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Newsletter 3 – Autumn Term

18th September 2020

A message from the head.....

It has been a busy week as the children settle back into the routines of school and start their new projects. The children continue to impress us with their positive attitudes towards being back at school - we are so proud of them!

This week we welcomed the first of our new Early Years children who too have been just amazing! This year is the first year since the school opened that we have a Nursery class - our Pre-School is now a Nursery class and is run by a qualified teacher, Mrs Lee.



Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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Please join me in welcoming Nodari & Ethan who joined us this week in Year 3.



SeeSaw Over the next week children will bring home a Seesaw QR code. This is for you to share photos of take home tasks and could also be used if your child ever has to self-isolate.



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

parents/letters home/2020-21

Y1-6 Homework information

Theme Day Lunch

Y6 - Virtual Open Day -

Sharnbrook Academy

Internet/Device access at home

REMINDERS

Play Equipment

Thank you so much for your support with the start and the end of the school day it is working really well. Please though can I remind you again that children must not play on the trim trails or pirate ship at the end of the day - every day I am having to remind children of this. Please keep an eye on your children to ensure they do not go on it and follow the arrows out of the school grounds. If children go on the equipment we have to then clean it all before the next day which with the pirate ship particularly is not a quick job! Thank you for your support.

End of Day

Please do not gather and stand around by the Kingswood gates chatting to other parents - this then blocks the path for others to get past.

Homework

This week you should have received information about what homework will look like this term in your child's year group. At the moment we are keeping homework to a minimum as we are aware the children need time to readjust to being back at school after 6 months off. As well as this we need to try to limit the amount of books / sheets that go between home and school hence why a lot of the work is based online. If your child does not have access to the internet to complete the work please do tell your class teacher so they can help. We will review the homework as and when the government restrictions allow.



YEAR 1 UPDATE

Year 1 had a super Stunning Start on Monday! The children came to school in fabulous hero costumes to celebrate the courage they have shown since starting year one. They created fabulous pop artwork inspired by Roy Lichtenstein and enjoyed superhero party games. After all that excitement, we then had a surprise visit from SPIDERMAN! He left the children a message and some clues about his real-life hero... a doctor! The children have discussed who their own real-life heroes are and why.



Celebrating childrens birthdays in school

As we are no longer allowing children to bring in cakes / sweets on their birthday we would like to invite children to come to school in non-uniform on their birthday if they are celebrating it. Any children who have a birthday on a weekend please feel free to come in the following Monday to school in non-uniform. We will update about children with birthdays in the holidays later in the term!

If your child has had their birthday between 1st September and today they are welcome to come in next Monday in non-uniform. Please note non-uniform needs to be appropriate for school and shoes should be too. No jewellery is allowed.

If your child has their birthday on a day when they have PE they come in the next day in non-uniform.



DIARY DATES

- **Thu 24th Sept – SIMS**
Surgery - outside school office

Stars of the week



Link to this week's celebration assembly

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6e3QYRoQ3hY&t=28s>

Stars of the Week:

Aquila – Aleya, Pavo – Megan, Cygnus – Joanna, Volans – Summer, Delphinus – Marwa, Serpens - Emily, Andromeda – Emmanuel, Pegasus – Ben, Perseus – Florian, Auriga – Tommy, Vela – Ava, Lyra – Eliza, Lacerta – Wanny, Circinus – Luka, Phoenix – Zara.

Values:

Aquila – Ayah-Rose, Pavo – Hugo, Cygnus – Nesonna, Volans – Eleni, Delphinus – Euan, Serpens - Triana, Andromeda – Thabile, Pegasus – Ella, Perseus – Xara, Auriga – Adil, Vela – Sian, Lyra – Zuwen, Lacerta – Marco, Circinus – Amy, Phoenix – Ayan.



LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

Summer Poster Competition – let's get drawing!

Great Denham Parish Council are asking the children of Great Denham to help them tackle road safety problems such as parking and speeding.

They want to get some great designs for signs that we can put up around Great Denham, telling drivers:

- Not to speed, and watch out for people crossing the road
- Not to park on double yellow lines, or on corners, where pedestrians can't be seen
- Not to park across pavements and block the way for pedestrians
- To drive more considerately around the village and make it safer for everyone

Make them as colourful as you can so that people will pay attention to them.

Your poster could be chosen and put up around the village – so let's get drawing!

You have until the beginning of Half Term to finish off your masterpieces; we'll pick them all up then.

For more details contact the Parish Council clerk by email: clerk@greatdenhamparishcouncil.gov.uk



Please find below the link to the Sep/Oct 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.

You can read the magazine at

https://issuu.com/familiesonline/docs/bedfordshire__6_?fr=sOTRIZDE5NTM5Njl



**Thursday 8th October at 10am & Wednesday 14th
7pm**

We have arranged two talks on ADHD & associated conditions (you only need to attend one session; we have booked a daytime & evening slot to try to accommodate as many parent carers as possible). These will be facilitated by Jannine Harris of ADHD Wise UK www.adhdwise.uk

Jannine is a well known face and voice for ADHD in the UK. She is a SEND Specialist Teacher, Trainer and Psycho-educational Coach. Perhaps more importantly, she has raised 3 children with ADHD (one is also on the autistic spectrum) and she has ADHD herself. Her talks are always informative and brutally honest.

These sessions will cover aspects of ADHD such as medication, sleep disturbances & linked conditions such as Anxiety, Autism, PDA, ODD etc.

If we get significant attendance & positive feedback from these sessions and our members feel this would be helpful, we will then go on to facilitate an ADHD parent skills building programme. This programme would run over a 6 week period and participants would need to attend all sessions.

The initial talks are a 45 minute introduction with 15 minutes for questions and will be held on Thursday 8th October at 10am & Wednesday 14th 7pm. These will be held virtually.

These sessions will be funded by BBPCF and offered free of charge to our members. You do not need to have a formal diagnosis to attend, any family with a SEND child are welcome. Places will be offered on a first come first served basis.

Please contact us to communications@bbpcf.org.uk