

DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteachers Message

The whole school has enjoyed a most fantastic book week - a huge thank you to Mrs. Devonport for her leadership of this and to the staff team who have given every ounce of energy to ensuring the children have had an amazing time. Please have a look at Facebook and Instagram to see gorgeous photos of the school falling in love with reading again.

Next week is science week and Mrs. Mackie has carefully shared ideas with every class to make sure they make the most of another curriculum area; we are all looking forward to seeing what's in store.

We have lots of stay, play and learn sessions happening next week in nursery, reception and owls – we look forward to welcoming those of you who are able to come.

Comic relief red nose day is on Friday 15th. If your child/ren would like to, they can make a 50p/£1 donation and wear a red nose and an item of red clothing with their school uniform.

From the 1st April, Barnardo's will take over the delivery of Family Centre services in Surrey. Families currently receiving the service should experience uninterrupted support and should not be negatively impacted by the change of provider.

The Family Centre and Family Resilience Service will deliver a whole family approach for children aged 0-18 years (up to 25yrs for people with additional needs and disabilities). The service will be provided from existing Family Centre buildings and other satellite venues, as well as out in the community to ensure all families can access support wherever they are in the county. In Runnymede, Surrey County Council will provide an alternative location as the base for the service, but it is intended that services will continue to be delivered from Addlestone Young People and Family Centre. We will aim to keep you up to date with information as and when it becomes available but if you have any worries or queries, please speak to Catherine Webb in the first instance.

We look forward to seeing you at Meteor's cake sale this afternoon.

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Book Week

The children have been immersed in books this week to widen their knowledge of different authors and illustrators. Modern books with a clear moral were selected from authors with diverse backgrounds:

- EYFS (Nursery & Reception) & Owls - Nadia Shireen
- KS1 (Year 1 & 2) - Rachel Bright
- LKS2 (Year 3 & 4) - Dapo Adeola
- UKS2 (Year 5 & 6) - Oliver Jeffers

Each class learnt about an author and illustrator, using these books as inspiration for their own story during the week. Children collaborated with their partner class and shared their published story with the reading buddy, recognising that, 'we are all authors'.

Get Caught Reading

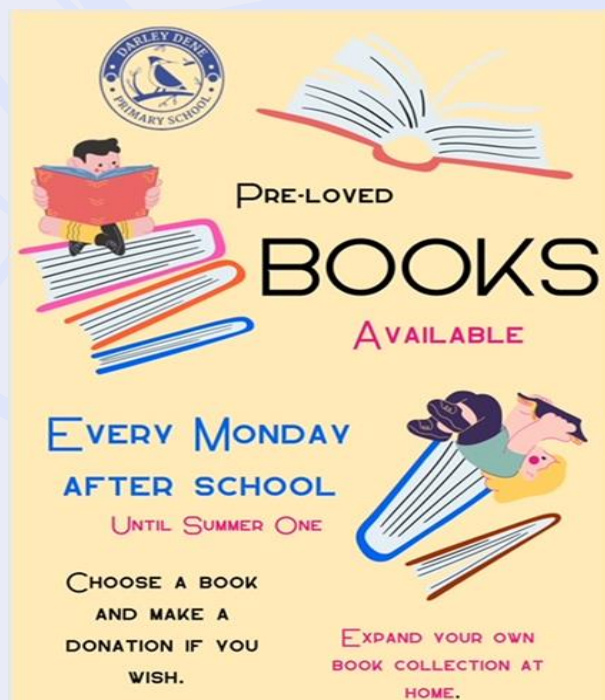
Comet house are the winners of our Get Caught Reading Challenge. Throughout the week the children have been awarded raffle tickets every time they were caught reading independently - whether this was during their playtime or in the brief moments between lessons. Raffle tickets were awarded by all staff members and our Dynamos were busy filling each of the house collection jars. Well done to all of the children who took part and those who were lucky enough to have their name drawn to win a brand new book. Keep reading...

World Book Day

World Book Day on Thursday saw the classrooms filled with lots of book characters, Queen of Hearts, Matilda, Gangsta Granny, Greg Heffley, Wonka and Snow White to name a few. The children took part in a variety of World Book Day activities and each received a certificate for talking about their favourite book. Book Tokens were gifted to all of the children, so don't forget to use them so build the at home book collection.

Pre Loved Books

It was wonderful to see so many of our families enjoying the offer of our pre-loved book stall after school on Monday. This will continue to be available every week until the books run out. Please remember to only take the books you will read so all our families have the opportunity to take part. These books are a wonderful way to build your selection at home to encourage your child to read each day.



Library Visits

Over the next few weeks, each class will be taking a trip into our community to visit the Addlestone Library. During their time there, children will have the chance to browse the books and hear about how to join the library. Being part of the local library is free - your child can access books at any time with a library card. Look out for a letter detailing the date of your child's class visit - then get borrowing books!

Stay, Play and Learn sessions - Owls, Robins and Sparrows

Parents and carers we would like to invite you into school for a Stay, Play and Learn session where you will be able to spend some time in class with your child in their classroom environment. This is a really valuable opportunity and the children thoroughly enjoy welcoming you into their learning environment. To ensure this isn't overwhelming for the children, the invitation is for 1 parent per family and preferably no siblings. The dates are listed below for each class and you will be able to sign up via a google sheet sent from the office.

Robins

- Monday 11th March 2.30pm - 3pm
- Tuesday 12th March 2.30pm - 3pm
- Wednesday 13th March 2.30pm - 3pm

Sparrows

- Monday 11th March 2.00pm - 3pm
- Tuesday 12th March 2.00pm - 3pm
- Wednesday 13th March 2.00pm - 3pm

Owls

- Wednesday 13th March 1.30pm - 3pm

Young Carers Action Day

Wednesday 13th March is Young carers action day.

This year's theme is fair futures for young carers. The day will focus on building a more equal future for young carers and removing barriers that many of their peers do not face. In school we will be holding an assembly to raise awareness of young carers, each class will be completing an activity and the young carers will be meeting up for some fun with a focus on their aspirations for the future and the support they have to reach them.

A young carer is a child under 18 years of age whose life is affected by looking after someone at home. They carry out tasks and responsibilities that are additional to those appropriate for their age. Young carers can feel tired, worried and isolated. Their social life is often restricted with few opportunities for fun and after school activities.

If you think your child is a young carer and needs further support please contact Catherine Webb or Mrs Jones our young carer champions.

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**

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.



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 Want My Hat Back Jon Klassen	The Bubble Boy Stewart Foster

House Competition



Meteor	87
Comet	82
Supernova	73



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.

SPARROWS: Noah M, Noah R, Zion, Fallon, Elif

WOODPECKERS: Omera, Roni, Charlotte

MAGPIES: Aria-Mae, Jayden

DOVES: Lena, Isabella, Matt

KINGFISHERS: Alfie, Ardi

EAGLES: Marwan, Jess, Isabella,

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 **Daniel**

Timestables Rockstars

Advik, Orest, Poppy L, Marwen, Oakley, Lucy-Anne, Daniel, Angela

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.

Oracy Champions

Priscilla
Tae
Eddie
Alice I
Isabelle
Laavanya
Gracie
Oakley

Jigsaw

Mia H
Aya
Aaliyah JB
Isabella S
Scarlett G
Jess

Sports Stars

Noah MF
Alihan
Fallon
Payton
Olivia R
Jasmine
Yusef A
Kacper
Abbi

Maths

Mateo
Tobe
Zion
Logan Jay
Lizzie
Kaylee
Jake W
Joshua P
Lexi D

Writing

Ethan B
Violet
Labiba
Frankie
Tommy
Grace H
Bahar



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/carer per child if paid within 21 days of receipt of the Notice, rising to £120 per parent/carer 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

. 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

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>

Riverbridge Primary School is recruiting: We are looking to appoint enthusiastic and creative Teaching Assistants/1:1 Teaching Assistants with a 'can do' attitude who are passionate about making a difference, to join our friendly, committed, hardworking team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/careers/riverbridgeprimary/job/teaching-assistant-1406374>

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-1407402>

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. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1408200>

Darley Dene Primary School in Addlestone is recruiting We are seeking to appoint a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual who is qualified with a minimum of Level 3 Teaching Assistant to join our team. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/level-3-teaching-assistant-1408206>



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

Wed 13 th March	Young Carers Action Day
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
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





Citizens Advice Drop-In Service**March to May 2024***An adviser will be available at the following locations:*

Addlestone Foodbank	The Baptist Church, 5 Crouch Oak Lane, Addlestone, KT15 2AN	Tuesdays 10am-12pm 5 th March 9 th April 7 th May
Addlestone Foodbank	The King's Centre, Marsh Lane, Addlestone, KT15 1UL	Please ask Foodbank for a referral
Chertsey Foodbank	The Beacon (next to Revive Coffee Shop), 95 Guildford Street, Chertsey, KT16 9AS	Wednesdays 10am-12pm 6 th and 20 th March 3 rd and 17 th April 1 st and 15 th May
Egham Foodbank	Virginia Lodge, 68A Station Road, Egham TW20 9LF	Mondays 10am –12pm 18 th March 22 nd April 20 th May
Englefield Green Foodbank	The Village Centre, 68 Victoria Street, Englefield Green, TW20 0QX	Wednesdays 1pm-3pm 13 th March 10 th April 8 th May
Staines Library	Staines Library, Friends Walk, Staines, TW18 4PG	Mondays 10am-12pm 11 th March 15 th April 13 th May
Stanwell Foodbank	Stanwell Food Bank at Stanwell Youth Centre, Hadrian Way, Stanwell TW19 7HE	Fridays 12pm – 2pm 22 nd March 26 th April 24 th May
Stanwell Family Centre	Stanwell Family Centre, Hadrian Way, Stanwell, TW19 7HE. <i>Please call 01784 241407 to arrange a referral for Housing, Benefits or Debt matters</i>	By Appointment
Sunbury Foodbank	St. Saviour's Sunbury Church, Vicarage Road, Sunbury TW16 7TP	Mondays 10am – 12pm 11 th , 18 th and 25 th March 15 th , 22 nd and 29 th April 20 th May

Our freephone Adviceline is open Monday-Thursday 10am to 4pm*(closed on public holidays)***0808 250 5706**

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