

DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

Empowering success through a strong and respectful home-school partnership

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Headteacher's Message

This week our youngest children were visited by the Freshwater Theatre Company which they thoroughly enjoyed. Next week, our older children will have their visits and I hope they find them equally enjoyable.

I have been working very closely with our governors this week and am looking forward to welcoming each of them into school in the coming weeks so that we can bring them into a deeper understanding of the experience your children are having at Darley Dene.

Last week I shared two attendance leaflets which I hope have been helpful. School leaders across the country are expected to work to increase attendance for all children. Sometimes, this can lead to difficult conversations, because families can feel they have a valid reason for non-attendance and the application of a fine feels unfair. If this happens to you, please be aware that there are strict guidelines on these matters and schools are expected to issue fines when children miss significant periods of learning.

Every member of staff at Darley Dene is committed to working alongside families to achieve the best for your children. If there are times when it does not feel this way, it is often because running a school to suit the individual wishes of more than 200 families at a time would be entirely unmanageable. If you need support, please ask. But if there is an explanation about why something cannot happen, such as a change to the start or the end of the time of the school day, please be mindful that this is not intended to frustrate you personally, rather it is to allow us to run an organization for the community as a whole.

As our Dynamos become ever more active within school life, we are turning our thoughts to how we might involve you as Dynamos too. Each family is part of a house are we hope you will kick things off by contributing to your house's cake sale. Dates for these are below – please look out and help out if you can.

Parent-teacher Consultations *Mon 5th February & Weds 7th 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 5th February from 4.30-7.00pm and on Weds 7th February 3.30-6.00pm. Look out for more information about how to book your appointment early next week.

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Class Assembly Dates

Please see dates for these below. You are very welcome to come and watch.

Reception (Sparrows) - **Thursday 21st March**

Year 1 (Jays) – **Thursday 14th March**

Year 2 (Woodpeckers) - **Thursday 7th March**

Year 3 (Magpies) – **Thursday 29th February**

Year 4 (Doves) - **Thursday 1st February**

Year 5 (Kingfishers) – **Thursday 8th February**

Year 6 (Eagles) – **Thursday 25th January**

In the morning of the class assembly, you will be able to enter the hall directly from the playground after dropping off your children and the playground gates will close as usual at 8:50am. This will allow the class teachers to register the children and bring them to the hall after the audience is already seated.

We are so looking forward to seeing the children lead their assembly for their families. Please speak to the office or your child's class teacher if you have any questions.

Coffee Morning with the Eikon Charity

All family members welcome Friday 26th January 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. A member of the Eikon team will also be available to answer any questions on your child's wellbeing. The Eikon Charity supports Surrey's children and young people to develop into confident, resilient young adults who contribute positively.

Coffee, tea and biscuits all provided. Please let Catherine or Mrs Jones know if you would like to attend so that we can make sure we have enough biscuits!

House Competition



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House Team Cake Sales

We are excited to share that next half term there will be cake sales organised by each house team. On different days, children from each house will be invited to bring in cakes to contribute to their house cake sale and then these will be available on the playground at collection for everyone to purchase. The money raised from the cake sale will be put towards our playground equipment and new reading zone.

Please ask your child what house they belong to and if you are able to volunteer in the running of that cake sale, please email the school office or speak to Miss Legg in Year 4. Thank you in advance for your help with this.

House Team	Date
Supernova	Friday 23rd February 2024
Comet	Friday 1st March 2024
Meteor	Friday 8th March 2024

Dynamos

This week, our Dynamos have been busy meeting with Miss Legg about some new roles they will have around school. These include: sports leaders, healthy eating and reading Dynamos. We are excited to see these in action over the next few weeks.

Breaktime Fruit and Veg Snack

On Monday, Miss Legg and Mrs Webb will be hosting a special healthy eating assembly that supports our work around Surrey Healthy schools. With the help of our Dynamos, we will be launching new daily fruit and vegetable chart for each class, with the aim to encourage our children to have a healthy snack at break time.

EYFS, Owls and KS1 - As we are part of the national Fruit and Vegetable scheme, children will be provided with a healthy snack free of charge. However, you can provide a healthy snack of fruit or vegetable from home if you wish.

KS2 - Will be encouraged to bring a healthy snack in from home for break time.

Some examples of what this could be: carrot sticks, apple, cucumber sticks, berries, banana or pepper slices.

Oracy

Talk Question

What type of weather do you enjoy most?



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 MF
Martyna
Isabella
Paulo
Elsie-Jean
Kayden
Zenat
Taliya

Jigsaw

Alice I
Elsy
Deenie
Mehmet
Harley

Sports Stars

Oscar
Marcel
Fallon
Harper
Kaylee
Izabela
Poppy
Angela

Maths

Lily
Hamza
Andrei
Hicabi
Aria-Mae
Jude
Anna
Lillie

Writing

Vladi
Anisha
Mehrab
Orest
Taybah
Lucy-Anne

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: Ethan

SPARROWS: Millie, Leo, Esmae, Jack, Remi, Eddie, Radu, Noah M

MAGPIES: Elsy, Laavanya

DOVES: Milan, Orest, Sudem, TJ, Freddie, Deenie, Jude, Yusuf, Lena

KINGFISHERS: Darcy, Ardi, Gracie, Taybah

EAGLES: Ellie, Flynn, Ines, Poppy, Harley, Isabella, Roshan

Timestables Rockstars

Daisy K
Sudem
Darcy
Flynn

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 **Taliya**



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, cereal, yoghurts and a variety of spreads and preserves.***

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 School App](#)

Outside Achievements

Congratulations to Freddie in Year 4 who was a Mascot for Chelsea Ladies Football Club recently



Lumen Learning Trust Vacancies

Riverbridge Primary School in Staines is recruiting We are looking to appoint an enthusiastic person to join the team in our extremely popular Breakfast Club <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/breakfast-club-assistant-1394819>

Upcoming Diary Dates

Spring Term 2024

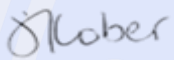
Tues 23 rd January	Ancient Greece Workshop – Year 4
Wed 24 th January	Year 2 Trip to St Paul's Cathedral
Thurs 25 th January	Year 6 Class Assembly
Thurs 1 st February	Year 4 Class Assembly
Thurs 1 st February	Number Day - NSPCC
Mon 5 th February	Parent-teacher consultations 4.30-7.00
Weds 7 th February	Parent-teacher consultations 3.30-6.00
Thurs 8 th February	Year 5 Class Assembly
Mon 12 th to Fri 16 th February	Half term
Mon 19 th February	Children return to school after half term break
Mon 26 th February	Book Fair
Thurs 29 th February	Year 3 Class Assembly
Thurs 7 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thurs 14 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 21 st March	Year R Class Assembly
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



Sarah Kober
Headteacher





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Family Members Welcome

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We really look forward to seeing you.

Catherine Webb & Mrs Jones

The Pastoral Team

07387 700 236



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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>

