



Denmead Junior School

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Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope that you managed to spend some relaxing time with your children and created some lovely memories! Due to the ferry to the Isles of Scilly breaking down recently, I found myself in 17-seater plane taking off from Land's End, with two families from Denmead who also happened to be holidaying there – it's a small world!

It was great to see all the children back in school yesterday, having grown over the summer and wearing new haircuts and shiny new shoes. All our new children appeared very settled in their new classes as I walked around the school throughout the day, and their learning behaviours were excellent. The school is now full in year 3, with a waiting list for that year group.

Our new House Captains have taken up their duties already – they were elected at the end of the summer term. Congratulations to: Alice, Archie P, Archie W, Sam, Emma, Erin, Jess and Imogen. One of their first duties is to help to run the school stand at this weekend's Dinosaur Derby – we will be there from 1.30-3.30pm, so do drop by to say hello and to have a go at our games on offer.

At our INSET day on Wednesday, staff and governors reviewed our progress last year against school improvement objectives and set our priorities for this year and a summary of this will follow next week. We have a vacancy on our governing body so please do consider the additional letter issued today.

There is always lots happening at DJS and with many exciting events coming up over the next few weeks, **please ensure the school has your most up to date contact details and that you register online** so that we can keep you informed by email. Lots of useful information is available on our website of course and we post news and reminders on our Facebook page too.

Finally a couple of important reminders:

- Lunches now cost £2.40 per day.
- We must insist on ensuring the school remains nut-free due to serious allergies for a number of children – this includes cereal bars.
- Football and katate after school clubs (run by external companies) will begin next week – flyers have been sent out this week. Homework club will begin in due course and a letter with a booking form will be sent shortly.
- Please do sign up to SCOPAY – this makes it easy for you to order uniform, pay for trips and lunches and make parent evening appointments.

Enjoy the weekend and hope to see you at the Dino Derby.

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

