



Great Denham Primary School

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Newsletter 6 – Spring Term

12th February 2021

A message from the head.....

We have made it to half term! Well done everyone! It has been such a difficult term for everyone in our school community – your support to our staff and to the children is very much appreciated. The children who have been in school have been so amazing this half term, working hard, showing our school values and being just fabulous! As for the children working at home – what can I say apart from they blow their teachers away on a daily basis with their commitment, hard work and the standard of the work they produce - we are so proud of them. A huge well done to all of the parents who have managed to juggle the demands of home life, work life and home schooling this half term – all I can say is I really do hope we get some good news soon on a return date for our children so we can begin to get back to some sort of 'normality.'

A huge congratulations to our lovely Mrs Eaton who is now officially qualified as a level 3 Forest school leader.

Have a lovely break and rest next week, stay safe.

Denise Burgess

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Admissions criteria for critical workers

The governors have met and reviewed the DfE guidance and our school risk assessment and we have made the decision that **at the current time we are able to continue to offer the current places after half term to the children who currently have a place.** There is no need for parents to reapply for places.

However, if there is a future surge in demand for places prior to the full re-opening of schools the governors have decided that we will apply an admissions criteria for the allocation of places. Taking into account the DfE guidance and having evaluated our risk assessment in order to keep everyone safe we believe that using an admissions criteria will be the fairest and safest way of allocating places.

The admissions criteria can be found on the school website at <https://www.greatdenhamprimary.org.uk/covid-19>

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

parents/letters home/2020-21

Critical Worker admission criteria

Y3 Bikeability

Y4 Bikeability

Y4&5 Forest School

Permission slip (children in school only)

Updated School Dinner Menu

REMINDERS

COVID reporting

Please ensure you email

covid@gdps.uk

if your child (who has been in school) tests positive for COVID during half term.

iPad Scheme Update (Year 3-5)

We are aware that two payments have now been taken from your banks in regards to the iPad Scheme. We are chasing up the manufacture and delivery of these iPads on a weekly basis and as yet do not have a firm date of delivery. Should we find ourselves in the same position by the time you are due to make your third payment we will update you with various options of what we can do.

I apologise for the inconvenience this is causing.

VALENTINES TREATS



The @OfDenham are so amazing. Making my crazy ideas become a reality – 570 gifts for the children ready for delivery this week.



DIARY DATES

HALF TERM 15th-19th Feb

- **Mon 22nd Feb** – Keyworker children return to school
- **Tue 9th & Wed 10th March** – Parents' Evening (Virtual)

Details on how to book will be available after half term.

Forest School

Year 6 with the rubbish they picked up around school yesterday.





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Great Denham Nursery Class 2021/2022

Due to the current pandemic, Great Denham Primary School has extended its closing date for the Nursery Class applications (Starting September 2021).

The new closing date is **Friday 12th March 2021**. We wanted to give parents an extended opportunity to apply as it has been a very difficult year for most.

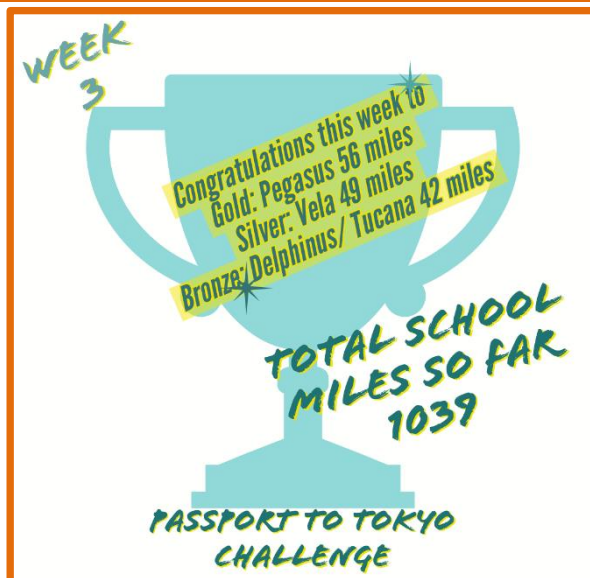
Application packs are available to collect from the school office Monday-Friday 9am-3pm or you can email admissions@GDPS.uk and we will send you a pack via email.

Any questions please email us on the email provided.

Sports Update – Miles to Tokyo

WELL DONE everyone – we have achieved our greatest amount of miles in one week so far, 507! Everyone is really playing their part, thank you! Our grand total so far is 1039 miles which is a fantastic achievement. This week alone, we reached Germany and Poland and are now on route to Belarus.

*If the children walk, jog, or run a mile during half term then please keep a note of it and they can let their teacher know on Seesaw, when we are back after half term.



Stars of the week

Little Stars: Conor & Jude

Stars of the Week:

Cassiopeia – Musa & Joshua, Tucana – Teddy S & Aliyah, Orion – Teigan & Olivia, Aquila – Kuba & Jai, Pavo – Isla & Skye, Cygnus – Amy & Isabelle, Volans – Alexandru & Tahlia, Delphinus – Valentina & Cleusia, Serpens – Priya & Sam B, Andromeda – Holly & Abid, Pegasus – Jamie & Ben, Perseus – Ken & Anaya, Auriga – Aalijah & Amelia, Vela – Yusuf, Lyra – Aseel & George, Lacerta – Alexa & Ahmed, Circinus – Katherine & Ziyad, Phoenix – Kaif & Julian.

Values:

Cassiopeia – Arley & Evie, Tucana – Dean & Evie, Orion – Zack & Isaac, Aquila – Zachary & Victoria, Pavo – Layla & Cairo, Cygnus – Usman & Edith, Volans – Tahlia & Sumayyah, Delphinus – Amelia & Xari, Serpens – Levelle & Seyara, Andromeda – Summer & Ethan, Pegasus – Isaac & Hassan, Perseus – Rhys & Laura, Auriga – Amelia & Zaara, Vela – Ola & Amelia, Lyra – Barbare, Lacerta – Kian & Toyin, Circinus – Joshua & Freya, Phoenix – Jack & Nora.



Link to celebration assembly

<https://youtu.be/UwT1JNCp86U>



LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

ACTIVE PACK



ACTIVEPACKACTIVITIES



February Half-Term Sessions

@ The Knockabout area opposite Sainsbury's G.D.

10am-1030am- 3-5 y.o

1030am-11am- 5-7 y.o,

11am- 1130am- 7-10 y.o

£12.50 for the week (Mon, Fri)

To book, email us at:
activepackactivities@gmail.com.

BOOK NOW

All staff are CRB checked, Fully qualified and COVID prevention trained.
All equipment sanitised between sessions. Parents asked to stay during the sessions.
All sessions in order with government update 2/2/21



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LOCKDOWN ACTIVITIES

for Children with
Autism & Learning
Difficulties and
their families in
Bedford Borough

We have exciting opportunities for **children with autism & learning difficulties and their families** in Bedford Borough to access a variety of activities during the COVID lockdown period. All activities are free of charge!



Activities include Swimming at St. John's School Pool, Various Sports Sessions, Inflatable Fun and Sensory Room at SSG.

These sessions will be available to the whole family. Parents / Carers are required to supervise and support their family throughout the activity (including going into the swimming pool with them).

Virtual Learning Opportunities include Street Dance, Musical Theatre, Drama, Music, Art & Dance.



Booking is essential as there are very limited places due to COVID restrictions. If you are unable to attend please ensure you cancel in good time to allow another family to book.

Visit the Bedford Local Offer website for timetables and booking information: localoffer.bedford.gov.uk/kb5/bedford/directory/site.page?id=rZoAyoQb-FQ

