



Denmead Junior School
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Dear parents and carers,

Well, it has been an exciting week! On Wednesday and Thursday we were joined by the HMI Ofsted Inspector Mr Daniel Lambert and Professor Michael Green. I am really proud of the school and all the staff here and the fact that pretty much all planned events and meetings were able to carry on during our inspection as usual – the nursing team came in to upper school to talk about healthy living; the football team took part in their first game of the season; and we had 110 (fantastic!) parents in to the school on Thursday morning for our Stay and Learn session on the importance of understanding place value in maths.

The inspection took place under the new Ofsted framework which came ‘live’ on September 1st. This means that the report is not due to be published until 25 working days later. The report format has also changed significantly – it is now very short – only around 900 words. We are looking forward to receiving it.

Thank-you to all of you who responded to the parent and children survey and to the letters and cards of kind thoughts and wishes for the school – they were (and always are) much appreciated!

Please see the following page for details of key reminders and information.

Enjoy the weekend.

Elaine Viner
Head Teacher

Reminders this week:

- Apple Day colouring pictures should be returned on Monday 7th October for collection
- Rotary boxes are now in school and available from the office
- **Lower school spellings:** Spelling sheets are given out on Mondays and we encourage you to support the children with the 'look, say, cover, write, check' method that they are familiar with using at school. These are tested the following Monday. There are 8 different spelling groups across lower school and your child will know who their spelling group teacher is. This information can be found at the top of their spelling sheet. **Please note, their spelling group teacher may differ from their class teacher.**

Key information sent out this week:

- OFSTED visit information
- Year 6 Cowplain event information

Key dates next week:

- **Monday 7th October:** School photos
- **Tuesday 8th October:** Whole school flu immunisation
- **Tuesday 8th October:** PHILIPPINES class parent performance – please sign in at reception
- **Tuesday 8th October:** 6-7pm Bushcraft information evening
- **Wednesday 9th October:** Year 6 event at The Cowplain School (within school day)