivity, Respect, Inspiration, Determination and Excellence-PRIDE.

In doing so, every child will have the opportunity to flourish and thrive, creating happy memories that will last a life-time and prepare them, not only for their next stage in education but for life.



I especially love the phrase, 'every child will have the opportunity to flourish and thrive'. My staff and I are passionately committed to this and when there are moments when it feels like we might be falling short, we reflect, plan and forge another way forward.

When a great mountain is conquered, it takes time, preparation, often failure and new pathways to be tried by a committed team, determined to succeed. That is who we are here at Denmead Junior School ... and we will not give up! You and your children depend on us to have that attitude and we will not let you down!

We are looking forward to seeing many of you in the near future, either for your child's class assembly or for Parents Evening, which is coming up at the end of February/beginning of March.

In the meantime, wrap up and look forward.



Kind regards,

A. Clarke

Mr Andy Clarke
Head Teacher

KEY INFORMATION SENT THIS WEEK:

- Transport survey email to all families for completion by 27th January
- Y5 Email – Stone Farm Residential presentation shared on website - deposit letter to follow

COMING NEXT WEEK:

- Letters out regarding the Stone Farm residential (Yr 5) and Rivers Trip (Lower School)
- Class assemblies @ 2.40pm for Indonesia (Tuesday) and Mongolia (Thursday)
- Cross Country club letters ahead of practice and race next week

****PTA NEWS****

Following a successful meeting this week, the PTA will be sharing some exciting new events and activities shortly. Ahead of that, we'd be grateful for **donations of 10cm diameter plastic plant pots please.**

PRIDE CERTIFICATE WINNERS THIS WEEK

Class	Child	Reason
Aruba	Harrison	<i>For showing respect, excellence and determination this week. Harrison was a great role model for positive behaviour and worked hard to complete all of his work as neatly as he could!</i>
Qatar	Megan	<i>For inspiring others with her incredible writing when using conjunctions for time and cause and effect. Well done Megan!</i>
Indonesia	Henry	<i>For excellence – Henry is always listening in class and will try his very best in all that he does. He also presents his work beautifully. Well done, Henry!</i>
Panama	Edie	<i>For her determination to improve her language choices in English this week. Well done Edie!</i>
Seychelles	Rosie	<i>For using her metacognition to boost her confidence in maths.</i>
Djibouti	Ben	<i>For showing inspiration in his English work by pushing himself to complete his tasks whilst also engaging his peers as well. His use of conversation to improve his writing clearly had a positive effect on the work others were producing. Well done Ben!</i>
Philippines	Daisy	<i>For fabulous resilience and determination during swimming lessons. I can already see progress – just keep going!</i>
Bermuda	James	<i>James has been a real team player this week. He has excelled in his maths learning and has inspired others when working with tricky angle problems. James should be proud of the positive effect he's had on everyone.</i>
Cape Verde	Maddie	<i>Being prepared to respond in class and develop her answers. Showing excellent metacognition skills. Well done Maddie!</i>
Mongolia	Macey	<i>For showing perseverance when working on problems in maths.</i>

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

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 inclusive
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 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



WRESTLING

TICKET STRIPE

One Night Only

Tickets just £10

Feb 18th

February - HALF TERM 2023

Saturday 18th

Evening show. Doors 6pm Show start 6.30pm

Limited Tickets (only available in advance)

DENMEAD JUNIOR SCHOOL BERE ROAD PO7 6PH

TICKETS: £10 ONLY (GENERAL ADMISSION) TICKETSTRIPE.COM/HEXPROFEB

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P.A.C.E

2023

**CAMS HILL SCHOOL,
SHEARWATER AVENUE, FAREHAM, PO16 8AH**

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/>

Open 8am - 6pm

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

ASHLEY BARKER COACHING

A **B** **C**

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 /
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20% Cost of Living Discount

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

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CLASS ASSEMBLY SCHEDULE:

LOWER SCHOOL: 2.40pm on TUESDAYS

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

UPPER SCHOOL: 2.40pm on THURSDAYS

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





Messy Church

Messy Church is a fun-filled afternoon of crafts, messy activities, games, singing, and prayers exploring a Bible story/theme just right for young families. At each session, we will offer simple snacks and refreshments, but no meal at present. Everyone is very welcome.

When: Saturday 21st January from 3:30-5pm.

Where: All Saints church hall (around the back of the church)

Who is it for: Aimed at primary-aged children and their families. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

How much is it: Free, No booking is necessary.

For more information and future dates please visit: <https://allsaintsdenmead.org.uk/96/All-Saints-Messy-Church>

