

Great Denham Primary School
NEWSLETTER 1
Summer Term
10<sup>th</sup> September
2021

# START AND FINISH TIMES

Please can I remind you that from Monday children should be left at the gates in the morning to walk to their classrooms alone. This is for all children in Year 1-6. Please let me assure you that once the children are left at one of the gates they are safe in the school site as there are 2 members of staff monitoring each of the 3 gates. Please also remember we will be locking the gates at 8.40am and any children arriving after this time will need to be signed in through the office.





Please join me in welcoming the following children who have now joined us this term:

Eric, Jacob, Zuzanna, Esmie, Esenia, Scarlett, Sienna.

This term we also welcome a number of new staff to our fabulous team:

Miss G Chalmers – Cygnus Teacher Miss S Persaud – Pegasus Teacher

Mr Lysaght, Miss Parsons & Mrs Juganaru – Teaching assistants in Year 6, 4 & 5.

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD

Wow what a first week it has been! The children have settled back in brilliantly this week and have been a credit to our school! A particular well done to our lovely Year 1 children who have settled in so well. On Monday half of our year 6 children went off to their residential at Hilltop in Norfolk. They have been so lucky with the weather this week and have even enjoyed using the outdoor pool. The Year 6 children who stayed in school have had an equally fabulous week this week enjoying a trip to Bromham woods, a climbing wall at school as well as lots more! A huge thank you to Mrs Hardy for organising such fantastic experiences for them.

Hope you have a lovely weekend Denise Burgess



#### Letters this week

Volans Update
Serpens Update
Y1-2 Mead Farm Trip cancelled
Y3-6 Hunstation Trip Cancelled
Y4 Ukulele Lessons
Nursery Funding Forms
Y5/6 Girls Footbal Training
Y5/6 Netball League
Y6 Football League

## PE DAYS

The P.E. days will be circulated today and will apply for the next month as we have had to recruit a new sports coach who will start in a month so until then Mrs Hardy will be taking P.E. lessons alongside class teachers. We will write to you again when and if the days change.

## CONGRATULATIONS

To Miss Bliss who got married over the summer and is now Mrs Jakeman.

This term there are some new members of the Senior Leadersip Team as well as some new roles.

- Mrs Dilley & Mrs Swanepoel Deputy Headteachers
- Mrs Preece Assistant Head Teacher for Inclusion (SEN)
  - Mrs Borner Assistant Head Teacher for Year 3&4

They join myself, Miss Neale (Assistant Head Teacher for Early Years) and Mrs Morey (School Businmess Manager)



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### **DIARY DATES**

- Mon 13<sup>th</sup> Sept Group A Nursery & Reception start
- Mon 13th Sept Y2 Hearing Tests
- Tue 14<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 5 & 6 Sports fixtures (see Sports update)
- Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Sept Group B Nursery & Reception start
- Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Sept Year 5 & 6 Sports fixtures (see Sports update)
- Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Sept Vela Swimming lessons start

**SPORTS** 

**UPDATE** 

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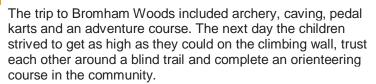
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Our first week back has been packed full of physical activity and fun!

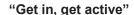


Year 6

Some of our Year 6 children have enjoyed their residential at Hilltops, whilst those who stayed behind enjoyed the great outdoors locally. The aim for everyone has been to have fun, overcome fears, challenge themselves and develop teamwork and they should all be have all done themselves proud!



They have enjoyed the natural surroundings of Great Denham and being outdoors, we even rescued a rabbit!



The staff at Great Denham Primary launched our commitment to "Get in, get active" by featuring in the first video. Everyone had great fun! but more importantly our message to get moving has been embraced by all! Well done staff!













#### Sports events next week

We are very excited to announce that our league fixtures for years 5 and 6, against other schools, start next week for netball and football.

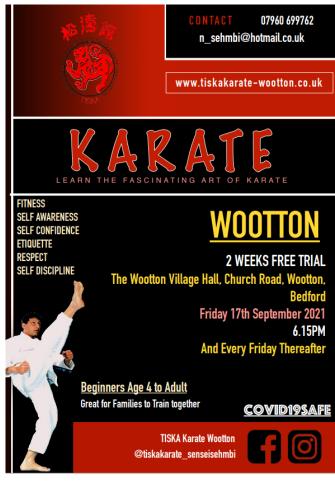
**Tue 14th Sept -** Year 6 Boys football match - away - Harrold primary **Wed 15th Sept -** Year 5 & 6 girls netball - training at GDPS

Thu 16th Sept - Year 5 & 6 girls netball match - details TBC

Letters have been given to the children confirming if they are playing matches.

## **LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS**







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