



# DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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## Headteacher's Message

We've reached the last full week of a very busy term. As I write the children in Years 3-6 are getting ready for their Carol Concert in the church this afternoon which is sure to be a lovely way to fully get ourselves into the Christmas spirit.

I'm delighted to share that Ms. Kober has returned to Darley Dene and will be back full time from next week onwards into the Spring term. This means I will be stepping back from the Headship role, returning to my substantive position as CEO of Lumen Learning Trust. I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know our Darley Dene children - it's an absolute privilege and a pleasure to work with them.

We've already begun planning for next term so do look out for some key dates that are in this newsletter. We're ever mindful of how busy we all are so as a school, we work hard to give parents as much notice as possible to put important dates in their diaries.

Whilst our last day is on Tuesday, finishing at 1.00 - this is the last newsletter of the term so I will take this opportunity on behalf of all the team at Darley Dene to wish all our Darley Dene families a very happy Christmas break.

## Poetry Competition

Over the last few weeks, children throughout the school have been busy writing winter themed poems as part of our house competition. There were more than 60 entries, all receiving a house point for their effort. After lots of reading by the senior leadership team, a winner was selected from each class in KS1 and KS2 - all receiving 3 house points and the opportunity to share their poem to an audience! The children in Year 1 and 2 confidently read their poem to the whole school, whereas the KS2 children presented it to their peers and parents during the KS2 Christmas Concert this afternoon. We are so proud of you all.

Congratulation again to our winners:

Year 1 - Logan  
Year 2 - Reni  
Year 3 - Sienna  
Year 4 - Orest  
Year 5 - Gracie  
Year 6 - Ines

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## House Competition



Well done to Comet for winning the house cup for the Autumn Term. Today, after our final celebration assembly of the year, the last few house points were added and the winning house was announced. There was a small margin between the house points throughout the term, making it even more exciting each week to find out who had taken the lead.

All of the children have worked so hard this term to be awarded gold leaves (we even had to overlap on our gold leaf display!) and enter competitions which all resulted in that extra special house point. Since launching the house system, we have been mesmerised by children taking further risks in their learning, displaying great determination and showing kindness towards others each day - keep it up for next term Darley Dene!

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Children in *Comet House* are invited to wear an accessory/item of clothing in their house colour of *yellow* along with their school uniform on the last day of term, Tuesday 19th December. During the morning, there will be a short celebration with other members of their house across the school.



## KS2 Christmas Concert

This week, KS2 have been busy rehearsing for their Christmas Concert. On Tuesday, the children were excited to walk to the church for their first rehearsal and despite the rain, the children walked beautifully and enjoyed seeing St Paul's church for the first time this term. On Wednesday, KS1 came to watch our Christmas Concert in our school hall and sat beautifully watching KS2 perform their songs. Today, we have now finished off the week by going to St Paul's church, Addlestone to perform to our families. It was such a lovely way to finish the week, we hope you all enjoyed it.

## PE Kit Questionnaire

We are currently reviewing our PE provision here at Darley Dene and we have started by looking at PE kits. In order to review this we would like to gain voluntary responses from our school community. This form will close at **10am on Monday 18th December**. Below, please find attached a link to a Google form.

[DD PE Kit Questionnaire](#)

## Admissions

A reminder to parents in Nursery that the closing date for Reception applications for September 2024 entry is **15 January 2024**. Surrey CC encourage online applications via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app>. Full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

## Dates dates dates!

Important dates for next term can be found at the end of this newsletter.

The first one which our Year 4 (Doves) parents need to know about is on **Tues 9<sup>th</sup> January 3.20** where important information will be shared about the Multiplication Tables Check that takes place in Year 4 in the Summer term. Doves parents, please make a special note – we're back to school on Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> January so this will come round quickly after we've returned.

## Parent-teacher Consultations *Mon 5<sup>th</sup> February & Weds 7<sup>th</sup> February*

Important dates for all parents to put in their diaries are the dates for the parent-teacher consultations. These will be taking place just before half term on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February from 4.30-7.00pm and on Weds 7<sup>th</sup> February 3.30-6.00pm. Look out for more information about how to book your appointment early next term.

## Uniform

Darley Dene has a very smart uniform which sets it apart from a number of our other local schools. We are keen to start our new calendar year with a commitment to ensuring our Darley Dene children come to school smartly dressed in their full uniform, ready for learning. Please can you help them achieve this goal? Please remember that we do allow black trainers for school shoes, however they need to be clean and smart. Boots, sandals, fashion statement trainers are not an option and if your child comes to school wearing these, we will be ringing you and asking you to bring their school shoes in for them. If your child has shoulder-length or longer hair, please ensure it is tied back for the start of the school day.

Thank you in advance for your help with this.

## Parenting Support

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

The school nurses will be running the clinic every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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 \(childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk\)](https://www.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.

## Oracy

# Talk Question

## What does the back of a rainbow look like?

## 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

Vladi  
Antonia  
Sienna  
Zenat  
Isabella W  
Daniel C

### Jigsaw

Alice

### Sports Stars

Theo  
Hareem  
Mia  
Scarlett E  
Hoosela

### Maths

Ebrahim  
Bradley  
Hicabi  
Alan  
Emine  
Noah H  
Jess

### Writing

Mia  
Daisy-May  
Harper M  
Lexi  
Skyla

## 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: Millie, Christian, Anisha**

**JAYS: Reuben, Labiba, Hunter, Levi**

**WOODPECKERS: Charlotte, Frankie**

**MAGPIES: Alan, Aaliyah, Srisajini**

**KINGFISHERS: Darcy, Noah, Poppy, Miguel, Joshua, Alfie, Mohamad, Ardi, Kacper**

**EAGLES: Isabella, Taliya, Oakley, Bahar, Flynn**





## 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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.



<b>Tuesday</b>	Story & Craft Club	Years EYFS & KS1	Mrs Blasigh	Owls Classroom	<b>20</b>	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.
<b>Tuesday</b>	Board Games Club	Years 4,5 & 6	Mark from the Geek Retreat	Library	<b>10</b>	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.
<b>Wednesday</b>	Disney Club	Years 1,2 & 3	Mrs Lansdell	Woodpeckers Classroom	<b>15</b>	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!
<b>Wednesday</b>	Football	Years 3-6	Sports Elite	Junior playground (Main Hall)	<b>20</b>	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.
<b>Thursday</b>	Cheerleading	Years 1-6	Heather Close, Resolution Dance	Main Hall	<b>30</b>	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.
<b>Thursday</b>	Art & Craft Club	KS2	Mrs Bashir	Robins Classroom	<b>15</b>	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.



<b>Friday</b>	Football	Years 1 & 2	Sports Elite	Junior playground (Main Hall)	<b>20</b>	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
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## Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Poppy L who has successfully made it through to the next stage of the BBC 500 Words competition with her writing piece – **The Alive Pillow**

## 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>

### 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 19<sup>th</sup> December      End of term 1.00pm

### Spring Term 2024

Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024      Beginning of Spring term

Tues 9<sup>th</sup> January      Year 4 (Doves class) Parent info – Multiplication Tables Check 3.20pm

Thurs 11<sup>th</sup> January      KS1 Freshwater Theatre Company - Columbus and Armstrong

Fri 12<sup>th</sup> January      Year 6 WW2 Workshop, Chertsey Museum

Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> January      EYFS Freshwater Theatre Company – Animals

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> January      Year 2 Trip to St Paul's Cathedral

Mon 5<sup>th</sup> February      Parent-teacher consultations 4.30-7.00

Weds 7<sup>th</sup> February      Parent-teacher consultations 3.30-6.00

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> to Fri 16<sup>th</sup> February      Half term





Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February                      Children return to school after half term break

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February                      Book Fair

Thurs 28<sup>th</sup> March                        End of term 1.00pm

**Summer Term 2024**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April                            Children return to school

Mon 13<sup>th</sup> to Thurs 16<sup>th</sup> May        KS2 SATs (Year 6)

Mon 27<sup>th</sup> to Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May               Half term

Mon 3<sup>rd</sup> June                              Children return to school after half term break

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July                                End of term for children 1.00pm

Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July                            INSET DAY 4

Tues 23<sup>rd</sup> July                            INSET DAY 5

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards



**Mrs. Mary Ellen McCarthy**  
*Executive Principal, Lumen Learning Trust*





Runnymede  
Family Centre

## NEWSLETTER – DECEMBER 2023

email us: [info@runnymede-familycentre.org](mailto:info@runnymede-familycentre.org)

visit us: [www.runnymede-familycentre.org](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://thecalmzone.net)



**Samaritans** are there, day or night, for anyone who's struggling to cope, who needs someone to  
listen without judgement or pressure 116 123 [samaritans.org](http://samaritans.org)



**SHOUT** is the UK's first and only free, confidential, 24/7 text messaging support service for  
anyone who is struggling to cope Text SHOUT to 85258 [giveusashout.org](http://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

Lunches available for all  
children, regardless of  
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**If you need support now, here's what to do**

**If you're in immediate danger:**  
call 999

**If you have an urgent need, call our  
crisis team on 0800 915 4644 . It's open  
24 hours a day – 7 days a week.**

**If you're not in a crisis, but still need support ...**

**If you do not need urgent support, you can talk to your mental health lead in school. They are there to listen and support you with your mental health and wellbeing. If you do not know who this is, talk to a member of school staff you trust and they will be able to help you.**

Visit our website, [www.mindworks-surrey.org](http://www.mindworks-surrey.org) – this offers a wide range of information which can help your mental health and wellbeing. We have resources such as [My Safety Plan](#) and [self-help tips](#) to help guide you through your wellbeing during challenging times. You'll find links to useful websites, recommended reading , plus coping strategies to help you through difficult times.

We are partnered with Kooth, who are a digital mental health platform providing confidential support for all young people. Here you can access forums, activity centres, messaging and live counselling. You can get support when you need it, with no waiting lists or need to be referred by an adult. Visit [www.kooth.com](http://www.kooth.com) for more information.

Sometimes it might feel easier to message/ text about how you are feeling and there are many places you can do this:

- **Shout**: is a free, confidential, 24/7 text support service for anyone in the UK who is struggling to cope. To start a conversation, text the word 'SHOUT' to 85258.
- **Chat Health**: is a safe and easy way for you to speak to a qualified health professional. They provide information about services near you that can provide support. Contact them through their website [www.chathealth.nhs.uk](http://www.chathealth.nhs.uk)

**The CYP (Children & Young People) Haven** is a safe space for any child or young people aged 10–18 to go where they can talk about worries and mental health in a confidential, friendly and supportive place. Scan the QR code for more information.



We also work closely with young people groups such as Amplify, their contact email [amplify.mindworks@sabp.nhs.uk](mailto:amplify.mindworks@sabp.nhs.uk) and Surrey Youth Voice, where your voice can help us help other young people's mental health and wellbeing services across Surrey and North East Hampshire. Contact them on 01483 519 464 or [syvr.voice@surreycc.gov.uk](mailto:syvr.voice@surreycc.gov.uk)

Mindworks Surrey provides a dedicated out-of-hours helpline for parents and carers of children with suspected or diagnosed neurodevelopmental needs such as ASD and or ADHD. It's open 5 pm–11 pm, seven days a week. Call 0300 222 5755.

Mindworks Surrey also offers a range of groups and youth clubs for both children and young people. These are all open to self-referral and you can find out more information on our website by scanning the QR code.



The Mindworks Access and Advice Team can also provide support in signposting you to more help.  
Call them on 0300 222 5755.

**Find out more at**  
**[mindworks-surrey.org](http://mindworks-surrey.org)**



### 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>

