



# Great Denham Primary School

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Newsletter 1 – Spring Term

8<sup>th</sup> January 2021

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

Happy New Year to all of our families at GDPS! What a strange and crazy start to the year. The children who have come back to school this week have impressed us so much with their maturity in coping with yet more changes. We are already missing the children who are at home, however, it is lovely to see how much learning is already going on at home.

Please ensure you have read the important letters that have been sent out this week regarding provision in school and remote learning. If you are having any problems with accessing seesaw please do contact us so we can help you.

It has been a difficult and challenging week with all the changes that have come about from the national lockdown. I would like to say a huge thank you to my amazing leadership team, Mrs Swanepoel, Mrs Dilley, Miss Neale, Mrs Preece and Mrs Morey who have gone above and beyond in the last week to support me in getting everything ready for the children - from coming into school on New Year's eve, on Sunday and working long hours this week. I am very lucky to be supported by such an amazing team!

I would also like to thank parents for supporting their children with the first week of home learning - engagement has been really high this week so thank you - I know how hard it is as parents when you are trying to support your child learning at home as well as working at home too as I am sure many of you are, so thank you! I would also like to say a huge well done to the teachers who have embraced this new way of working so well already.

We have updated the Home Learning pages on our school website for each year group with useful links from the Spring Term project.

Stay safe,

Denise Burgess

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Please join me in welcoming Lilith who joined us this week in Year 2



### Mrs Preece - SENCO

I am delighted to inform you that Mrs Preece has begun her phased return to work this week. If you need to speak to her please bear in mind it may take slightly longer for her to get back to you as she is only working restricted hours for the next few weeks. However she can be contacted at [senco@gdps.uk](mailto:senco@gdps.uk)



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

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## REMINDERS

### School Meals

If your child is in school next week please remember to book your child's school meal on <https://www.sims-pay.co.uk/>

### Paper copies of home learning packs

If parents requires a paper copy of the home learning pack please email the year group email account requesting one. The pack will be copied for you and left in a wallet with your child's name on, on the table outside the school office.

## Milk & Fruit

We have received confirmation that the government have stopped the free fruit for KS1 until further notice. We will be ordering fresh fruit from our suppliers for next week. Can I also remind parents that KS2 children need to bring a snack in.

Cool Milk have also cancelled all their deliveries to schools. They will be in touch with any parents who pay for their children to receive milk in school to arrange a refund.

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## REMOTE LEARNING TIMETABLES – WEEK 2

Today your child's timetable for next week will be sent out to you.

## ZOOM CALLS

|           |                  |                   |                  |                   |                   |                  |
|-----------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|------------------|
| Reception | <i>Tucana</i>    | Wednesday 10.00am | <i>Orion</i>     | Wednesday 12.30pm | <i>Cassiopeia</i> | Wednesday 1.00pm |
| Year 1    | <i>Pavo</i>      | Tuesday 1.00pm    | <i>Aquila</i>    | Wednesday 1.30pm  | <i>Cygnus</i>     | Wednesday 2.00pm |
| Year 2    | <i>Delphinus</i> | Tuesday 1.30pm    | <i>Serpens</i>   | Tuesday 2.15pm    | <i>Volans</i>     | Tuesday 2.15pm   |
| Year 3    | <i>Pegasus</i>   | Wednesday 2.30pm  | <i>Andromeda</i> | Thursday 2.30pm   |                   |                  |
| Year 4    | <i>Auriga</i>    | Thursday 1.30pm   | <i>Perseus</i>   | Thursday 2.00pm   |                   |                  |
| Year 5    | <i>Vela</i>      | Monday 1.30pm     | <i>Lyra</i>      | Monday 2.30pm     |                   |                  |
| Year 6    | <i>Circinus</i>  | Monday 2.00pm     | <i>Phoenix</i>   | Tuesday 1.30pm    | <i>Lacerta</i>    | Friday 10.00am   |

## PHOTO GALLERY

