



DARLEY DENE DISPATCHES

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Headteachers Message

This week we have had lots of opportunities for families to come into our Early Years classrooms for stay, play and learn sessions. These events have been well attended and staff and children have felt they were very successful. Please feel free to email in any feedback if you were able to attend.

We have staff and families fasting for Ramadan at present and, on behalf of our whole school community, I want to wish you well during this special time.

As we approach the two week holiday which includes Easter, we are all turning our attention to the final term of the academic year. We have some staff leaving us at the end of the term, Mrs. Batchelor, Miss Kasabova, Miss Solly and Mrs. Ingrao. I am sure you will join me in wishing everyone all the very best as they head off for new adventures.

The children have been immersed in Science week, led by Mrs. Mackie and a significant number of our children have participated in Young Carers activities and celebrations this week. Mrs. Mackie, Catherine Webb and Mrs. Jones have written about these events further into the newsletter, please take the time to read every section. I would like to extend my thanks to all three of them for the special focus they have created for our children.

Maths Challenge Day

Yesterday, four of our budding and talented mathematicians in Year 4 visited Saxon school with Mrs. Bashir and other children from across the Lumen Learning Trust for a Maths Challenge day. They had a wonderful time and completed lots of math puzzles and problems during the afternoon.

British Science Week!

This week, children across the country have all had a wonderful time celebrating British Science Week. I have thoroughly enjoyed hearing about the children being real scientists, being curious and asking questions. They have created eye-catching posters to promote this year's theme of 'time'. Across Darley Dene, everyone has undertaken their scientific role experimenting, exploring and investigating being curious scientists in their learning. Here are some examples of how Science week has been celebrated. Sparrows class have studied the life cycle of a frog and explored plants growing; Jays have read the story, 'How Does a Tadpole Grow?' and also explored the life-cycle of a frog studying the amount of time each part takes; Kingfishers have been investigating particle sizes (such as peas and pasta) and explored how they affect our airways over time; Eagles class have made plastic out of edible items and debated the impact of plastic on the environment over time and so much more. Well done everyone and keep asking questions!

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Author Visit

We are very excited to share that children's author, Andrew Weale is visiting Darley Dene at the end of this term on Monday 25th March 2024. Andrew will lead individualised workshops in classes between Reception and Year 6, sharing his picture books and guiding the children to find ideas for their own stories. In addition, he will answer the children's questions and then sign copies of his titles. In order to fund this exciting experience, we are asking for a voluntary contribution of £2.50 per child.

Andrew's titles include:

- One Newt in a Suit
- Nora: The Girl WHO Ate and Ate and Ate
- Spooky Spooky House
- A Quiet Day in the Jungle
- Dinosaur Doo

Young Carers Action Day 13th March

This year's theme was fair futures for young carers focusing on why caring should not be a barrier to learning, earning or being able to get on in life. In school we started the day with an assembly to raise awareness of young carers and each class completed an activity. The young carers met up to play some games and decorated a leaf with their aspirations for the future to put on the young carers tree. We also discussed how they may be supported to reach them. We had a wide variety of aspirations Including: policeman, authors, RSPCA inspector, painballer, Influencer, hand model and teacher.

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.



Home Learning

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

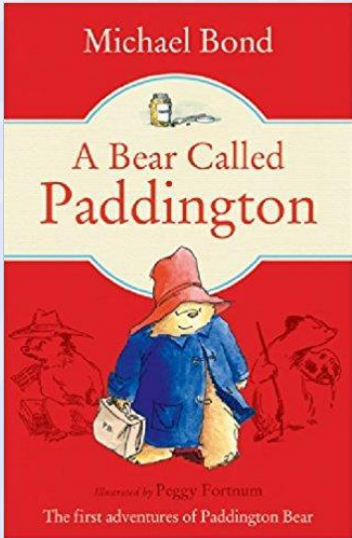

<https://www.darleydeneprimary.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning&pid=28>

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



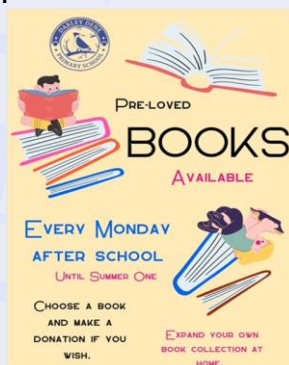
Reading, Reading, Reading...

Following book week, each class has been busy ordering and designing elements for their personalised book corners - look out on our social media for the final results in the coming weeks. It has been wonderful to see how busy our reading den is each lunch time and how thoughtful our student librarians are when selecting books each week. Monday dismissal has been so exciting with our pre-loved book stall - the look on children's faces when they leave with a 'new' book for home is priceless. Library visits are continuing until the end of term - try to take the Remember to check out the book recommendations below!

EYFS & KS1	KS2
	
<p>A Bear Called Paddington Michael Bond</p>	<p>There May Be A Castle Piers Torday</p>

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.



Talk Question

What is the prettiest thing you have ever seen?

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: Mateo, Lily

SPARROWS: Noah R, Esmee

JAYS: Nellie

WOODPECKERS: Charlotte

DOVES: Lena, Kayden

KINGFISHERS: Alfie

EAGLES: Oakley, Taliya

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 **Zabia**

Timestables Rockstars

Advik, Anusha, Mehrab, Elsy, Orest, Poppy L, Marwan

Oracy Champions

Ebrahim
Levi P
Frankie F
Alice I
Aya
Sienna
Melody
Ardi
Marwan

Jigsaw

Labiba
Amelia D
Amelia I
Tommy
Noah H
Taliya

Sports Stars

Vladi
Ayaan K
Jayleen
Sophia
Mehrab
Jayden H
Nethuli
Angela

Maths

Noah M
Noah MF
Hamza
Marya
Reuben
Andrei
Diana
Kayden
Maddie
Abbi

Writing

Jack
Daphne
Franek
Scarlett R
Matthew F
Grace
Rebecca



House Competition



Meteor	92
Comet	84
Supernova	78

Calling All Volunteers

If you have any free time to offer even if it's only an hour a week or you have any friends or relatives who would be interested in volunteering in school; please fill out the expression of interest form below and we will be in touch to talk it through in more detail. We would love to hear from you!

Darley Dene Volunteer Form

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

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 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>

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>



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>

Saxon Primary School is recruiting: We are looking for a highly enthusiastic, proactive, flexible and reliable individual for the role of Teaching Assistant. This is a part time, term time role, working 22.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday. The successful candidate will join a hard working and dedicated team of teachers and support staff, who are committed to improving outcomes for children in their care. For further information please visit <https://www.eteach.com/job/teaching-assistant-1408963>

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 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 3rd June Children return to school after half term break
Fri 19th July End of term for children 1.00pm
Mon 22nd July INSET DAY 4
Tues 23rd 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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YOUR NEAREST MULTI-ACTIVITY CAMP...

Venue: Darley Dene Primary School, KT15 2NP

Dates: Monday 8th to Thursday 11th of April 2024

Times: 9am to 4pm

Price: £32.99 per day

Ages: Ages 5 to 12

Additional info: 5% Sibling Discount Available

Our 5+ Holiday Camps are the perfect place to keep your kids entertained over the Easter holidays.

Our camps are a fantastic place for children to meet new friends, have lots of fun, and create wonderful memories!

Every day is different, with a mix of fun activities that children may not have tried before - from dodgeball to cricket, basketball to archery.

Book now for a school holiday full of fun!

**CAMPS ARE BETTER
WITH FRIENDS!**



**TREAT YOUR FRIENDS
TO 20% OFF ... AND GET
20% OFF TOO!**

*T&Cs apply. Refer a Friend discount on new bookings only.

PLEASE BRING

A packed lunch
Plenty of water
Suitable clothing
Loads of energy!



Based on over 20,000 reviews





Free activity sessions

**For 7-11 year olds
Local to you, after Easter
Sign-up from 1st March onwards**

**Book your
place
- scan the
code**



- Join with friends!
- Dance, Girls Touch Rugby, Judo, Tennis, Boccia
- Friendly, supportive coaches
- Everyone's a beginner
- Make new mates local to you

"It's fun, its free and there's loads and loads of activities you can do" - Lara

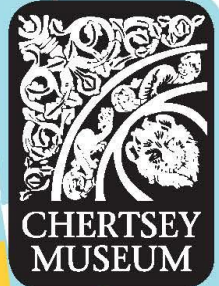
"We were blown away with the games and what was available" - Parent





Easter

Holiday Activities



Button Spring Trees

2nd April

11am-12pm or 2pm-3pm

Create a spring tree picture using paint
and buttons

Cost: £4

Excellent Egg Cups

4th April

11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm

Decorate a wooden egg cup, egg and spoon

Cost: £4.50

Clay Day

9th April

10-10:45, 11:30-12:15, 2:00-2:45

See our Greek vases and make a clay
creation

Cost: £2.50

Make a Board Game

11th April

11am-12:30pm or 2pm-3:30pm

Design your own Snakes and Ladders game

Cost: £4.50

BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL

Activities for ages 6-12 (5 year olds with parent)

<https://chertsey-museum.arttickets.org.uk/>



www.chertseymuseum.org/events

Call 01932 565764 to book your place

The Olive Matthews
COLLECTION

Runnymede
BOROUGH COUNCIL

Quality Badge awarded by
Council for
Learning Outside the Classroom