



# Great Denham Primary School

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Newsletter 10 – Autumn Term

13th November 2020

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

Thank you for your support with Children in Need today - the children have loved coming to school in non-uniform and have enjoyed taking part in Joe Wick's challenge today!

As well this week we held our remembrance assembly which was virtual this year. The children really showed our value of respect so well.

Forms have been sent home by the Friends of Great Denham for our second 'break the rules day' which will take place on Friday 27th November. Apologies for the form being sent out twice - the yellow one which came out yesterday is the correct one as unfortunately due to covid restrictions children are not able to bring in teddies!

Hope you have a lovely weekend.  
Denise Burgess

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## Forest School with Mrs Eaton - Nursery



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

[parents/letters home/2020-21](#)

**Free School Meals Info**  
**Covid-19 Single case**  
**Break the rules day**

### DIARY DATES

- **Mon 16<sup>th</sup> Nov** – 4pm – Deadline for Parent Governor votes
- **Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Y5 Marvellous Middle - Egypt
- **Thu 26<sup>th</sup> & Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Rec-Y6 Flu vaccinations
- **Fri 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** – Break the Rules day
- **Fri 4<sup>th</sup> Dec** – last date for Christmas in a box donations
- **Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Christmas "Classroom parties"
- **Thu 10<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Y3-6 Extra-Curricular Clubs end
- **Fri 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** – Last day of Autumn term
- **Nursery & School closes at 1.30pm for ALL children**



## January 2021

Bookings for Breakfast & After  
School Club will open on Friday 11<sup>th</sup>  
December at 10am.

# RECEPTION UPDATE

This term Reception have been having a very exciting time with our cheeky wellies keeping us on our toes!! We have been on adventures around the school and local area and this week we have discovered that our wellies have made it all the way to the police station and the hospital!! The children have been very busy trying to find a way to stop them from escaping...who knows where our wellies will take us next. All I know is that I am certain it will be somewhere very exciting and festive.



We are so proud of all the children in Reception and how well they have settled into school life here at Great Denham. It has been so lovely watching the children's confidence grow and seeing them all making such wonderful progress in their learning. We have lots of very budding writers among us. We can't wait to see what the rest of the term brings.

## Stars of the week

**Little Stars:** Sammy

### Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Noah, Tucana – Dean, Orion – Jaxon, Aquila – Victoria, Pavo – Cairo, Cygnus – Paloma, Volans – Maxi, Delphinus – Helena, Serpens - Hollie, Andromeda – Samantha, Pegasus – Annise, Perseus – Zachary, Auriga – Sienna, Vela – Charlie, Lyra – Kayla, Lacerta – Toyin, Circinus – William, Phoenix – Amy.

### Values:

Cassiopeia – Dylan, Tucana – Jasmine, Orion – Alayna, Aquila – Ace, Pavo – Edie, Cygnus – Layaan, Volans – Scarlett, Delphinus – Logan, Serpens - Lexi, Andromeda – Nodari, Pegasus – Eloise, Perseus – Alice, Auriga – Joe-Joe, Vela – Summayah, Lyra – Lucy, Lacerta – Kian, Circinus – Isabelle, Phoenix – Emily.

### Sports Stars of the Week:

Reception – Phoebe, Evelyn & Evie  
Year 1 – Alexander, Myles & Maya  
Year 2 – Setaish, Ophelia & Hollie  
Year 3 – Thabile & Hugo  
Year 4 – Rhys & Zara  
Year 5 – Jake & Lucy  
Year 6 – Noah, Courtney & Addison



## English as an Additional Language

We would like to introduce ourselves as the new EAL coordinators for Great Denham Primary School. As part of this new role, we have set up a support email address for families to use to contact us if they need any help, assistance or support with any school related issues if English is not their first language.

[eal@gdps.uk](mailto:eal@gdps.uk)



**Mrs A Rose**

**Nursery, Reception, Year 1 & 2**



**Mrs C Allen**

**Year 3, 4, 5 & 6**

# LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS



## Fitness Pilates and Relaxation

Tuesday 17th November - 10.30am

Friday 20th November - 7pm

We ran a poll over the summer to ask what parents want us to organise in order to help with their own wellbeing. Following that poll we have arranged two Pilates/Relaxation sessions that will be run online so you can do it in the comfort of your own home. This is an opportunity to take some time out for yourself and relax.

Please email us to book your place at either or both sessions.

[communications@bbpcf.org.uk](mailto:communications@bbpcf.org.uk)

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## PLAYGROUND NEWSROUND

### WELLBEING AND SPORT

## FREE TO ACCESS



### After School Sport Club

The Youth Sport Trust will deliver a free virtual after school club as part of a national response to the second lockdown. The 30-minute club will take place at 5pm each weekday on YouTube Live and be led by a different member of the YST's Athlete Mentor network. Starting on **Thursday 12 November** with world number one female inline skater and 10-time British Champion Jenna Downing. Aimed mainly at primary-aged children, a different theme has been assigned for each day of the club - Adventure Monday, Tuesday Play, Wild Wednesday, Thinking Thursday and Fun Friday. Follow us using **#YSTAfterSchool** and click below for more information.

<https://www.youthsporttrust.org/AfterSchoolSportClub>