



DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteacher's Message

This week has been extremely wet and the children have been brilliant about staying inside during break and lunch times. Fingers crossed the weather is kind to us for this afternoon's cake sale.

Mrs. McCarthy has visited us twice this week to support with monitoring developments to practice. She worked with Mrs. Gardner on SEND provision and Mrs. Butler on the Early Years Foundation Stage. We were joined in the EYFS visit by Mrs. Marijke Reid who is the Chair of the Local Governing Body and it was wonderful to be able to share the hard work of Miss Lush and Miss Bernard and their teams.

On Wednesday, we had our open afternoon and it was great to see so many families being shown around classrooms by the children. Thank you to Mrs. Hartshorn from Saxon Primary School for coming across to deliver an early number workshop alongside Mrs. Butler – this workshop was well attended as was the Zones of Regulation session. Thank you to everyone who came.

We look forward to welcoming families of children in Magpies to their class assembly next Thursday.

Book Fair

Next week, the Scholastic Book Fair will be at Darley Dene. This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time looking at books with your child and hearing about what interests them. All classes will have an opportunity in school to browse beforehand, so your child may be eager to share with you what they have already seen. All books purchased from the fair, add to the total number of reward books we get as a school for our book corners and library. The Book Fair sale will be Tuesday – Friday after school on the main playground. If the weather is wet, we will move the sale inside to the main hall if possible. **Please note that payment is cash only.**

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**

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 so looking forward to seeing the children lead their assembly for their families.

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World Book Day – Thursday 7th March

World Book Day is just around the corner. Already in school, the excitement is bubbling between the children - and staff - about how they may dress up. All children and staff are invited to dress as their favourite book character Thursday 7th March. The day will be a celebration of reading and part of the day will be sharing who or what they have come dressed as and why. If your child would like to bring in a copy of the accompanying book to their costumes, they are more than welcome. Every child will also receive a book voucher, to spend on a new book of their very own.

Get your hands on a good book!

Each week you will find here recommended reading for EYFS, KS1 and KS2. This is intended to provide our Darley Dene families with inspiration for daily home reading. The children could maybe find these books in the school library, Addlestone Library, accessible for free online or they may already be sitting on your shelf at home. Once the book has been enjoyed, if your child wishes, they could submit a book review - this could be a simple phrase to summarise or a full synopsis of the book! Please send these in to Mrs Devonport and it will be featured in the following week's newsletter.

EYFS & KS1	KS2
	
I Will Never Eat a Tomato Lauren Child	Sweet Pizza G R Gremin

House Team Cake Sales

Our first cake sale of the year is this afternoon and we look forward to seeing you there. Each House will have a cake sale this term when children from a named house will contribute cakes that 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
Comet	Friday 1st March 2024
Meteor	Friday 8th March 2024



House Competition



Meteor	69
Comet	65
Supernova	63

Oracy 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.

Talk Question

What's the first thing that you remember about mum or dad (or a sibling)?

Oracy
Champions
Ethan B
Marcel
Marya
Jacinta
Jake
Maddie
Angela

Jigsaw
Ivy
Charlotte-
Ann
Joshua
Lillie

Sports Stars
Vladi
Leo D
Noah Mu
Dolcie
Hannah
Jayden
Orest
Taree
Oakley

Maths
Ebrahim
Ethan F
Andrei
Hunter
Reni
Caesar
Mia M
Taybah
Poppy W

Writing
Aaliyah MF
Raven
Paulo
Alan
Tommy
Mehmet
Ethan J

Timestables Rockstars

Esther, Milan, Jacob S, Oakley



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, Oscar

WOODPECKERS: Tyler

MAGPIES: Anusha, Srisajini, Elsy, Laavanya, Advik, Mehrab

DOVES: Sudem, Bonnie

KINGFISHERS: Scarlett, Taybah, Lexi, Ardi, Joshua

EAGLES: Ethan, Faye, Flynn, Oakley

Home Learning

To support you in accessing all the home learning platforms that are on offer, we have included direct links on our website.

<https://www.darleydeneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=28>

Please let your class teacher know if you have any specific questions to support your child at home.

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.

We strongly recommend that parent/carers DO NOT book their family holidays during term time as these will not be authorised and may incur a Penalty Notice being issued. Absence from school can seriously disrupt your child's continuity of learning. Not only do they miss the teaching provided on the days they are away, they are also less well prepared for lessons upon their return. There is a consequent risk of under-achievement. Above all, missing school seriously affects children's longer-term life opportunities. Darley Dene will not authorise holidays or leave of absence in term times, except in exceptional circumstances determined by the Head Teacher. Evidence will be sought to substantiate exceptional circumstances. Should a parent wish to apply for any leave of absence within term time then this must be made in writing to the Head Teacher at least two weeks in advance. A 'Leave of Absence Request' form can be obtained from the school office. If holidays or absence are taken, without prior authorisation, the child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised in the school register and you may still incur a Penalty Notice. On the advice of the Inclusion Service if any parent requests extended leave of absence of more than 4 weeks to visit their home country then the school will take their child's name off-roll and the parent will have to re-apply for a place when they return. There is no guarantee, in this instance, that a place will be available. Unauthorised absence of 5 consecutive days or more will incur a Penalty Notice. The Inclusion Service, acting on behalf of Surrey County Council, may issue a Penalty Notice as an alternative to the prosecution of parent(s)/carer(s) for their child(ren)'s unauthorised absence from school, and requires the recipient(s) to pay a fixed amount. The amount payable on issue of a Penalty Notice is £60 per parent/carers per child if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 per parent/carers per child if paid after 21 days but within 28 days. If the Penalty Notice is not paid within 28 days, the Local Authority must prosecute the parent(s)/carer(s) for failing to ensure regular school attendance under Section 444 Education Act 1996

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.***

Trust Vacancies

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to appoint a talented individual who can assist in providing a stimulating, creative and caring environment for children attending the **After School Club (Wednesday and Thursday 3.30pm to 6pm)**. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/after-school-club-team-member-1405065>

Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:

We are looking to recruit a caring and enthusiastic person to join our Breakfast Club team. The right candidate will be willing to engage children in exciting play that makes them feel welcome and settled in our **Breakfast Club (Monday to Friday, 7:25am to 8:35am)** For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/breakfast-club-team-member-1405047>

Lumen Learning Trust is recruiting:

We are seeking an experienced, enthusiastic individual for the role of Governance Professional and Clerk to Directors to join our growing Trust, this is a part time role that offers flexible term time working.

For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/lumenlearningtrust/job/governance-professional-and-clerk-to-directors-1403073>



Lumen Summer Camp 2024 is coming!

For those families looking ahead to the summer break we are delighted to share that we will be operating a Lumen Summer Camp from Monday 29th July to Friday 9th August at our Echelford Primary School site in Ashford. Staffed by teachers and teaching assistants drawn from our school staff teams - as well as trusted Lumen partners - families can be confident about the quality care their children will receive. More information will be featured in school newsletters, on our Camp website and Facebook page later in March with our booking site going live after the Easter break. We look forward to sharing more detail with you in the coming weeks.

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](#)

Upcoming Diary Dates

Spring Term 2024

Mon 26 th February	Book Fair
Thurs 29 th February	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 1 st March	Comet House Cake Sale
Thurs 7 th March	Year 2 Class Assembly
Thurs 7 th March	World Book Day
Friday 8 th March	Meteor House Cake Sale
Wed 13 th March	Class Library Visits
Thurs 14 th March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Wed 20 th March	Class Library Visits
Thursday 21 st March	Year R Class Assembly
Friday 22 nd March	Year 3 Sleepover
Monday 25 th March	Author Visit
Wed 27 th March	Class Library Visits
Thurs 28 th March	End of term 1.00pm

Summer Term 2024

Mon 15 th April	Children return to school
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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

Term Dates 2024 - 2025

Autumn 2024

Monday 2nd September INSET Day 1
 Tuesday 3rd September INSET Day 2
 Wednesday 4th September Children return to school
 Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November HALF TERM
 Monday 4th November INSET Day 3
 Tuesday 5th November Children return to school
 Friday 20th December Last day of term

Spring 2025

Friday 4th April Last day of term

Summer 2025

Tuesday 22nd April Children return to school
 Monday 5th May Spring Bank Holiday
 Monday 26th – Friday 30th May HALF TERM
 Monday 2nd June Children return to school
 Friday 18th July Last day of term
 Monday 21st July INSET Day 4



Tuesday 22nd July INSET Day 5

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards



Sarah Kober
Headteacher



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Female

Wednesday 6 March 18:30-20:30

Wednesday 13 March 18:30-20:30

Wednesday 20 March 18:30-20:30



Male

Wednesday 27 March 18:30-20:30

Minimum age to participate is 14 years.

No upper age restrictions.

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Egham, TW18 3HD



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