



DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteacher's Message

This week our youngest children set us off in the Christmas spirit with their performances of 'Hey Ewe' – more about these later on in the newsletter.

Next Friday it's the turn of the classes in KS2 to showcase their singing talents in the Christmas concert taking place at St. Paul's church at 1.45pm – families are welcome to attend.

Don't forget our last day of term is TUESDAY 19th December - finishing at 1.00pm. We come back to school after the Christmas break on THURSDAY 4th January 2024.

Look out for our Spring Term after school enrichment clubs – details in this newsletter, along with details of how to sign your child up for the club of their choice.



It has been wonderful to welcome so many parents and family members into school this week to watch our EYFS and KS1 children in their Nativity performance of 'Hey Ewe'. All of the children looked very festive in their outfits and sung beautifully throughout. A big well done to our Year 2 children for remembering all of their lines and performing them so articulately to the audience and thank you to all of the staff members who worked hard on helping make this year's performance such a success.

Christmas Reading Challenge

The Christmas Reading Challenge has been officially running for the first week of advent. The children are to read, or share read, one piece of text a day. For example, the back of a packet, a website, a piece of junk mail etc. Each child has been sent home with a printed Christmas tree

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and accompanying baubles to stick on each day to show the piece of text has been read. There is another form for the parent to sign and this is the one that should be returned to the class teacher.

All children from EYFS-Year 6 can participate as the reading can be shared by an adult for those children who are still learning to read. If you need any new entry form please speak to your child's class teacher or the school office.

Farewell and Welcome

Our Year 1 (Jays) teacher, Miss Van Schalkwyk is leaving us at the end of term to work in an infant school in another area in Surrey. We have enjoyed working with Miss Van Schalkwyk ever since she joined us first as a Teaching Assistant in 2019 and later on as a class teacher once she'd completed her training.

Taking her place as Year 1's teacher is Miss Hannah Smit who is joining us from South Africa. Miss Smit has worked in a range of schools in South Africa and has taken the big step to emigrate to England with her partner. We are very much looking forward to working with her.

We wish Miss Van Schalkwyk all the very best in her new role.

Christmas Jumper & Christmas Dinner day – Weds 13th December

On Weds 13th December all the children who normally have a packed lunch are invited to have a special Christmas dinner instead. If your child normally has school dinners, the festive dinner will automatically be provided. **Please note that there will be no Deli Option or Pasta available.**

Attendance

As you'll be aware from previous newsletters we are working hard to help ensure our children's attendance at school is as high as it can be.

From time to time it's difficult to know if your child is well enough to be in school. Please remember we are able to administer medicines as long as you've completed the form that gives the consent and the information we need. This information for parents from the NHS gives useful guidance about making the decision as to whether or not your child should come to school <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Parenting Support

The School Nursing Service are setting up a Parents drop-in service in **Addlestone Family Centre** on Monday mornings, starting on **January 8th 2024** to support families in the area.

The school nurses will be running the clinic every 2nd and 4th Monday of the month starting on 08/01/24 at 09:30- 11:15 in Addlestone's Young People & Family Centre 121-125 Church Rd, Addlestone KT15 1SH.

The School Nursing service can offer [referrals, support, advice, and signposting](#) about a range of things including: [Dental care](#), [Sleep](#), [Toileting](#), [Health promotion](#), [Healthy eating](#), [Heights & Weights](#), [Behaviour](#), [Mental health](#) and [Eating difficulties](#).

There is free parking available on sight.

There are other clinics also running in Woking and Surrey health information available on CSH website. [School nursing :: Children and Family Health Surrey \(childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk\)](#)

The Surrey-wide 0-19 Advice Line 01883 340922 is available from 8.00am-5.00pm Monday to Friday (excluding bank holidays). This useful resource is available for parents seeking advice on any health issues.

Parking

We're still getting reports of parents parking on double yellow lines. Please don't do this.



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: Noah M, Jayleen, Andrei, Marya

JAYS: Eyup, Lennie, Hareem, Alice, Logan, Antoni, Rory

WOODPECKERS: Sophia, Tyler, Hanna, Paulo, Reni, Roni, Lukas

MAGPIES: Sklyer

DOVES: Orest, Sudem

KINGFISHERS: Eros, Grace

EAGLES: Lillie, Poppy, Angela, Jess, Lexi D, Ellie

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 Explorer of the week is **Bahar**

Oracy

Talk Question

When does loud start?

Celebration

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

Oracy Champions

Noah M
Roman B
Jayden T
Kayden
Hoosela
Angela

Jigsaw

Scarlett R
Isabella S
Scarlett E
Ethan J

Sports Stars

Ethan F
Laavanya
Scarlett E
Max
Talha

Maths

Roman H
Levi W
Lukas
Yusuf
Melody
Mehmet
Lexi D

Writing

Payton
Franek
Advika
Bonnie
Poppy
Poppy W

ecem

House Teams

At the end of the term, one house will be deemed the winner based on the house point total. The winning house will receive the Darley Dene House Cup, which will be displayed with the relevant house colours. Children and staff in the winning house will also be treated to a house colour themed day and a short house party. Below is the current House point total:

Meteor	66
Supernova	71
Comet	75

Messages from the School Office

Safeguarding

Are the contact details we have for you up to date? This is a safeguarding issue. We need to have the contact details of at least 3 people we can ring in case of an emergency.

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.

Uniform

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

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.

Spring Term Enrichment Clubs

After School Enrichment Clubs – Spring Term 2024

Clubs will start week beginning Monday 8th January 2024 and finish week ending Friday 22nd March 2024 (excluding half term). Clubs will run for a course of 10 weeks at a total cost of £30.

If your child/ren are eligible for pupil premium funding and you would like them to attend a club, please contact the school office.

The schedule of clubs on offer after the Christmas Holiday's are shown overleaf.

What happens if I choose for my child to attend a club?

- We expect the same excellent standards of behaviour from the children during the clubs as we do at school. This means that any child who does not meet these high expectations will be spoken to, as will the family and this may lead to the child being asked to leave the club.
- Children **should not** bring a snack or drink to any of the clubs. They will use the water bottles that they bring to school to drink from.
- Children will be dismissed from class at the end of the school day by their class teacher directly to the after school club adult leader.
- It is not possible to watch the clubs as it is distracting for the children. Please do not arrive to collect your child more than five minutes before the end of the club. All children should be collected through the main school gates at 4.20pm.
- On occasion staff may have to cancel a club at short notice. We will always endeavour to reschedule the session at a later date either during school time or after school on the same day. Refunds will only be issued if a club has been cancelled.
- In fulfilling our safeguarding expectations, all our outside providers undergo enhanced DBS checks.
- **There are no 'taster' sessions for a club. If your child is allocated a place which is accepted but subsequently your child changes their mind we cannot refund the cost of any sessions not attended.**
- **Clubs must be paid for in advance. If payment is not received by Friday 5th January, your place will be withdrawn.**

How do I book my child a place in a club?

- Please consent and pay for your allocated place by logging in to your child's SCOpay account and click on the selected club. You must do this by **Friday 5th January 2024**
- All Club bookings must be made by the family via the Scopay website or app, the school office can assist but cannot book for you.



Day	Club	Year Group	Provider/Teacher	Space Used (back up)	No of places	Time	Description
Monday	Cookery Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Miss Legg	Doves Classroom	15	3.20-4.20pm	Are you ready to become a super chef? This club will explore different smells, textures and tastes through a variety of recipes.
Tuesday	Story & Craft Club	Years EYFS & KS1	Mrs Blasigh	Owls Classroom	20	3.20-4.20pm	Fun and inspiring art club for children where they build imagination using stories creating collages, paintings and pieces of art work they would like to take home.
Tuesday	Board Games Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Mark from the Geek Retreat	Library	10	3.20 – 4.20pm	A club for the board gamers of Darley Dene run by the Geek Retreat, come and show off your skills and learn new board games.
Wednesday	Disney Club	Years 1,2 & 3	Mrs Lansdale	Woodpeckers Classroom	15	3.20 – 4.20pm	Do you love Disney films? If so, this is the club for you. Each week we will focus on a new film with exciting activities and crafts to compliment the story. We may even sing some of the well known songs... To infinity and beyond!
Wednesday	Football	Years 3-6	Sports Elite	Junior playground (Main Hall)	20	3.20-4.20pm	This club will allow children to learn and develop new football skills as well as enjoy gameplay in a structured setting. Children will need to bring a PE/Sports kit for this club



Thursday	Cheerleading	Years 1-6	Heather Close, Resolution Dance	Main Hall	30	3.20-4.20pm	Children are encouraged to express themselves through positivity. They will learn routines and stunts in a safe environment. Children will need to bring a PE/sports kit for this club.
Thursday	Art & Craft Club	KS2	Mrs Bashir	Robins Classroom	15	3.20 – 4.20pm	Are you ready to get crafty? This club is an opportunity to be creative, using exciting new techniques and a variety of materials. Let your imagination lead the way for each masterpiece.
Friday	Football	Years 1 & 2	Sports Elite	Junior playground (Main Hall)	20	3.20-4.20pm	This club will allow children to learn and develop new football skills as well as enjoy gameplay in a structured setting. Children will need to bring a PE/Sports kit for this club

Trust Vacancies

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1386465>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting

Are you ambitious and keen to make a difference? We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and emotionally resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and inspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1378206>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting

We are looking to appoint a member of staff to support in the delivery of P.E. lessons across the five Lumen Learning Trust (LLT) schools, this is an exciting role for anyone who is interested in coaching and developing youth sport. This role is supported by Sports Premium funding and therefore is a fixed term contract, expiring on 31st August 2025. There is the possibility that the contract will be extended subject to the funding from the DfE continuing.

<https://www.eteach.com/job/sports-coach-1389220>

Upcoming Diary Dates

Tues 12th December	Year 1-6 Pantomime Performance in school for the children.
Weds 13th December	Christmas Jumper and Festive Lunch in school for the children.
Fri 15 th December	KS2 Christmas Concert 1:45pm at St Paul's Church, families welcome to attend.
Tues 19 th December	End of term 1.00pm



Spring Term 2024

Thurs 4 th January 2024	Beginning of Spring term
Thurs 11 th January	KS1 Freshwater Theatre Company - Columbus and Armstrong
Fri 12 th January	Year 6 WW2 Workshop, Chertsey Museum
Thurs 18 th January	EYFS Freshwater Theatre Company – Animals
Wed 24 th January	Year 2 Trip to St Paul's Cathedral
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th February	Half term
Mon 19 th February	Children return to school after half term break
Thurs 28 th March	End of term 1.00pm

Summer Term 2024

Mon 15 th April	Children return to school
Mon 13 th to Thurs 16 th May	KS2 SATs (Year 6)
Mon 27 th to Fri 31 st May	Half term
Mon 3 rd June	Children return to school after half term break
Fri 19 th July	End of term for children 1.00pm
Mon 22 nd July	INSET DAY 4
Tues 23 rd July	INSET DAY 5

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards



Mrs. Mary Ellen McCarthy
Executive Principal, Lumen Learning Trust





Runnymede
Family Centre

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email us: info@runnymede-familycentre.org

visit us: www.runnymede-familycentre.org

call us: 01784 464395



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 30th
January, 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.



Runnymede
Family Centre

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 19th December 2023

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



**It's OK to not be OK at Christmas time, here's some helpful organisations
you can contact if you need to**

PANDAS offers hope, empathy and support for every parent affected by perinatal mental
illness 0808 1961 776 pandasfoundation.org.uk



PAPYRUS the UK charity dedicated to the prevention of suicide and the promotion of positive
mental health and emotional wellbeing in young people 0800 068 4141 papyrus-uk.org



CALM stand together with everyone who's struggling with life, no matter who they are, where
they're from or what they're going through 0808 58 58 58 thecalmzone.net



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listen without judgement or pressure 116 123 samaritans.org



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anyone who is struggling to cope Text SHOUT to 85258 giveusashout.org





Christmas Lunch Project

St Paul's
Addlestone

Collect your child's FREE

Packed Lunch on

Monday 18th to Friday 22nd December

Wednesday 27th to Friday 29th December

FROM 12 noon TO 12.45pm

St Paul's
Church

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Contact us at hebrews@stpaulscofe.org or on 07743 243008 with any queries



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>

