

Dear DMS Families,

We have sunshine! I'm so glad that we are officially entering spring tomorrow! I hope that you are all pleased to see the days getting longer and the evenings getting lighter.

The year 5s definitely made the most of the light last night and this morning at New Barn! I had the pleasure of spending 14 hours in their company overnight and all were so excited to tell me of their escapades when I arrived after school (just in time for the campfire and BBQ) yesterday. I know that they will have thoroughly enjoyed themselves today as well. Thank you to the pupils for being absolutely brilliant and to the staff for making the trip possible. I know how much work goes into planning a residential, so I hope that Mrs Ray has a well-earned rest (and sleep!) this weekend.

Over the last two weeks we have welcomed year 10 THS pupils on work experience into our school. All have made a lasting impact on KS2 and it was very interesting for them to see what happens in our school from 'the other side'. Thank you Louise, Robyn, Indi-Rose, Aumkar, Danny, Celine and Isla.

Today is an incredibly important day for our Muslim families who are celebrating Eid-ul-Fitr, the end of Ramadan. To you, we wish you 'Eid Mubarak'.

Miss Clements

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Important dates for your diary

23rd March

24th March

25th March

27th March

30th March to 13th April (inclusive)

13th April

14th April

End of term assembly – Y6 – 2-3pm at THS – parents/carers welcome

End of term assembly – Y5 – 2-3pm at THS – parents/carers welcome

End of term assembly – Y7 – 2-3pm at THS – parents/carers welcome

End of term assembly – Y8 – 2-3pm at THS – parents/carers welcome

Easter Holidays – School closed to pupils

Inset Day for staff – School closed to pupils

All year groups back to school

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Introducing this week

Mr Benham originally joined DMS in 2018 when he worked as a Teaching Assistant and later promoted to Cover Supervisor. He left in 2023 to work at the Dorset County Hospital, but is now back at DMS where he feels "at home", and back to the position of Cover Supervisor.

When Mr Benham is not at work, you will most likely find him next to a lake, or out on his paddleboard enjoying the water. He loves spending quality time with his family and friends making memories. Mr Benham also enjoys a wide range of music genres, but his favourite has to be country music.

Welcome back to DMS Mr Benham!!



Parent Question of the Week

What do I need to do if I want to attend the end of term celebration assemblies next week?

If possible, to help with numbers, please follow the link to book your seat to the correct assembly:

[Year 5 Celebration Assembly - Book Here](#)

[Year 6 Celebration Assembly - Book Here](#)

[Year 7 Celebration Assembly - Book Here](#)

[Year 8 Celebration Assembly - Book Here](#)

Year 8 prefects will be waiting outside THS main entrance to show you to the theatre and to your seats. Please do not arrive before 1:30pm.

Pupil Question of the Week

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Will the extra-curricular clubs be the same next term?

Some clubs, like Performing Arts, Running Club, Computing Club and Eco Club will be continuing after Easter.

There will be new sports clubs with the change of season like athletics, tennis and cricket. We will also be starting a year 5 science club, run with the help of our Y8 science ambassadors. Our new Music faculty lead Mr Shortman will be leading several new clubs like Orchestra, Forte Strings and KS2 choir.

More information about clubs for next term and how to sign up will be sent home at the end of next week.

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Celebrating our amazing pupils...

We've had a busy sporting week. Mr Kelsall was very proud of the Year 8 basketball team yesterday at the Y8 area tournament. Four incredibly competitive games played with great effort and sportsmanship shown throughout! They topped off their matches with a close victory against Wey Valley. Top scorers on the day were Marlowe and Ralf.



On Tuesday, Mrs Davidson and I took year 7 and 8 netballers to St.Osmunds. The Y7s unfortunately came second, but the Y8s beat Ossies for the second time in two weeks! On Wednesday, Miss Woodley took the KS2 netball team to the area tournament and they came second overall- well done, and a great effort!

And finally, yesterday afternoon, the KS3 Netballers spent a lovely afternoon playing in the sunshine – great fun was had by all! The year 7s scored 5 goals to WVS 13 and the year 8 team were victorious again, winning by 23 goals to 8.

We are so proud of you all!

GO DMS! DMS ARE THE BEST!



DMS PTFA
DISCO
Friday 20
March
 Yr 5 & 6 – 5pm – 6pm
 Yr 7 & 8 – 6.15pm – 7.15pm
Tickets £3

Scan QR code to buy, or use link
<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q4KRYBDV>
 Enter child's name and class in full name box

Tuck shop with drinks and snacks on the night – please bring cash



The day is finally here!!! We have our Disco night tonight! Starting at 5pm for Years 5 & 6 6:15pm for Years 7 & 8. It is always a great success as it is thoroughly planned by our amazing PTFA.

Tuck shop with drinks and snacks available on the night – please bring cash!

You can scan the QR code or use this link:
<https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q4KRYBDV>
 to purchase tickets (£3.00 each).

The Great British Spring Clean!!

Our incredible pupils from the Eco Club, have pledged to join the Great British Litter Pick Event, and if anybody finds any of the items on these badges, and can send photographic evidence to Ms Sharman or Mrs Whiter, they will be awarded with a small treat and a badge. Do join in this amazing Environmental campaign!! The following link provides a comprehensive list of the essentials needed and safety tips: <https://www.keepbritaintidy.org/litter-picking-essentials>

#GBSpringClean



Reading News

Our KS3 after school book club – better known as the 'Royal BooksNBiccies Society' – visited Dorchester Library after school on Tuesday. The Library helped our club by reserving all the copies of the books we read for the Wessex Amazing Book Award – an event we took part in with eight other schools from Dorset. The Awards Day was held at the Thomas Hardy School and our pupils contributed to presentations about each book with pupils from other schools, voted for their choice of winner and were served some amazing cake! During our visit to Dorchester Library, we created a

display of all the books on the short list as well as some other favourite books and recommended them to the readers of the teenage section of the library. We also took part in some book tasting a quiz activities and had a fantastic time!!



Y5 Residential – New Barn

Two glorious days out in the sunshine!! They have been den building, orienteering, looking at Anglo Saxon Living History, doing pottery and meeting the animals! A fun BBQ with lots of singing around the fire was followed by a talent show rounded that nicely rounded off the 1st day. Most likely we'll have very tired children (and staff) coming back this afternoon!!



What else has been happening in our Community?

THS Science Show

Our Year 8 pupils had a fantastic time at the THS Science show last Friday! Jack in Year 8 said 'We've been learning the theory of these experiments in our lessons at school, so to then see them happen in front of your eyes was amazing, and it all made sense!' Pupils were blown away by the show!



After School Clubs

Just a little reminder, that there are no After School Clubs on the last week of term, with the only exception of the Performing Arts/Drama Club which will run for one more week.

DMS Community First

Our third Support Hub and Food Bank event at DMS has taken place today, and it has been an incredible journey so far. We've had a fantastic response and have been able to support many families through both the food bank and our wider support hub. We're also grateful to the external agencies who have joined us, offering help across a range of areas and making a real difference to families in our community. Please do come along if you would like support with: **Benefits, Housing, Young carers, Bereavement** or any other challenges you may be facing. We can help connect you with local agencies who can provide further support. A big thank you to everyone involved, including those who have generously donated, such as Waitrose, Tesco, Asda, and others. Your continued support makes these events possible. If you would prefer, we can pre-pack food parcels for collection from the school, for the next event to be held on **April 17th from, 2:30 to 4pm.**

To arrange this, please email Mrs Stewart-Pope at: cstewart-pope@dms.wessex.ac

Community First at DMS
Friday 20th March
2.30 to 4pm

Everyone Welcome!!

About Our Event:
We are launching a Food Bank and Support Hub at DMS. Many of our families can find it difficult this time of the year and we would like to support in any way we can.

Next date to come: April 17th

External Teams Supporting:
• Early Help;
• Mosaic;
• Targeted Youth;
• MHST;
• Citizens Advice;
• And many more organisations who can support you.

Come and talk to us about how we may be able to help. If you want to support in any way or attend the event, please contact:
cstewart-pope@dms.wessex.ac

And finally...

Easter Book Giveaway! Mrs James has been gifted this fantastic book from our friends at @Literacytree, and she's passing it on to one lucky member of our DMS family! To be in with a chance of winning parents need to like the post on Facebook and comment below with your child's favourite mythical creature (e.g.dragon, unicorn, phoenix, mermaid) One lucky winner will be chosen at random before the Easter holidays and can collect this brilliant hardback book from the school office...along with a chocolatey Easter treat!

#DMSlovesreading #NationalYearOfReading

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Clements

