



# Denmead Junior School

Inspiring Curiosity, Building Success

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It was wonderful to welcome so many of you in to school in what was our final week before the Easter holidays, with so many musical performances. It is so uplifting to see our/your children performing with such confidence and enjoyment, having spent a considerable amount of time practising and honing their young skills. The opportunity to learn a musical instrument each term, from a music specialist, is one that I'm so pleased we are able to provide. If it sparks a further interest in continuing learning that interest or a different one, that's great. If it remains as a wonderful experience that they look back on with fondness, that's also good – primary school should be about creating happy memories. We are so lucky that we have some cracking specialists, who not only teach our children so well but also inspire them too. Many thanks to Mr Hoskins, Mrs Whitehouse and the lovely Joanna from Rocksteady – we are lucky to have you on board!

Our children also enjoyed some uplifting and thought provoking Easter Assemblies, provided by the equally wonderful Reverend Emma and Lewis from All Saints Church. To have this close connection with our local church is fantastic and even more so as we lead up to Easter. A particular thanks to Lewis, who has been visiting us weekly to assist with our assemblies.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Autism Awareness Day on Wednesday. We welcomed in Lizzie and Paula from Autism Hampshire <https://autismhampshire.org.uk/> who delivered some really informative assemblies to our children. We also passed on half of your kind donations (with the other half going to the National Autistic Society <https://www.autism.org.uk/>) In total, you raised over £120.

Thank you to the PTA for all their work in front of (and largely behind) the scenes. We saw some beautiful Coronation Artwork drawings so do look for the email from them and how to order and hopefully there will be a great number of gardens enhanced with some spring colour, following the after-school spring bulb sales.

Thank you to all you Year 4 parents who were able to attend the Calshot information evening – it won't be long now! A massive thank you to you all for supporting us in providing this wonderful experience for your children. Equally, a huge thank you to my staff for stepping up and giving up their time to provide this experience for your children.



We are coming to the time of the year when we are considering class preparations for next year. Please find attached our new policy on Mixing Classes at Denmead Juniors. The policy does make an interesting read, I promise, but there is a part about how you as parents can assist us with this process. I will update you after Easter as to which year groups will be mixed for September.

Wishing you all an eggcellent Easter and a happy and restful holiday.

Kind regards,

*A. Clarke*

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

### **KEY REMINDERS:**

**PARKING:** Please ensure the disabled spaces in the public car park near the school remain clear for blue-badge owners who need to space. Can parents also be mindful of parking in the local roads, especially around River End and Old River - Thank you.

**IMPORTANT:** All future school email communications will now come from a different email account appearing as no-reply@mail.arbor-education.com. Please add this to your email address list, to ensure they do not end up in junk or spam inboxes.

### **SENT THIS WEEK:**

- Year 4 **Calshot** – presentation sent out by email afterwards. Please confirm lunch choice using the online link [HERE](#)



**WRESTLING**  
**HTC**  
**April 8th**  
**Homeean Technology College**

OUR BIGGEST  
EVENT EVER

**6 PACK CHALLENGE  
TO CROWN A CHAMPION**

**TICKET  
STRIPE**

**April Half Term Sat 8th**  
**Doors: 6pm Show Start: 6:30pm**  
**Tickets: £15 front row plus meet and greet (limited)**  
**General admission: £10**  
**Book in advance: [www.ticketstripe.com/hexapril](http://www.ticketstripe.com/hexapril)**  
**Barton Cross Hall, HTC, Waterloooville, PO8 9PQ**  
**Fundraiser event all profits go to the schools**

## DON'T FORGET!!!

We're just one week away from Mr. Restall's huge event at HTC's Barton Cross Hall. Saturday April 8th, perfect family friendly holiday entertainment with the profits going to DJS and HTC.

Tickets available on the door or in advance (we recommend booking early to save your spot).

[www.ticketstripe.com/hexapril](http://www.ticketstripe.com/hexapril)

Show your support for Mr. Restall's most ambitious fundraiser so far and have some fun on the Easter Weekend!

There is a (cash only) bar at the venue. Grab your tickets now and join us for our biggest event ever!



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

APRIL	
3 <sup>rd</sup> -16 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Holidays
17 <sup>th</sup>	First day back
19 <sup>th</sup>	6pm Joint PTA planning meeting @ DJS
21 <sup>st</sup>	Calshot Drop In session at 3.15pm (on playground if weather fine)
26 <sup>th</sup>	DJS PTA planning meeting 6pm
26 <sup>th</sup> – 28 <sup>th</sup>	Year 4 Calshot residential week
MAY	
1 <sup>st</sup>	Bank Holiday
8 <sup>th</sup>	New Coronation Bank Holiday
w/c 8 <sup>th</sup>	SATS week – tests from Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> May inclusive
w/c 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half term week
JUNE	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday – 12-3pm PTA SUMMER FAIR
22 <sup>nd</sup>	PANTALOONS PM – SAVE THE DATE!
26 <sup>th</sup>	INSET day
JULY	
21 <sup>st</sup>	LAST DAY OF TERM – early finish tbc

**OUTDOOR LEARNING:**

We will share the new schedule as soon as possible – it's a tricky term, with Bank Holidays etc!

**DONATIONS REQUIRED:**

If you have any old CDs or DVDs gathering dust at home, we would be love to have them donated to the school for a project on 'Reflection' that begins after the Easter break. Likewise, if you have any egg boxes that you could keep hold of for us, please send those in with your child or bring to school reception.





**MRS BLOSSOM MAKES**

**WHERE TO FIND THIS EASTER HOLIDAY!!**

**EGG-cellent Easter Crafts**  
Ashcroft Arts Centre  
1st April 2023

Hop along on to Mrs Blossom Makes EGG-Cellent Craft workshop this Easter Holiday. You will have a cracking good time making EGG-staordinary crafts to take home.

**Easter Crafts**  
Portsmouth Guildhall  
4th April 2023

Together, you will explore various crafts and use a multitude of materials & resources to make beautiful artwork that you can take home and wow your friends and family with.

**Seed Bombs**  
Staunton Country Park  
13th April 2023

The months are getting warmer so it's time to get planting by making your own Seed Bombs.

**Spring Lanterns**  
Staunton Country Park  
14th April 2023

Time to celebrate spring with Springtime Lanterns! Children will use tissue paper, black paper and embellishments to decorate round paper lanterns. They will go home with a little light for their lantern too.

**For more information and to book visit**  
[www.mrsblossommakes.com/popupworkshops](http://www.mrsblossommakes.com/popupworkshops)

*On a different 'note'....*



We would like to offer our school piano free to a good home. It will need a little care and attention, but would be a wonderful addition to any home and we may be able to assist with transportation.

If you are interested, please contact the office with your details and we will be in touch.

**DENMEAD CORONATION STREET PARTY**

**MONDAY 8TH MAY, 1:00PM - 5:00PM**  
**HAMBLEDON ROAD**

**CROWN COMPETITION:**  
GET CRAFTING AND CREATE A CROWN AS PART OF OUR VILLAGE CORONATION COMPETITION.

**RULES:**  
- ALL MEDIUMS ARE WELCOME INCLUDING 2D/3D DESIGNS  
- NO BIGGER THAN AN A4 PIECE OF PAPER  
- DROP OFF 3PM - 8PM FRIDAY 5TH MAY OR 9-11AM SAT 6TH MAY AT ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
- COLLECT AT EVENT BETWEEN 4PM - 6PM  
- EXTRA POINTS FOR ECO FRIENDLY DESIGNS  
- NO COST TO ENTER

**AGE CATEGORIES:**  
PRE-SCHOOL  
INFANT (RECEPTION TO YEAR 2)  
JUNIOR (YEAR 3 - YEAR 6)  
SENIOR (YEAR 7 - YEAR 13)  
ADULT

**DENMEAD PARISH COUNCIL**

**Open 8am - 6pm**

**Easter Holidays 3rd April - 14th April**  
**Excluding bank holidays**

**ASHLEY BARKER COACHING**  
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## LEARNING AN INSTRUMENT SHOULD BE FUN

Your child could learn either vocals, electric guitar, bass guitar, keyboard or drums in their own band. They'll become either a Mini Rocker (Reception to Year 2), Rock Hero (Year 3 and 4), or a Rock Icon (Year 5 to 6).

Lessons take place in school time and all instruments are provided.



## FROM FIRST NOTES TO FAVOURITE SONGS

Weekly lessons are a great opportunity for your child to learn the songs they love, develop friendships and have fun! Lessons boost confidence, wellbeing and even academic achievement.

No prior experience necessary.



## LED BY REAL MUSICIANS

Rocksteady band leaders are carefully chosen, extensively trained musicians, who know how to inspire a life-long love of music.

Your child will progress at their own pace, developing up to 300 instrument, band and performance skills.



## WITH REGULAR PERFORMANCES

Your child will show off their progress at their end of term concert to friends, teachers and parents.

You'll also get regular updates through your Parent Timeline.



## FUN AND HASSLE FREE

Rocksteady in-school band lessons are fun for children, hassle free for parents and come with lots of extras included for £37.29 per month (no payment in August).

Money back guarantee for the first month and you can cancel at any time.

It's really brought out a confidence in her which is lovely to see because she is usually quite shy.

Vicky, Proud Parent

Rocksteady has genuinely given him that sense of belonging and having a hobby he can call his own.

Emma, Proud Parent

We saw our daughter in her concert last week and really noticed the progress and confidence of all the bands.

Karen, Proud Parent

Book your child's place online today!  
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## Enjoy the outdoors but 'be tick aware'

Being tick aware by using the following information can help to reduce the chance of tick bites and risk of Lyme disease:

- ticks can transmit microbes that cause infections such as Lyme disease
- you could be exposed to ticks whenever you spend time outdoors, including when in your garden or the local park
- ticks mainly attach to animals, but sometimes they may bite you or your family
- you can reduce the chance of tick bites by walking on clearly defined paths, using insect repellent and performing **regular tick checks**
- some tick bites can result in infection, so it is important to remove ticks safely and as quickly as possible
- the safest way to remove a tick is by using a pair of **fine-tipped** tweezers or a tick removal tool
- if you begin to feel unwell with flu-like symptoms, or develop a spreading circular red rash (which usually appears within 1 to 4 weeks after being bitten), **contact your GP or NHS 111 promptly**. Mention if you were bitten by a tick or have recently spent time outdoors

Tick sizes compared to a one penny coin



Tick in the environment



Tick attached to skin



Lyme disease bullseye rash



Tick found under hair



For more information, search for the phrases 'ticks' and 'Lyme disease' on these websites:

www.nhs.uk www.gov.uk www.nice.org.uk/guidance

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