



# DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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## Headteacher's Message

This week has been full of fun for the children. They have had, "My voice matters" activities throughout the week mixed in with e-safety messages. We were visited by Chris Adams, who is a member of the local governing body, and it was interesting to tour the school with him and to speak to children across the year groups about how adult sin school help them to keep safe online.

Governors Ray Vango and Dom Prendergast also visited this week. They met with Mrs. Gardner and myself and we took an in-depth look at Inclusion and leadership in school. We are very grateful to all of the governors who have come into school recently - their insight is invaluable and it supports the leadership team to reflect on where we are and what the next steps need to be.

Thank you to all of our teachers for the time and effort they put into the family consultations on Monday and Wednesday of this week. Parents commented very positively about this event and it was a pleasure for the teachers to be able to share the children's wonderful achievements.

Kingfishers had a great time performing their class assembly to family and friends and Jays had a brilliant trip to The Lookout in Bracknell. Thank you to Miss Nhambure, Miss Smit and Mrs. Butler for planning and organising these opportunities.

I hope everyone has a happy half term break and we look forward to seeing you all again on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February.

## Absence

Some families have been surprised to receive a letter about their child's attendance this week because they do not remember their child missing days of school. Please be aware that when the attendance percentage is calculated, every time your child arrives significantly late, they have to be formally marked as absent for the morning session. This can mean that although your child may be in school each day, if they are persistently late, their attendance can drop to around 70-75% which is a real cause for concern. Being on time for school is as important as showing up each day. Please speak to our lovely office staff or to Catherine Webb if you think you may need support to get into a better early morning routine.

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

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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

### **The Reading Den**

Our Student Librarians and Reading Dynamos select books for the mobile library each day which is placed in the reading den. Alongside the range of texts, children can complete a 'my favourite books activity' and reading reviews for our evolving library. It has been wonderful to see the children curled up on a cushion, talking about a text with friends during their free time.

### **Open Afternoon**

On **Wednesday 21st February**, you are invited into school to attend the parent information sessions and visit your child's classroom to look at some of the learning they have completed this term. Please arrive via the main office so we can begin in the main hall at 2.00pm with introductions and the two sessions outlined below:

**Early Number Parent Information Session** - An introduction into number in EYFS and KS1 and how we teach the children in school, the strategies we use and how you can support at home.

**Zones of Regulation Parent Information Session** - An introduction about how to support your child in using various strategies and tools to regulate their emotions. If you only wish to attend this session, please arrive at the main office at 2:45pm. We will dismiss the children as usual and they will then be able to show you around their classrooms until 3:30pm.

### **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 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.



## House Competition



Meteor	61
Supernova	55
Comet	57

### 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



## 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

### 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:** Alice, Eddie

**WOODPECKERS:** Lizzie

**MAGPIES:** Jordan, Mehrab, Alan, Elsy

**KINGFISHERS:** Alfie

**EAGLES:** Faye, Oakley

already been successful and good luck to everyone else for the coming weeks.

### Timestables Rockstars

**Jordan, Mia, Poppy, Flynn**

Writing

Oracy  
Champions

Lily G

Jays Class

Ayan

Vladi

Noah MF

### 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 **Talha**

Lexi D

Darcy  
Daniel

Gracie  
Lucy-Anne

Ines

## 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.darleydenprimary.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

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### 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

**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-1396659>

#### **Walton Oak Primary School is recruiting:**

We are looking to appoint two enthusiastic Teaching Assistants who can bring high quality support to children in our Early Years Foundation Stage. We are looking for individuals who are not afraid to make mud pies and, if asked to be a zoo keeper, can jump into role and be immersed in the children's play. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/early-years-teaching-assistant-1399591>

#### **Saxon Primary School is recruiting:**

We are seeking to appoint a highly motivated, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of 1:1 SEND Teaching Assistant at Saxon Primary School. This is an opportunity for an individual who is patient and resilient to join our friendly, inclusive and aspirational team of teaching and support staff. For more information please see: <https://www.eteach.com/job/send-teaching-assistant-1399607>

#### **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 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
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	Supernova House Cake Sale
Mon 26 <sup>th</sup> February	Book Fair
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 3 Class Assembly
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Comet House Cake Sale
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 2 Class Assembly
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Meteor House Cake Sale
Thurs 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Class Assembly
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Year R Class Assembly
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Year 3 Sleepover
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

## **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**

Monday 6th January Children return to school  
Monday 17th – Friday 21st February HALF TERM  
Monday 24th February Children return to school  
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



*S Kober*

**Sarah Kober**  
**Headteacher**





**SPORTS ELITE**

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**8TH APRIL TO 12TH APRIL**



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>



## TA SPORTS

### GIRLS FOOTBALL COURSE

### FEBRUARY HALF TERM 2024

**Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> February**  
**Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

**Venue:- Abbey Rangers Football Club (KT15 2QH)**  
**Times:- 8.30am – 4.00pm**  
**£28.00 Daily / £55.00 Two Day / £80.00 Three Day**

Designed for girls of all abilities aged between 5yrs to 13yrs!



- ☐ Playing in a fun, challenging & safe environment.
- ☐ Meeting new friends that have an interest in football.
- ☐ Develop technique, speed, tactics & improve skills & confidence.
- ☐ Professional FA qualified coaching.
- ☐ 3G Pitch and use of clubhouse.

If you would like further information or would like to book a place for your daughter to attend please kindly contact **Tom** on **07825 089500** or email **tom@tasportscoaching.co.uk**

