



# Great Denham Primary School

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Newsletter 8 – Summer Term

12<sup>th</sup> June 2020

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

It has been another busy week at school as we welcomed back another 15 children. The children in school continue to blow us away with their maturity around their understanding of the current situation as well as their attitudes to learning. We are so proud of them. We really miss the children who are at home but love seeing everything they are doing on SeeSaw. We hope they are enjoying getting back to a project approach this half term more in keeping with how they learn in school. Later today we will be sharing our latest video with you – I hope you enjoy it!

I am sure you have read in the news as we did about the change in the government plans for the wider opening to all primary children for the last month of the school year and I am sure many of you are disappointed about this. I do hope over the coming days we get some clarity from the government as to what the wider opening may look like for us in September and I will of course share with you our plans as soon as I can.

Hope you have a lovely weekend.  
Denise Burgess

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## Key Worker Places

We are almost reaching capacity now for our keyworker bubbles so if you think you may need a space any time before the end of the school year and you are not already registered please can I ask that you email Claire Boyce by Wednesday next week to confirm - [claire.boyce@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk](mailto:claire.boyce@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk). Any enquiries after then we may not be able accommodate.

## Year 6 leaver assembly & party

### Save the date

Due to the current restrictions we have made the decision to not hold any of our leaver's celebrations this term. Instead we are provisionally booking the date of **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September** to celebrate our Year 6's time at Great Denham.

Please put the date in your diary and we will be in touch with more details as soon as we can. At the moment the plan is to invite the children in for their SATS breakfast, followed by the leaver's assembly (with parents) and then following that, a party for the children all on the date of **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> September**.

This week's letters home –  
look for them in your child's  
bag or via ParentMail

Neighbourliness in Lockdown

## REMINDERS

### Snacks

Please ensure your child has a snack with them each day to have mid-morning. This applies to all year groups as the free fruit scheme (for Reception & Key Stage 1) is not up and running again yet.

### Post Box

We now have 2 post boxes one of the school railing at the front of school and one under the canopy by the school office noticeboard – if there is anything you need to deliver to the school pop it in there (forms, money etc.) and it will be emptied at the end of each day.



### DIARY DATES

- **Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Jul** – Y6 Leavers hoodies delivered to school
- **Fri 17<sup>th</sup> Jul** – Last day of Term

# ART COMPETITION

Mrs Harwood Bowles had a very difficult time judging the art competition - thank you for all your entries!

## Competition Winners

Pre School / Reception – Elsie F

KS1 – Eloise G

Lower KS2 – Amber D

Upper KS2 – Zara S

## Head teacher award for Highly Commended artists

EYFS – Hugo N

KS1 – Joseph L and Matilda C

Lower KS2 – Bandile B

Upper KS2 – Hannah S and Freya S

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# Breakfast, After School & Extra-Curricular Clubs – September 2020

We are awaiting government guidelines for returning to school in September before we can make any decision about what wrap around care we will be able to provide for the children. As soon as we know we will be in touch.

## Stars of the week



| Class                 | 1st June             | 8th June          |
|-----------------------|----------------------|-------------------|
| Little Stars          | Lara & Parker        | Aysar & Evelyn    |
| Cassiopeia            | Freya & Sebi         | Monty & Alex      |
| Orion                 | Victoria & Lola-Rose | Summer & Isla     |
| Tucana                | Joseph & Nathan      | Phillip & Megan   |
| Aquila                | Summer & Tahlia      | Alex & Joseph     |
| Cygnus                | Austin & Aryan       | Alex & Asher      |
| Pavo                  | Grayson & Reuben     | Poppy & Freddie   |
| Volans                | Ibrahim              | Imogen            |
| Delphinus             | Bilal                | Oscar             |
| Andromeda             | Tommy                | Mohammed          |
| Pegasus               | Amy                  | Xara              |
| Perseus               | Orlando              | Charlie           |
| Auriga                | Madi                 | George            |
| Eridanus              | Noah                 | Yousuf            |
| Vela                  | Katherine            | Isobel            |
| Lyra                  | Amy                  | Micah             |
| Lacerta               | Amiee & Maryam       | Madeline & Cienna |
| Circinus              | Mahira & Lina        | Haydar & Zohal    |
| Care Club - Year 2    | Summer               | Finley            |
| Care Club - Year 3    | Charlie              | Alice             |
| Care Club - Year 4 /5 | Jake                 | Eivissa           |



Zara



Amber

## Neighbourliness in Lockdown

This week is Neighbourhood week and Neighbourhood watch are running a competition on being a good neighbour. Would your child be interested in participating? See the attached flyer for more information.

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## iPad Scheme - Year 3 - September 2020

*We usually give the parents of Year 2 children the opportunity to sign up for the school iPad scheme during the Summer term, ready for them starting Year 3 in September. This year we will still be offering parents the opportunity to join the scheme, however you won't be able to sign up until the autumn term. Further details will follow in September.*