



# Great Denham Primary School

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Newsletter 11 – Autumn Term

20th November 2020

## A message from the head.....

The children continue to impress us with their attitudes to learning and general behaviour. This week our Year 5 children had a fabulous Egyptian day - thank you to all the parents for providing such amazing costumes! The children had a great day!

Also this week children in year 3 - 6 had a surprise of a wrapped gift appear in their classrooms shaped as bars of chocolate, Egyptian pyramids and carpet beaters! After following the clues the children unravelled the gifts and discovered around 50 new books for their year group - all of the books on the top read list at the back of their planners for their year group! It has been lovely seeing how enthusiastic the children have been about these new books! A huge thank you to Mrs Winton for organising it!



Today I have enclosed our plans for Christmas at Great Denham for you. Whilst it won't be a 'normal' Christmas with the usual fabulous plays and singing from our older children we are going to try to do our best to give the children some festive entertainment! We are very lucky that the friends of Great Denham have arranged for the children to take part in Christmas crafts on our Christmas party days as well as organising the well-known DJ Alan to play virtually over zoom for the children! We look forward to getting in the festive spirit with our children!

Hope you have a lovely weekend.  
Denise Burgess

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This week's letters home – look for them on our school website under

parents/letters home/2020-21

Rec – Homework Information

Y4/5 – Bikeability reminder

Y3-5 – iPad Information

Y1/2 – Phonics



## January 2021

Bookings for Breakfast & After School Club will open on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 10am.

If you do not currently have access to book Clubs on SCOPAY and you will need it for the Spring term, please contact [claire.boyce@gdps.uk](mailto:claire.boyce@gdps.uk)

## REMINDERS

### Individual Education Plans

IEP's have been sent out this week to all children on the special educational needs register. Any questions please email [senco@gdps.uk](mailto:senco@gdps.uk).

### Break the Rules Day

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> November – no teddies please.



## New Prefect for Ignis

Please join me in welcoming Emily as a new prefect for Ignis family



## Result of the Parent Governor Election

Thank you to all candidates who put themselves forward for these roles and provided a candidate statement. I would also like to thank all parents who voted in this election.

The results of the ballot are:

### Elected

- Michael David
- Samantha Swann

If you would like to be considered in another capacity as one of our governors at a future date, then please email the Clerk to the Governors [anna.omeara@gdps.uk](mailto:anna.omeara@gdps.uk) and she will retain your details on file.

## YEAR 1 UPDATE

The children came back to school to receive a message from an exhausted Spiderman explaining that he spent his half term chasing Lady Whirlwind across the UK! He needed the children's help to track where Lady Whirlwind has been. Year One have been learning about what countries make up the United Kingdom and plotting Lady Whirlwind's whereabouts on a map. The children have created exciting Spiderman adventure stories to cheer him up!



### DIARY DATES

- **Thu 26<sup>th</sup> & Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Rec-Y6 Flu vaccinations
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Break the Rules day
- **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** – last date for Christmas in a box donations
- **Mon 7<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Y4/5 Bikeability
- **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas "Classroom parties"
- **Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Y3-6 Extra-Curricular Clubs end
- **Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Santa Dash (PE kit & Christmas Jumpers)
- **Fri 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – 10am** – BC/ASC bookings open for the spring term
- **Mon 14<sup>th</sup> Dec – 10am** – Friday PM Clubs bookings open for the spring term
- **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas Jumper day
- **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day of Autumn term

**Nursery & School closes at 1.30pm for ALL children**



A huge **THANK YOU** to everyone who donated coats, they smashed their 50 coat target and collected 280 coats! They are being distributed between SMART Prebend Street, The Kings Arms Project and the Noah Enterprise, Luton.



# Stars of the week

**Little Stars:** Ava

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Cassiopeia – Arley, Tucana – Rose, Orion – Sophie, Aquila – Aliza, Pavo – Kaliese, Cygnus – Divya, Volans – Milo, Delphinus – Finlay, Serpens – Ismail, Andromeda – Lewis, Pegasus – Ehsan, Perseus – Evelyn, Auriga – Zaara, Vela – Afrin, Lyra – Noah, Lacerta – Yousuf, Circinus – Szymon, Phoenix – George.

## Values:

Cassiopeia – Karla, Tucana – Dhalia, Orion – Ivy, Aquila – Kuba, Pavo – Robert, Cygnus – Monty, Volans – Essie, Delphinus – Aryan, Serpens – Seyara, Andromeda – Kawther, Pegasus – Harvey, Perseus – Harman, Auriga – Tom, Vela – Anaya, Lyra – Eliza, Lacerta – Mahmood, Circinus – Courtney, Phoenix – Laila-Marie.

## Sports Stars of the Week:

Reception – Elizabeth, Madeleine & Vihaan  
Year 1 – Ben, Cairo & Okley  
Year 2 – Scarlett, Maxwell, Lena & Oakley  
Year 3 – Matthew & Ella  
Year 4 – Ken & Deborah  
Year 5 – Nardo & George  
Year 6 – Marco, Isabelle B & Nora



From 8<sup>th</sup>- 11<sup>th</sup>  
December we will  
have a post box  
outside the school  
office. Christmas  
cards must not be sent in with  
children in bags as they need  
to be quarantined. Names and  
class on cards please.

**Children in Need  
Non-uniform day**



**Thank you  
We raised an amazing  
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**EGYPTIAN  
DAY**



**PIC•COLLAGE**

# LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



Nov/Dec Families magazine.

It is full of resources and ideas to help you and your family through the autumn term and to keep your children entertained, busy and productive.

Click [here](#) to view the full magazine.

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Circus Skills  
Multi-Sports  
Nerf Wars  
Puzzle challenges  
Performing Arts  
Team Games



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Courses run 9-4pm  
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