

DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

Empowering success through a strong and respectful home-school partnership

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Headteacher's Message

A very warm welcome to the start of the new school year. It is lovely to have every one back with us and to hear the children chatting away about their summer holidays and the experiences they have shared with friends and family.

The children have made an excellent start in their new classes and today we welcome Reception children for the first time which was exciting for everyone. I would like to thank all of the teachers, teaching assistants, office staff and support staff who have taken a great deal of time and care in preparing for the children.

Prior to the children returning, we met as a staff team on Friday 1st September and Monday 4th. Mrs. Devonport and I led the training which covered a new assessment system, behavior and relationships and Voice 21. Mrs. Devonport has written an extended piece about Voice 21 further on in this newsletter so please take the time to read it carefully.

Some of you will have noticed that we have two new members of staff in our school office. The first is Mrs. Valvassori who joins us with over 10 years of school experience and the second is Mr. Poleykett. Mr. Poleykett is well known to many of our families as he was previously our caretaker. We are delighted that Mr. Poleykett wanted to move into a different part of school life and are pleased to welcome him and Mrs. Valvassori to our amazing staff team.

This week we were able to recruit a new caretaker, Mr. Moody, who will join us in a month's time. Mr. Moody has been running his own business for 20 years and we look forward to giving him a warm welcome in a few weeks.

We have some new members of our teaching team this term, Mrs. Ingrao in Doves, Mrs. Oliver in Owls, Mrs. Lanecka in Magpies and Ms. Calderwood in Woodpeckers. Mrs. Butler joins our Leadership team and Miss Zhao, Miss Kasabova and Ms. Willis join our teaching assistant team. I am sure these members of staff will quickly feel part of our team and hope you will introduce yourselves to them in time. I also hope you will join me in congratulating Miss Duhig on her marriage over the summer holidays - she is now known to us as Mrs. Lidiard.

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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.

Voice 21

Darley Dene is starting an exciting project with Voice 21 to develop a new Oracy Curriculum. It will provide opportunities for children to develop as independent, confident and successful learners, with high aspirations, who know how to make a positive contribution to their community and the wider society. From this work children will be able to articulate their learning clearly by learning to talk and learning through talk.

Our vision at Darley Dene is for the Oracy Curriculum to enable our children to have the confidence to use their voice; choosing how to articulate their thoughts, feelings, opinions and ideas in a variety of situations for different audiences. Our children will understand the impact their voice can have on their future success and that of the community in which they are part of.

To continue the learning outside of school, we will be adding a 'Thunk' to our weekly newsletter. If possible, we would love this question to be discussed at home. There is no need to write anything down - just talk! This could be discussed anywhere and at any time, for example around the table at dinner or on the walk to school. Through talk children will be more confident in school to share their opinions and understand that their voice is valued. We will also be celebrating their learning with an Oracy Champion from each class weekly in our assembly. Thank you in advance for your support with this exciting project.

Enrichment Clubs

All enrichment clubs will be starting from week commencing 11th September 2023

Outside Achievements

We love to hear about and celebrate the achievements of our children outside school as well as in. Please let the office know if there is anything you would like us to share in the newsletter on behalf of your child. Please email details to office.darleydene@lumenlearningtrust.co.uk

Wrap Club

At Darley Dene we offer extended care at our breakfast and after school Wrap Clubs in order to support our families should they require it. Wrap Club is open to pupils in all year groups, including Nursery. At Wrap Club we have a variety of activities for the children to take part in.

- Play dough, puzzles, Rubik's games, book corner, kitchen area. Lego, bingo, transformers, costumes, construction, dominos, 4 in a row, cards, balloons, dolls. Engines, bowling and a wide selection of board games.
- We have plenty of puzzle words, cut-outs, water colour, painting and colouring.
- We promote "Reading for Pleasure" and free art, providing different sorts of materials every week to expand our children's imagination.



Breakfast Club

- The Breakfast Club is a safe, stimulating and nurturing environment, provided for those children who may have parents or carers with work commitments outside of the usual school hours.
- Children who join us for Breakfast Club enjoy an array of activities - ***from reading and crafts, to games and puzzles*** - supervised by our friendly and experienced team.
- The children are provided with a delicious and nutritious breakfast which includes ***bagels, toast, juice, cereal, yoghurts and a variety of spreads and preserves.***
- The Club can be booked online through ScoPay and operates from the school premises from 7.35am until the start of the school day.

If you are interested in finding out more about our Breakfast Club please contact the school office or visit our website.

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.

JAYS: Harper, Rory,

WOODPECKERS: Isabelle

EAGLES: Harley, Lexi D, Marwan





Darley Dene
Primary School

Reception and Nursery Coffee Morning

Family Members Welcome

Friday 29th 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.

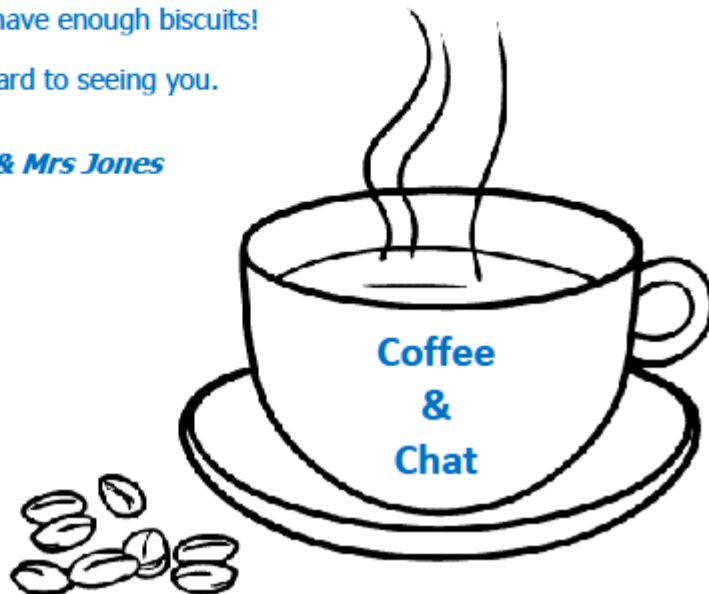
Please let Catherine or Mrs Jones know you would like to attend so we can make sure we have enough biscuits!

We really look forward to seeing you.

Catherine Webb & Mrs Jones

The Pastoral Team

07387 700 236



Have a lovely weekend.

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Sarah Kober
Headteacher



Applications for Nursery for September 2023

Darley Dene Nursery is a thriving part of the mainstream school. Along with our Reception Class, it forms our Early Years department. You can find out everything you need to know about our Nursery including the session options and application form for your child to join us by clicking on the following link.

Darley Dene Nursery

Take a read of our weekly teaching and learning summary to find out what our children have been getting up to through stimulating and engaging activities. Follow us on Instagram where you will see what the children are learning @darley_dene_eyfs



FODD (Friends of Darley Dene) News

Don't forget our school lottery! Tickets are £1 each, buy as many as you like and it is open to friends, family and neighbours.

The weekly prize is 30% of the total school ticket sales for each week, so the more we sell, the bigger the prize!

40% will go to F.O.D.D to help buy extras for the children at Darley Dene, *and* there is also a national draw with the **chance to win £25,000** that you will automatically be entered into.

Please click onto the link below to buy a ticket!

<https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/darley-dene-primary-school>



Loneliness
Anxiety
Depression
Grief
Isolation
Money



Walking clubs
Talking therapies
Adult learning
Getting active
Social centres
Activities
Community

Social Prescribing news update



September 2023

What's on...

PCN events this month:

- 1/9/23, 2pm PCN Wellbeing Walk, Gogmore Park Chertsey with refreshments at the Youth Club
- 20/9/23, 11am Wellbeing Walk, Victory Park, Addlestone, refreshments at Bowls club
- 21/9/23, PCN Art & Peer Support group, Tesco Community room, Addlestone
- 28/9/23, 3.15pm - 4.15pm PCN Historical Art & Peer Support group, Chertsey Museum



RUNNYMEDE YZ
For more info, email runnymedeyz@gmail.com
An association of young adults in their 20s and 30s

If you are someone who:

- Wants to volunteer or participate in local community events
- Wants to grow friendships and meet socially with other young people

Then RunnymedeYZ could be for you!

We have a vacancy for a **Wellbeing Officer**
Find out more here:
<https://runnymedeyz.com/wellbeing-officer-vacancy/>

JOIN OUR COMMITTEE

Gogmore LUNCH Club

Every Thursday 1pm
Drop in for a jacket potato lunch for just £1!

Gogmore Farm Park Community centre,
Chertsey KT16 9BB

FREE cookery course

Join us on Fridays from 6th October for 6 weeks
(break on 27th October)
10 am - 12.30 pm at
The Beacon, 95 Guildford Street,
Chertsey, KT16 9AS
Contact Helen Bunclark
Eatwellspendless@runnymede.foodbank.org.uk or
Runnymede foodbank 01932 943056



Sport In Mind

Yoga Tuesdays 2.30pm - 3.30pm
The Addlestone Centre

Badminton Wednesdays 11am - 12pm
Spelthorne Leisure Centre, Staines

Pilates Fridays 2.30pm-3.30pm, The Village Centre,
68 Victoria Street, Englefield Green, Egham

FREE!



Meet your COCO PCN Social Prescribers

Referral via your GP Practice
Current referral times: within 2 weeks
<https://cocopcnpweb.org.uk/pcn-home>

Gemma

Dawn





FAMILY LEARNING



Free Courses and Workshops for parents and carers who speak English as an Additional Language (EAL)

Are you new to the UK or did you go to
school in another country?

These free courses and workshops are
delivered online and can help you
support your child with school and family
life.

What will I learn?

- Understand the education system in England
- How to support your child with schoolwork including reading, phonics, grammar and the language of maths
- Tips on raising bilingual children
- Practise your English language skills

New EAL workshops:

Adapting to Secondary School

Let's talk about Life Online

How to talk about my Neurodivergent Child

**For course dates, more
information and to book your
place please click on [this link](#) or
scan the QR code**



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FAMILY LEARNING



Who's in Charge? First Steps to Understanding Child to Parent Violence Course

This is a FREE four week, (2 hour per week) course. It is delivered online and is for parents and carers whose children (8-18) are being violent and/or aggressive at home.

What will I learn?

- Understand the causes behind a child's aggression at home
- Gain knowledge of the family's rights and responsibilities
- Explore parent roles and parenting styles.
- Review ways to encourage a calmer home environment

For course dates, more information and to book your place please click on [this link](#) or scan the QR code



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