

## **Great Denham Primary School**

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Newsletter 13 – Summer Term

16th July 2021

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

It has been a busy week in school and it has been nice having nearly all our classes back - a huge well done to Vela and Volans who have been learning at home this week and have done a fabulous job.

This week most of our classes had their transition picnics which were enjoyed by everyone. It was lovely for the teachers and children to meet each other ahead of September.

I am sure you are aware that the guidelines change from Monday next week. As a school we will not be making any changes to our risk assessment for the last 4 days of term based on advice from our local public health team. Cases are still rising locally and therefore it seems silly to relax our risk assessment so close to the end of term. This means our staff will be continuing to wear masks on the doors next week, despite the government changes. Obviously we would like it if parents would consider continuing to wear a mask for the last 4 days but we understand that we cannot enforce this. We will also keep the one-way system in place during the last week of term. As well as this if any child or staff member tests positive next week we will continue to close bubbles down based on identifying close contacts. Thank you in advance for your support.

Hope you have a lovely weekend. Denise Burgess

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Breakfast & After School Club bookings will open next week until the end of term (see below) schedule. Bookings are made on <a href="https://www.scopay.com">www.scopay.com</a>

CLUB	BOOKINGS	BOOKINGS	BOOKINGS
	OPEN	CLOSED	REOPEN
Breakfast Club	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
	July 3.30pm	July 1.00pm	September 10.00am
After School	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup>
Club	July 3.30pm	July 1.00pm	September 10.00am
Friday Afternoon Club			Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 9.00am

Invoices for Breakfast & After School Club are sent on (or near to) the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month and payable by 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

Payments are made on **SIMS-PAY** or by Childcare Vouchers.

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

parents/letters home/2020-21

GDPS Leadership Team
Summer Reading Challenge
Y6 – iPad MDM removed
Y6 – Leavers' assembly update
Information regarding
returning to school in Sept 21
School Map Sept 21
Leadership team Sept 21
Clubs information sheet

## **REMINDERS**

#### **Lost Property**

We have a large amount of unclaimed lost property. It will be on display outside the back of the school hall on Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday next week. Any unclaimed items will be recycled or disposed of.

# Medication in School

Any medication kept in school must be collected from the classroom teacher on the last day of term.

Any uncollected medication will be disposed of.

## Year 2 Sports Day

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July

Our attendance winner this week is Cygnus with 100%.

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## Eid ul Adha

We would like to wish all our families celebrating Eid next week, Eid Mubarak.

Eíd ul Adha will fall either on Tuesday 20th July or Wednesday 21st July 21. Children celebrating Eid will be permitted one day's authorised absence.



#### Year 1 Fabulous Finish

Year 1 & 2 took part in their fabulous finish this morning and welcomed special guests from around the school.





### **MAKING PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL**

The system you use to make payments to school and book your child's school lunches is changing names. From 26th July SIMS Pay will be known as Pay360 Education Payments.

- The way you make payments will remain the same you'll just notice a different logo (Pay360 by Capita) on the log in page and in the portal.
- The link to log in will be updated to <u>pay360educationpayments.com</u>.
- When you make a payment, you'll notice the details on your card statement will show as 'Pay360\*Great Denham (rather than 'Capita\*Great Denham).
- We would recommend that you add the new email address <u>noreply@pay360educationpayments.com</u> to your contacts/safe senders list to ensure the emails are not marked as spam.

If you have any queries, please contact the school office.

#### **DIARY DATES**

- Tue 20<sup>th</sup> Jul 8.00am Y6 Celebration Breakfast
- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jul Y6 Leavers Party

Lacerta - 4.40-7.30pm

Circinus - 5.10-7.45pm

Phoenix - 5.40-8.00pm

- Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Jul Y2 Sports Day
- Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> Jul 9.00am Y6 Leavers Assembly
- Thu 22<sup>nd</sup> July Last day of term

ALL CHILDERN COLLECTED BY 1.30PM

#### **SUMMER HOLIDAYS**

- Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 1-6 return to school
- Nursery and Reception children have been given their start dates separately

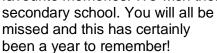
# Our last celebration assembly this year - Reception





## **YEAR 6 UPDATE**

Year 6 have been enjoying their final few weeks of the term, despite some bubble closures along the way! Although we weren't able to go to Legoland, we had a fantastic end of year treat. We played volleyball, had a water fight, took pictures in our photobooth, watched films and Mrs HB even opened a cafe for the day! The children enjoyed lots of fancy cakes and cups of tea! We are now finishing our 'Holes' topic and have our fabulous finish next week. We are looking forward to our leavers party and disco too! We can't wait to celebrate this amazing group of children and share some of our favourite memories. We wish them all the best as they transition to









## Stars of the week

Little Stars: Roxy

#### Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Kaleb, Tucana – Everyone, Orion – Mia, Aquila – Elsie, Pavo – Keelan, Cygnus – Paloma, Volans – Joshua, Delphinus – Valentina, Serpens – Harry, Andromeda – Tami, Pegasus – Hugo, Perseus – Amelie, Auriga – Liam, Vela – Ethan, Lyra – Fathya, Lacerta – Eivissa, Circinus – Isabelle, Phoenix – Micah.

#### Values:

Cassiopeia – Aafia, Tucana – Maya, Orion – Amelie, Aquila – Tommy, Pavo – Jacob, Cygnus – Maya, Volans – Anaya, Delphinus – Freddy, Serpens – Reuben, Andromeda – Summer, Pegasus – Jude, Perseus – Muhammad, Auriga – Deborah, Vela – Evie, Lyra – Aydin, Lacerta – Kevin, Circinus – Freya, Phoenix – Brian.





Math & English Prize winners

Maths – Helena (Delphinus), English – Eloise (Pegasus).

2020-21 Overall winner – A Chromebook kindly donated by Mr Wells was won by Thabile (Andromeda).



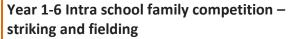
Link to celebration assembly <a href="https://youtu.be/lra8\_VLqDjU">https://youtu.be/lra8\_VLqDjU</a>

## **Sports Update**

#### Year 1 sports day

The children enjoyed a jam packed and fun filled sports day. The enthusiasm, effort and determination shown by everyone was fantastic! The children participated in 8 events; bean bag throw, goal ball, target throw, standing long jump, speed bounce, tennis relay, obstacle course and relays. Well done to all the children for their amazing courage, determination and friendship!

Congratulations to our winners Terra, 2nd Ventus, 3rd Ignis & 4th Aqua



We have started our final, whole school, family competition of this year. Many classes

have showcased the skills they have developed over the past 6 weeks and the results so far have been impressive. We look forward to celebrating and announcing the results next week.



#### **Euros final**

After making history, the amazing excitement and undeniable disappointment watching England in the final, there is so much for us to learn from the team. They have inspired us, entertained us and united the country at a time that has been difficult for everyone. As a school we have reflected on the highs and lows of the Euro 2020 final - thank you Phoenix class your message is loud and clear and we couldn't agree more.

#### **Next week**

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July - year 2 sports day





#### "YOU ARE AN INSPIRATION TO ENTIRE NATION"

"We are deeply disgusted and in shock at the events that occurred following England's loss on Sunday. Racism has no place in our school, community, country and the wider world. The whole team did phenomenally well to get to the final. Their performance, attitude and the values they hold on and off the pitch are an inspiration to the entire nation. We should all be proud of them and celebrating their achievements not blaming certain individuals for the result, particularly when it focuses on their race. There's no need to focus on the negatives and you can always learn from your mistakes. Over time the disappointment will heal and they will come back stronger. Just remember – be kind and think about what you say. Everyone has feelings and no one deserves any abuse online or in person. Treat others how you want to be treated. We hope they can find the strength to keep their heads up, be proud of themselves and get back into the game soon."

Phoenix - Year 6









## **LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS**



## Bedford Borough's Summer Of SEND



The Bedford Borough Local Area has organised a "Summer of SEND" across June, July and August 2021. This is a celebration of all things Special Educational Needs and / or Disability (SEND) across Bedford Borough. There is a wide range of events for Parent/Carers, Practitioners, and Children and Young People themselves to get involved in.

#### Summer Of SEND calendar

To see the full calender of events across the #SummerOFSEND and to #getinvolved click here

We have along with the amazing children and young people made a short video about the #SummerOfSEND

#### Wednesday 14th July 10am-12pm

Chris Morris (Manager for SEND Programme) and Sorcha
O'loughlin (Local Offer Officer), will be coming along to tell you about
the local offer, the holiday activities available this summer and what is
available if you need support over the summer.

So please come and share your experience around accessing the Local Offer, what you would like to see on the Local Offer, and any ideas of family activities you may like to see in Bedford over the summer holidays.

**Book your place** 

#### Monday 19th July - 10am-12pm

Jo Drew (Designated Clinical Officer SEND BLMK Clinical Commissioning Group) and Beccy White (Head of Commissioning and Transformation, CYP)

Please use this opportunity to come along and share your experience of children's Health services in Bedford. Jo and Hannah will give updates on the health services and talk about resources and information that families can access, including e.g. Speech, Language and Communication Needs, Mental Health, Paediatricians, 0 to 19 team and the Complex Nursing Team.

**Book your place** 





BBPCF are facilitating a focus group for Parent Carers from Bedford Borough, Central Bedfordshire and Luton. A forum representative will be in attendance from each area, along with service managers, to have a discussion around the points below:

- What can we do to improve children's mental health services to support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities
- 2. What could the wider system of support do to better support children and young people with special educational needs and disabilities who have mental health and emotional needs
- 3. How can we effectively communicate the pathway and offer to the broader system and Parents and Carers and young people.

Each area has 5 places so please email to book your slot or send in your thoughts and comments to communications@bbpcf.org.uk

**Book your place** 











Activities will include

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TERMINATOR TURMOIL
WRECKING BALL

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