

DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

Empowering success through a strong and respectful home-school partnership

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Headteacher's Message

We have had a calm week in school in the run up to half term. The children are ready for a break - especially those in the early years - and are well deserving of a break before we dive into the next half term.

After half term, I will be absent from school for a few weeks to have a final operation. Mrs. Mary Ellen McCarthy, the CEO of the Lumen Learning Trust, will be based at Darley Dene throughout the time I am away so that she is on hand to support Mrs. Devonport and the rest of the team.

Safeguarding

Please can I remind everyone that we have a designated entrance and exit gate. The large, double vehicle gate is opened for everyone to enter the site and the smaller gate is for you to use as an exit. Some families have seemed surprised when I have asked them to use the correct gate yet this system has been in place for 3 years. The reason for keep traffic flowing in one direction is safety. I have seen several adults in 'near miss' situations with small children as the adults walk in the opposite direction to everyone trying to leave. Please help us to keep everyone safe by using the designated gate.

Reading

Your child will bring a reading book home over the half term holidays. If they have read it quickly and ask for something different, please remember to use the local library. Not only is it free, each child is given their own library card and in my experience, they love the grown-up feeling of this and the ability to go to the desk by themselves and use the swiping machines.

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Celebration

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

Oracy Champions

Priscilla
Ayaan N
Denis
Reuben
Aya
Advik
Lena
Grace
Jess

Sports Stars

Ebrahim
Aria
Graham
Ammar
Charlotte
Diana
Izabela
Mehmet
Oakley

Jigsaw

Paulo
Advika
Bonnie
Faizaan
Angela

Maths

Mateo
Ethan
Eddie
Militsa
Tyler
Mehrab
Harper
Isabella
Lillie

Writing

Ayyash
Amelia
Fatmana
Yusuf
Poppy
Marwan

Explorer of the Week

Year 6 have tutoring sessions with Explore Learning on a weekly basis. Each week a Year 6 pupil will be awarded a certificate for the effort shown, commitment and, the amount of resilience shown towards understanding new concepts in their tutoring sessions. This week the Explorers of the week **Daniel P.**

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.

OWLS: Noah M

SPARROWS: Aaliyah, Noah M, Alice, Isabella, Elif, Elfida

JAYS: Dolcie, Logan B, Joshua

MAGPIES: Fatmana

DOVES: Jude, Freddie, TJ, Harper, Sudem, Dollie-Jaye, Lena, Mia

KINGFISHERS: Cu Chulain, Lexi

EAGLES: Poppy, Skyla, Marwan



Talk Question

Where does the sky start?

Dynamos

On Wednesday, Miss Legg and the Dynamos met to discuss different roles around school. Some of the children spoke about how they'd like to help on the playground, so we have decided to launch playground pals. After half term, the Dynamos will complete Playground Pals training ready to take on this new exciting role!

After half term, the Dynamos are going to help in our assemblies each day, this will be looking and taking note of classes that are showing excellent green choices. In their new bags, the Dynamos will be given a special notebook and green stickers ready to tackle their new roles.

Comet, Supernova and Meteor.



PE Kits

This week, PE have been sent home so they can be washed ready for Autumn 2. After half term, please send PE kits promptly so your child is ready for any PE lesson that may happen in school. PE kits will remain at school for the whole half term and be sent home again at the end of autumn 2. As we approach the winter months, please ensure your child has appropriate PE clothing for the outside weather. For example, black leggings/jogging bottoms and a jumper. If you have any difficulties providing a PE kit, please do speak to your child's class teacher, the office or our HSLW, Catherine Webb.

Messages from the School Office

Inset Day

School will re-open on Tuesday 31st October as Monday 30th October is an INSET day.

Absence

If your child is unwell or off school for another reason, please ensure that you phone the school office promptly on the first day of absence by 8:00am and report by pressing 1. We will contact you if your child is not in school when the registers close. For any medical appointments please email a copy of your appointment to the school office.



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.

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.

Have a lovely half term.



Sarah Kober
Headteacher





Club4 Parent Guide

Dear Parent/carer,

Club4 provides a wide variety of activity camps to ensure children have the opportunity to enjoy an extensive range of enriching and physical activities, an increased awareness of a healthy lifestyle and a nutritious meal each day. To find out more visit [our website](#).

The Holiday Activity and Food Programme is coordinated by Active Surrey on behalf of Surrey County Council (SCC). This Department for Education programme offers fully-funded places for children and young people inclusively from Reception to Year 11 who are eligible for benefits related free school meals.

Your school will issue your Holiday Activity voucher via email/text on Tuesday 7 November 23. Simply click on the voucher link to access the Holiday Activities booking site. Each voucher will allow your child to access a maximum of 4 credits, equal to 4 days of holiday activities. First time accessing Holiday Activities vouchers? [Read our step-by-step guide](#).

Club4 holiday camps run during the main school holidays (Christmas, Easter and summer). It is a separate offer to SCC's supermarket voucher. Families can use both schemes.

A diverse range of activities and opportunities are available, from multi-sport to performing arts, youth days out to Judo and dance....we have something for everyone! Keep an eye out for our Christmas special family pantomimes...coming soon! Don't just take our word for it...check out our highlights on the next page.

When choosing your holiday camp, have a think about what best suits your child - what do they enjoy, do they like something new and exciting or do they prefer familiar activities? If you plan to book for several days, would they enjoy getting to know one set of coaches over time in one place rather than attending lots of different settings?



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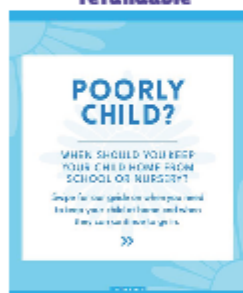
The following information is for parents, carers and RFC partner agencies, we hope you find it useful.

Please find us, like us and follow us on our facebook page!

We will update the page with the latest information and signposting.



We have a paediatric first aid class for parents/carers at our Addlestone site on Tuesday 21st November, 7–9pm. If you would like to attend please contact Runnymede Family Centre. The cost of the class is £10, non refundable



We have another Action for Carers Information and advice session on Tuesday 16th January at 10am



Barbara will be at our Addlestone site, Church road, Addlestone KT15 1SH. Parents can drop in to see what support is available to them.



Has your child missed their FLU vaccination at school? If unsure, please call 01483 794887

We are offering a drop-in clinic for the seasonal FLU vaccine for children who may have missed this vital vaccination at school. Nurses will be available to discuss any queries you have regarding vaccinations

WHERE: The Runnymede Family Centre, Hythe Primary School, Thorpe Road, Staines-upon-Thames, Surrey TW18 3HD

WHEN: Thursday 2nd November between 3pm & 4.30pm

No appointment required, just turn up. Please use the entrance from the main road, and not through the school car park.



Job Club



Looking for work? Come and visit the Job Club at Runnymede Family Centre (Addlestone) for one of our 1:1 sessions with ADP. Offering support with CV writing/updating, interview techniques and help with online job applications



All sessions are from 10am-12pm Tuesday 21st November 2023 Tuesday 19th December 2023

Phone contact 01784 464395 for further details and to book your 30 minute session

We are often asked about what groups are running in the Runnymede area.

The Family Information Directory is a fantastic place to find local baby and toddler groups.

Search the directory here: <https://orio.uk/ir1a3> and type in "stay and play", "baby group" or "toddler group" as key words and add your location to have a look at what's close to you!

Find local baby and toddler groups

Family Information Directory

It is supported by local family centres, libraries, children's support groups and more.

Keywords:

Location:

Radius:

