

DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteacher's Message

We have had a fantastic start to our new school year and everyone is busy getting to know one other and settling into new routines. This can feel like a very changeable time of year when one day your children are happy coming out of school and the next day they seem less than impressed. Please speak to your child's class teacher quickly so that we can problem solve together before small issues become big problems. There is a 'meet the teacher' event coming up on Thursday 26th September when all of the children will be able to show their adults around their rooms and you can have a brief, informal chat with the teacher.

The summer holidays were a busy time at Darley Dene and hopefully some of you have already noticed the beautiful new markings we have on our playgrounds. Thank you to Mrs. Tozer, our School Business Leader, who oversaw this work and the HAF holiday camp which I know many of our children enjoyed.

Further into this newsletter you will find detailed information about our attendance expectations and the updated information about fines given for absence during term time. Please take the time to read this information carefully. When you are informed that your absence from school will not be authorised, please do not feel that you need to appeal to the school with any particular evidence unless it is requested. Fixed Penalty Notices (fines) do not result from the school not believing that you are going away, or feel you need to go, rather they are given because it is a way of deterring families from planning for their child/ren to miss out on education.

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We have had a number of new staff join us and I hope they will quickly feel part of our wonderful community; I hope you will join me in making them feel welcome.

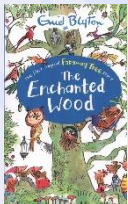
New member of staff	Position
Miss Spink	Teacher in Nursery
Ms. Sweet	TA in Year 1
Miss Pappas	Teacher in Year 2
Miss Oomen	Teacher in Year 3
Mrs. Freeman	Teacher in Year 4
Miss Ribiero	TA in Year 4
Mr. Markham	Teacher in Year 5 and KS2 Phase Leader
Mr. Dooley	TA in Year 5
Miss Hall	TA in Year 6
Miss George	TA in Year 6
Miss Johnston	Inclusion Leader

Reading, Reading, Reading...

Since returning this week, the children have been busy sharing all the stories they have been reading in the summer holidays. Whilst visiting classrooms this week, it has been wonderful to see so many staff reading with their children and building those all important relationships. Please continue to read with your children daily at home, Little Wandle and Colour Banded books will be sent home next week to support with this.

Please see below our reading recommendations:

EYFS & KS1



The Enchanted Wood
Enid Blyton

KS2



Holes
Louis Sachar

Fruit and Vegetable Snack.

A reminder that children should only be having fruit or vegetables as a snack for morning break. In line with the free fruit schemes EYFS and KS1 are offered a piece daily. However, KS2 are encouraged to bring some from home. Thank you in advance for your help with this, as you know we are working towards a healthy school award. It's important we all work together on this.

Our School App

Live and ready for you to install, our school app is available free of charge on your mobile device via the iOS App Store or Android Google Play. Just search for 'School News', look for the dark blue logo (right) and install to give you access to the key parts of our website including our website school calendar, a quick contact tab as well as handy extras to



connect you to key school information and online forms. The app calendar will even allow you to add school events to your own device calendar so you need never miss an important date again. Make sure you install it today!

Please visit this link for full instructions on how to install the app on your device: [Darley Dene App](#)

Home Learning

Next week, information will be shared about home learning expectations for your child's year group. Any new accompanying usernames and passwords will also be sent home with your child so they can log in at home. To support you in accessing all the home learning platforms that are on offer, we have included direct links on our website.

[Home Learning](#)

Dynamos! House Competition



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Oracy Celebration

All of our children are enjoying the opportunity to earn one of the certificates. Well done to all the children who have already been successful and good luck to everyone else for the coming weeks.

Oracy Champions

Jigsaw

Sports Stars

Maths

Elfida
Hareem
Arabella
Fatmana
Danica
Hoosela

Writing

Aaliyah F
Logan B
Kayla
Srisajini
Jude
Lexi

Gold Leaves

Congratulations to the children who earned a Gold Leaf this week. This could be for an exemplary piece of work, an over and above gesture of kindness, showing responsibility, perseverance, determination or other positive trait etc.

Year 4: Alan, Srisajini

Year 5: Faizaan, Mohamad

Celebrations outside of school:

Trevor from St Paul's Church joined us in celebration assembly today to present certificates and rosettes to the runners up and winners of their St Paul's Olympics Art Competition

Messages from the School Office

Data Protection

Privacy Notice for Pupils, Parents and Carers

Under data protection law, individuals have a right to be informed about how the school uses any personal data that we hold about them. We comply with this right by providing 'privacy notices' (sometimes called 'fair processing notices') to individuals where we are processing their personal data. Our Lumen Learning Trust privacy notice for pupils, parents and carers explains how we collect, store and use pupil & parent/carer personal data. This document can be found via this link: <https://www.lumenlearningtrust.co.uk/about-us/lumen-learning-trust-policies/general-data-protection-regulation-gdpr>.



Your child's profile name within Google Classroom

Your child will automatically be provided with their own personalised profile to enable them to access Google Classroom as part of their educational experience at our school. This is a fantastic online tool that allows a virtual learning environment to connect teachers and classmates from any location. Additionally, both in certain and uncertain times it ensures that we can provide a safe, secure and reliable way to continuously deliver education. You can read more about our remote learning offer, how and why we use Google Classroom and the security of your child's data by visiting our school website and navigating to Curriculum > Online Learning.

Each child has a unique profile which represents them in the online classroom, this is comprised of a name tag. Only the individuals in the virtual class can view this profile and all members of a Classroom are bound by the Lumen Family Acceptable Use of ICT Agreement and E-Safety Rules. For clarity purposes their name tag is comprised of their forename and surname. However, if you would like your child's profile name to show only the first initial of their forename and full surname please do contact our school office who can action this for you.

Sharing data and information with NHS Surrey to support children to access local health and wellbeing services

Surrey Children's Community Health Provider, Children and Family Health Surrey request regular information from us about our children to support planning and delivery of school-based health screening at different points of a child's life. Information provided to them by the school is Name, Gender, Address and DOB. Assurances have been received from the Service that this request is in accordance with Government guidelines and adheres to the required Data Protection standards. If you would like further information please refer to <http://childrenshealthissurrey.nhs.uk>. <https://childrenshealthissurrey.nhs.uk/about-us/privacy-policy>

Holiday Activities and Food Programme HAF vouchers

Surrey County Council have partnered with HolidayActivities to support the delivery of the Holiday Activities and Food programme (HAF), a scheme which offers free school holiday club places to children entitled to Free School Meals (FSM). This means that we automatically distribute HAF vouchers to all our eligible families via the free HolidayActivities platform without families having to request the vouchers. Vouchers will be sent via email to the same parent who currently receives the holiday time FSM vouchers. If your child is eligible for free school meals and you would like to check the contact details for the individual who will be receiving the vouchers please contact the school office as soon as possible. For more information about HolidayActivities, please see their website: <https://www.holidayactivities.com/>.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child's uniform including Coats, Jackets and PE Kits as well as water bottles are named.

School Meals

Please note that lunch is now payable for children in Year 3.

From September the price for School Lunches will be as follows:

Nursery - £2.45 per day

KS2 - £2.80 per day

Please continue to pay for lunches through your ScoPay account.

Lunch Boxes

Darley Dene is a **nut free** school. Please do not send your child to school with chocolate spread Sandwiches for lunch as it is not possible to distinguish between Nutella and a nut free chocolate spread. If your child has a chocolate spread sandwich we will call home to request that an alternative be brought in. Thank you for your co-operation.

Medication

If your child has been prescribed with medication which needs to be administered during the school day, please ensure that you complete a Pupil Medication Request form which can be found on the school's website or from the school office. Without the completed form staff will not be able to administer any medication.



Absence

Please be advised that if children are taken out of school without authority, parents will be liable to receive a penalty notice.

1. If a parent/carer has not incurred a penalty notice relating to the relevant child/children since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

2. If you have incurred a penalty notice relating to this child/children since 19 August 2024, the rolling 3 year period will be activated from the date of the first penalty notice and the second penalty notice will be charged at the flat rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. There will be no reduction for payment within 21 days. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court.

3. If you have incurred 2 penalty notices relating to this child/children in the rolling 3 year period since the first penalty notice was issued, then you will NOT receive a third penalty notice – Surrey County Council will have no option but to consider a prosecution, per parent/carer per child, in the Magistrates Court under s 444 Education Act 1996.

[Attendance & Punctuality Policy 2024](#)

Upcoming Diary Dates

Term Dates 2024 – 2025

Autumn 2024

Mon 16th Sept - Enrichment Clubs Start

Tue 24th - Fri 27th Sept - Book Fair

Tue 24th Sept - Individual School Photos

Thur 26th Sept - Open afternoon for parents from 2.30pm

Fri 27th Sept - Nursery & Reception Parent Coffee Morning 09:00 - 09:30

Fri 25th Oct - End of term normal finishing time

Mon 28th October - Fri 1st November HALF TERM

Mon 4th November INSET Day 3

Tues 5th November Children return to school

Fri 20th December - End of term 1pm

Spring 2025

Mon 6th January New term starts

Fri 14th Feb - End of term normal finishing time

Mon 17th - Fri 21st February Half Term

Mon 24th February Children return to school

Fri 4th April - End of term 1pm

Summer 2025

Tues 22nd April Children return to school

Mon 5th May Spring Bank Holiday

Mon 26th - Fri 30th May HALF TERM

Mon 2nd June Children return to school

Fri 18th July Last day of term

Mon 21st July INSET Day 4

Tues 22nd July INSET Day 5

Kind regards



Sarah Kober
Headteacher



Is your child starting school in September 2025?

If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021 you will need to apply for a school place. You can apply between **4 November 2024** and **15 January 2025**.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

Applying on time will give your child the best chance of getting one of your preferred schools.



Apply online between 4 November 2024 and 15 January 2025



Is your child in year 6?

If so, you need to apply online for a secondary school place by **31 October 2024**. Applying on time gives you a better chance of getting one of your preferred schools.

If you live in Surrey, you can find out all you need to know about school admissions and apply online at surreycc.gov.uk/admissions or you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.



Apply online apply on time by 31 October 2024



Reception and Nursery

Coffee Morning

Family Members Welcome

Friday 27th September

9am – 9:45am

Catherine Webb, the Home School Link worker, and Mrs Jones the ELSA will be available to answer any questions and discuss any support you may need with your child settling into reception or nursery. Coffee, tea and biscuits all provided.

This is also a great opportunity to meet other families and to begin to form your own connections within our school community.

Please let Catherine or Mrs Jones know you would like to attend so we can make sure we have enough biscuits!

We really look forward to seeing you.

Catherine Webb & Mrs Jones

The Pastoral Team

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