



# Great Denham Primary School

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## Newsletter 6 – Autumn Term

9th October 2020

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

Despite the weather the children continue to learn with enthusiasm! Next week we have some work beginning on our school grounds - we are having a mini astro turfed sports area installed behind the year 5/6 block. We were fortunate to be awarded a 'healthy lifestyles' grant from the local authority for this.

I know there has been some speculation on Facebook regarding the parcel of land next to the school. We are working with the planners, our local councillor, Jim Weir and the council to ensure that some of this land remains allocated to us for a sports pitch - we will update you when we have any further news on this.

I am sorry for the mix up on Monday regarding the photos for the younger children and those in P.E. kit - it was something that was completely overlooked. If your child didn't get their photo taken this week because of this please do not worry, we have a list of these children and will ensure they are taken on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. Please send them in in school uniform on that day with trainers.

For children in Years 3 - 6 photos will be on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October as well. Again if your child has P.E. on this day please send them in in their school uniform instead but with their trainers on.

We are aware that children are getting muddy at play times particularly those in year 5 and 6 - as you are aware we are working with very limited play space and that the bubbles are not allowed to mix. This therefore presents us with a challenge as our space is so limited. If Y5/6 would like to bring in in a pair of old trainers or wellies in the short term that will be fine. We are reviewing our playtimes currently and plan to make some changes more appropriate for the winter over the next couple of weeks.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.  
Denise Burgess

Follow the school on Twitter  @GreatDenhamPS

### School Meals - Desserts

On the odd occasion we may need to substitute alternative desserts to those published due to packaging constraints.



### Parent Governors

We will be holding elections for new parent governors shortly, more information will follow next week.

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

parents/letters home/2020-21

Y6 – SAT's information

Rec & Y1 – Phonics & Reading Workshop on Zoom

Y6 – KCA Virtual Tour

Parents' Evening

Rec – Settling in

Friends of Great Denham AGM

Parent Code of Conduct (Attached)

### Winter Uniform

Please can I remind you that from half term children in years 3 - 6 should be in their winter uniform of a shirt and tie. Ties can be ordered through our uniform supplier a link to which is on our website or at the school office (£3.95).

### DIARY DATES

- **Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Oct** – Individual & Sibling Photos (Year 3-6)

### School Performance Data

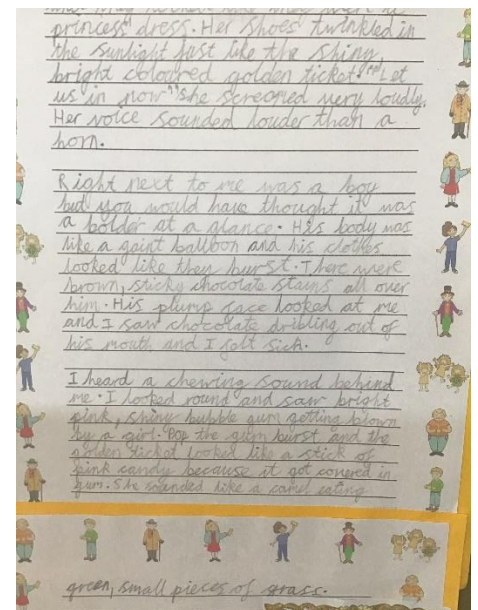
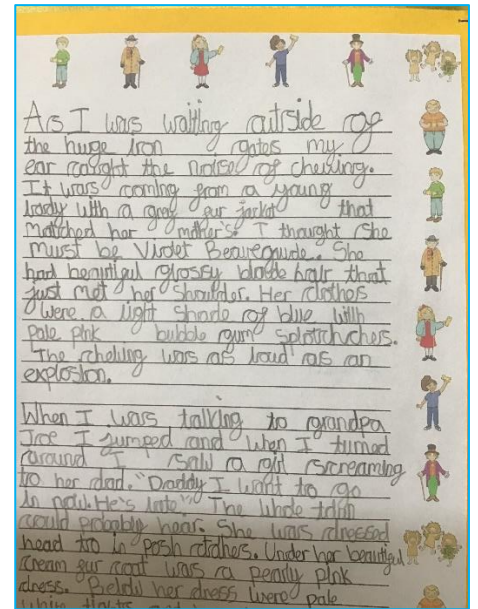
Due to the pandemic there is no data for 2019 - 2020. However, the data found on the link below on our website is our teacher assessment data for Year 6 which was submitted through the FFT KS2 data and results service.

<https://www.greatdenhamprimary.org.uk/statutory-information/school-performance-data>

# YEAR 4 UPDATE

On Monday Year 4 entered the classrooms, with their golden tickets, to find a letter from Willy Wonka. He welcomed them to his weird and wonderful world and left a series of cryptic clues for us to solve. As you can see we had lots of fun! In exchange for our hard work, we all received a range of sweet and chocolate treats. Yum!

The children in Year 4 have impressed their teachers with their amazing attitude towards their learning and have produced some amazing work over the past few weeks. Just look at these wonderful descriptions of the golden ticket winners from Charlie's perspective. I think Roald Dahl would be amazed, don't you?



## Donation from the Friends of Great Denham



Please join me in thanking the Friends of Great Denham for their kind donations of "wet play" toys.

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## Stars of the week

**Little Stars:** Finley

**Stars of the Week:**

Cassiopeia – Alaina, Tucana – Pavit, Orion – Amelie, Aquila – Ben, Pavo – Bella, Cygnus – Elysha, Volans – Joseph, Delphinus – Alex, Serpens – Joey, Andromeda – Holly, Pegasus – Jamie, Perseus – Tanisha, Auriga – Charlie, Vela – Anaya, Lyra – Bella, Lacerta – Ahmed, Circinus – Thomas, Phoenix – Addison.

**Values:**

Cassiopeia – Kieran, Tucana – Teddy, Orion – Jaziel, Aquila – Freya, Pavo – Junior, Cygnus – Maya, Volans – Acacio, Delphinus – Xari, Serpens – Lena, Andromeda – Raihan, Pegasus – Ethan, Perseus – Lewis, Auriga – Alanna, Vela – Ethan, Lyra – Kayla, Lacerta – Poppy, Circinus – Gabriel, Phoenix – Nora.



# LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

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Venues in Beds, Cambs, Herts & Essex

From £19.99 per day  
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Multi-Activity Day  
for 3-13 year olds\*

## OCTOBER HALF-TERM

**SPOOKY Themed DAY**

**The Puzzle Academy**

Extended hours available from 7.30-6pm

All Venues have safe Covid-19 measures in place. More information on website.

\*Some venues only accept children aged 5+

**HOW TO BOOK:**  
[WWW.MULTI-ACTIVE.CO.UK](http://WWW.MULTI-ACTIVE.CO.UK)  
TEL: 01462 351582

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SEND Information Advice Support Service

Parent Carer Forum

## Special Educational Needs Support for your child

Bitesize virtual information & training sessions for young people, parents and professionals  
Email [communications@bbpcf.org.uk](mailto:communications@bbpcf.org.uk)

To book a place

Tues 10th Nov 2020 @7-9pm  
**Covid**  
- Accessing SEND Support during Covid

Tues 13th Oct 2020 7-8pm  
**SEND Support**  
- best practice to meet children with SEND's needs

Tues 8th Dec 2020 @7-9pm  
**SEMH**  
- Social, emotional and mental health & SEND Support

Tues 12th Jan 2021 10-11:30am & 7-8:30pm  
**Educational Psychology Assessments**  
- When? Why? How?

Tues 9th Feb 2021 10-11:30am & 7-8:30pm  
Topic to be confirmed

Bedford SEND Information, Advice and Support Service  
[SENDIASS@bedford.gov.uk](mailto:SENDIASS@bedford.gov.uk)

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## MISSING



**BYRON**

**Male Border Collie Black And White With Brown Paws (Age: Adult)**

**Missing from Kempston in Bedford, MK42 area, South East on Saturday, 26th September 2020**

He was rescued from Romania around 11 weeks ago. He is still very scared, shy and timid.

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