



# Great Denham Primary School

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## Newsletter 9 – Summer Term

26th June 2020

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

It has been a busy and enjoyable week for the children in school and it is lovely to hear the sound of voices around the school again. We very much miss the children who are at home though and can't wait to welcome them back.

I appreciate the worry for the children and parents who have not returned to school. Please let me assure you we are making plans for the return of the children in September and planning for how we can make this as smooth a transition as possible. We are also waiting for updated government guidance which the government said would come within 2 weeks, so as soon as we have clear plans we will share them with you.

We have looked into options to get the year groups at home back to say goodbye to their teachers at the end of term but it just isn't possible without compromising the bubbles in school for the children and staff currently in school. Therefore, we have made the decision to hold zoom sessions instead. We know this is not ideal, but we do hope many of the children will take part.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.  
Denise Burgess

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### End of term arrangements

Due to the need to get the school back to a more 'normal' way ready for September the school will now close at the end of the school day on **Thursday 16th July**. Therefore the school will be closed on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July (this includes both the Care Clubs and the year groups who have returned to school).

Staff will be using this time to move all the furniture back to the right places and get the classes into the right rooms so that teachers can prepare for September. So many of our staff have not had any time off school since February half term, I believe it is vital that the staff can get the move done so that they can have a break for a few weeks and that they deserve this. I hope you will support me in this decision.

### Classes for September

In September many year groups will transition to their new year group remaining in their current class. The exception to this is the children in our current Reception, Year 2 and Year 4 for whom classes will be mixed up. Please let me assure you that teachers have spent a long time looking at many factors when creating the new classes including friendship groups. We will be sharing the new classes with you during week commencing 6<sup>th</sup> July.

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

Communication with parents  
Revised Annual Trips Costs  
Hilltop Sept 2020  
Revised Term Dates  
Zoom Video Call  
Zoom Policy

## REMINDERS

### Zoom Call

Book your child's zoom call by  
completing the form on  
ParentMail by  
**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 9am**

### DIARY DATES

- **Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Y6 Leavers hoodies delivered to school
- **8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July** – Reports collected from school (see letter)
- **REVISED Thu 16<sup>th</sup> July** – Last day of Term
- **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> Sept** – Y6 Leavers celebration



# September 2020

Breakfast After School Extra-Curricular Friday

We are awaiting further government guidelines for returning to school in September before we can make any decision about what wrap around care we will be able to provide for the children. As soon as we know we will be in touch.

## THE GO-TO GUIDE FOR YOU AND YOUR CHILD

Usually at this time of year we would be circulating the summer edition of Raring2go! Bedford to you. Due to Covid-19, they have made the decision to go digital this summer and they will be publishing two editions instead of one.

They would like to help and support as many local businesses as possible who are beginning to reopen and give families lots of ideas about things to do.



Here is the link to the first edition .....

<https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/bedfordandbiggleswade/summer/>  
The second edition will be out in the middle of July.

## SUMMER HOLIDAY PROVISION

The school will be closed over the summer holidays this year and there is no provision for child care. Food vouchers for children eligible for Free School Meals will be provided over the summer holidays.

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## Care Clubs – New Arrangements

Drop off and collection for care clubs 2,3,4,5 and new year 3/4 bubbles - from Monday please come in through the Kingswood Way gate and drop your child at their classroom door, you will need to exit the school grounds via the Greenkeepers Road or Early Years gate. Collection will also be from the classroom door at the end of the day.

## Stars of the week



Class	15th June	22nd June
Little Stars	James & Alaina	Amelie & Albie
Cassiopeia	Divya & Freya	Paloma & Bella
Orion	Eliza & Leo	Layaan & Isaac
Tucana	Hugo & Emily	Aiyla & Freya
Aquila	Danielle & Jordan	Alyssa & Scarlett
Cygnus	Teila & Ophelia	Paige & Max
Pavo	Ewan & Lena	Emily & Seyara
Volans	Abid	Zara
Delphinus	Ella	Lulu
Andromeda	Alanna	Aalijah
Pegasus	Amelie	Clarabella
Perseus	Afrin	Ethan
Auriga	Chloe	Tobi
Eridanus	Leona	Toyin
Vela	Elias	Isabelle
Lyra	Kaif	Laila- Marie
Lacerta	Hannah & Kara	Tahalia & Lilly
Circinus	Roman & Mariah	Frankie & Aleena
Care Club - Year 2	Holly	Tyler
Care Club - Year 3	Lilian	Rhys
Care Club - Year 4 /5	Courtney	Rosie

We now have too many children in the care clubs to allow social distancing at drop off and collection from the Community Room door.



## **VIRTUAL GET TOGETHER**

POST EDUCATION PROVISION FOR COMPLEX BEHAVIOURAL NEEDS

**Wednesday 1st July 10am**

We are holding a virtual get together specifically for those parent carers who have a child who is over school age or those who are approaching transition age within the next couple of years to discuss provision for those who specifically have complex behavioural needs. Please come and join us to discuss your thoughts and any concerns you have in this area. Please email us on [communications@bbpcf.org.uk](mailto:communications@bbpcf.org.uk) to book your place...