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Newsletter 12 – Summer Term

16th July 2020

A message from the head.....

Dear Parents,

As we come to the end of what has been a strange year may I take this opportunity to thank you for your support. It has been amazing and has really helped us particularly over the last few months. We have really missed the normality of school and can't wait for all the children to return in September - please if you haven't had time to read the PowerPoint I sent out last week please do as all the information is included in there about school opening. The PowerPoint can also be found on our school website under the COVID - 19 section.

Today, we say a goodbye to our wonderful year 6 children, those in school and at home. So many of this year group started at Great Denham in our Pre-School on 10th September 2012, the day the school opened, and have been such a big part of our journey so far. As well as this we are saying goodbye to many of the last of our founder member families - thank you so much for your support and please do stay in touch! The current year 6 are such an amazing group of children and it is sad their time has been cut short. However, we can't wait to celebrate their time at GD on Saturday 26th September - we do hope all the children will be able to come!

Today we say a sad goodbye to some staff who are leaving us for pastures new: Miss Cheatham, Miss Mehboob, Miss Lamptey, Mrs Turner and Miss Souter. We wish them all well in their new adventures and thank them for their contribution to our school.

For now, have a lovely summer break, stay safe and we look forward to seeing the children in September when we will welcome our new nursery and reception families!

Hope you have a lovely weekend.
Denise Burgess

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Year 6 leavers

Please keep the date free for your leaver's brunch, assembly and party on **Saturday 26th September**. Children do not need to wear school uniform and should come in smart party clothes! They are welcome to bring a white shirt for everyone to sign. Parents, we do not know what the government guidelines will be at that time but please bear in mind that it is quite likely we will not be able to accommodate several family members for the assembly - I will send out more details in September but there will be no siblings I am afraid and we are likely to say no more than 2 adults per child. Again I will update this when we know more.



This week's letters home sent by email – also available on our school website under parents/letters home

Clubs information sheet – September 2020

Lunch Menu Sept 2020

How To Guide – School Meals

How To Guide – Y6 remove school settings from iPad

Summer Reading Challenge

Last video of the year



I hope you have enjoyed our videos - I would like to say a huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Borner who have worked so hard to produce these for you!

I hope you enjoy our grand finale of the year. It can be found at the link below:

<https://youtu.be/PVhOgcEZHVE>

DIARY DATES

- **Mon 7th Sept** – Children in Year 1, 3 & 6 return to school
- **Tues 8th Sept** – Children in Year 2, 4 & 5 return to school
- **Thu 10th Sept** – Y6 Stunning Start
- **Sat 26th Sept** – Year 6 Leavers celebration

Holiday learning

If you are looking for something to do with your children over the summer, please try to encourage your child to keep reading! Miss Souter sent out a summer reading challenge earlier in the week and can also be found on our website in the letters home section. As well as this I have attached 50 things to do by the time you are 11 3/4 which may give you other ideas of things the children can do.



Returning to School in September

The PowerPoint Presentation which was circulated to parents can also be found on the school website at

www.greatdenhamprimary.org.uk/covid-19

A reminder of the start times from September

Year 1-6

Family	Start time	Finish time	Friday Finish Time
Terra	8:20 – 8:30am	2:50 – 3:00pm	12:50 – 1:00pm
Ventus	8:30 – 8:40am	3:00 – 3:10pm	1:00 – 1:10pm
Aqua	8:40 – 8:50am	3:10 – 3:20pm	1:10 – 1:20pm
Ignis	8:50 – 9:00am	3:20 – 3:30pm	1:20 – 1:30pm

Early Years

	Start time	Finish time	Friday Finish Time
Reception	8:50 – 9:00am	3:10 – 3:20pm	1:00 – 1:10pm
Nursery	8:45 – 9:00am	3:00 – 3:15pm	11:45 or 3:00 – 3:15pm

SCHOOL MEALS

The menu has been circulated to parents this week and can also be found on the school website at www.greatdenhamprimary.org.uk/parents/school-meals

A meal must be booked for all children wanting a meal, even those receiving Free School Meals or who are in Reception Year 1 & 2 and received the Government funded Universal Infant Free School Meal.

You will need to book on www.sims-pay.co.uk by the Saturday before the week you want your child to receive a school meal.

A How-To Guide has also been sent to parents this week, please refer to this in the first instance, however if you are still having problems, please email enquiries@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk

REMINDERS

Uncollected reports

If you have not collected your child's school report, they can be collected in September once we have returned to school.

Uniform in September

Children can return to school in September wearing the Summer uniform. Key Stage 2 will need to wear a shirt and tie after the October half term.

iPad Scheme: Year 6

Details have been sent out on how to remove the school settings.

If you have any questions please contact the school office after 7th September



Summer Poster Competition – let's get drawing!

Great Denham Parish Council are asking the children of Great Denham to help them tackle road safety problems such as parking and speeding.

They want to get some great designs for signs that we can put up around Great Denham, telling drivers:

- Not to speed, and watch out for people crossing the road
- Not to park on double yellow lines, or on corners, where pedestrians can't be seen
- Not to park across pavements and block the way for pedestrians
- To drive more considerately around the village and make it safer for everyone

Make them as colourful as you can so that people will pay attention to them.

Details of how to send in your drawings will be appearing on the Parish Council FB page and other FB pages in Great Denham, so keep an eye out.

Your poster could be chosen and put up around the village – so let's get drawing!

Good Luck and Best Wishes to all our Year 6's who will be leaving us to join Secondary School in September.



LOCAL EVENTS & ADVERTS

Summer Holiday Sports Clubs



LUTON TOWN F.C.



Springfield Primary School

Monday to Friday 27th to 31st July

Five 2 hour sessions £40.00 – morning or afternoon

'Young Leaders Camps' School Years 3 to 6 – 'Technical Football Camps' School Years 1 to 6

1. Young Leader Camps - Learn how to Coach!

The Young Leader Award is a great introduction into leadership giving boys and girls knowledge of how to organise and lead small games and activities that can be used as part of a community club or sports club session.

The award aims to help learners develop leadership skills such as

- organisation,
- communication
- teamwork,
- confidence and self-esteem



All boys and girls will receive a Leadership Journal which they can use to record what activities they have done during the course; what they have learnt, what they have enjoyed and what they found most challenging.

Certificates will be awarded by post once boys and girls have completed the core elements of the Young Leader Award and everyone will receive a Luton Town FC medal at the end of the course!



2. Technical Football Camps - Improve your soccer skills!

Each 2 hour session will be dedicated to a different specific technique training, where the main objective is still to have fun – but, to improve individual technical performance.

We'll be offering professional and fun technical training combined with speed, agility, quickness (SAQ) training for a full, action packed 2 hour session.

These specific courses will also offer the potential for progression within our youth development and academy system at the club and are for young players who want to improve their technical football skills.

Full course details and on-line booking together with COVID-19 guidance at
<https://www.lutontowncommunity.co.uk/Pages/Events/Category/Holiday-courses>

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