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Dear DMS Families,

I think we could all do with a half term holiday! It has been a busy term, and this week has been no different. Mrs Hyde led a group of coding enthusiasts to Bletchley Park on Monday where they found out about the original coders and even got to touch an Enigma machine.

On Tuesday, Mrs King travelled to Poole with Year 5 and other staff to watch the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra, where the children also performed their practised song alongside the full orchestra—an experience few can claim! Apparently meeting the conductor was a highlight!

It was my pleasure on Wednesday to take a squad of Year 8 athletes to Yeovil for the area competition. Their conduct was impeccable and we are lucky to have some incredibly talented athletes. Freddie's, Amelia's and Kaylen's performances has meant that they have now received invites to represent South-West Dorset at the county competition in June.

Mr Kelsall will be on his way back from the year 7 residential as you read this. They have all had a fabulous time and I have been quite Jealous looking their photos on Facebook. I would have loved the abseiling, water activities and crate tower building – I am not too sure about the horse riding though.

I would like to say thank you to our DMS community for supporting at the Great Field last Saturday. It was amazing to see so many familiar faces for the inaugural "Red for Archie" Colour Fun Run, in aid of the Archie's Warriors charity, set up in memory of our former pupil. I am sure, Archie would have loved the day and had a good old laugh seeing just how covered in red we all were!!



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Important dates for your diary

- 20th – 22nd May
- 25th – 29th May
- 3rd June
- 6th June
- 8th June
- 9th June
- 17th June

- Y7 Residential trip to Exmoor
- Half Term Break – School closed to pupils
- Y7 Lulworth Trip
- Community Open Morning – Saturday 10am to 12pm - (future Y5 pupils and parents)
- MHST Workshop for parents, Supporting children with anxiety - 4:30 to 6:30pm - DMS
- Sponsored Run – Community Challenge (during school hours) details sent home via letter
- Sports Day – more information to follow, after half term

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PTFA News

Our fantastic PTFA have done it again and put on another cracking event for our children. What a great evening the children had last Friday at DISCO!! Thank you so much to them!! A huge thank you, to Mrs Ray's daughter, Elsie, for playing some banging tunes and providing the Key Stage 3 children with party game fun, proving that you are never too old to enjoy Musical Bumps!!



For clarification, if you have seen the photos on Facebook, KS3 were 'limboing', just in case you were wondering!!

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Parent Question of the Week

Is it too late to sign my child up for wraparound childcare?

Definitely not! We can accommodate on the day bookings for the morning and after school sessions. Bookings need to be made via the Arbor app – if you need help with this, please contact the school office.

Wraparound Breakfast Club 7:30am – 8:30am, £6.00.

Wraparound After-School Club 3:30pm – 4:30pm, £6.00, 4:30pm – 5:30pm, £6.00.
3:30pm – 5:30pm (2 hours), £11.00.

You may be able to get help paying for childcare. You can check what support you could receive by using the official government Childcare Calculator:

<https://www.tax.service.gov.uk/childcare-calc/>

Up to 85% of childcare costs can be claimed back through Universal Credit or you may be entitled to tax-free childcare.

Pupil Question of the Week

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What do I need to do for the PTFA Sponsored Run?

Letters have been sent out to your parents with a sponsorship form. Over the half term, please try and ask your family and friends to sponsor you. Any money you raise will go towards the DMS PTFA. We have more paper copies in the school office if you need one.

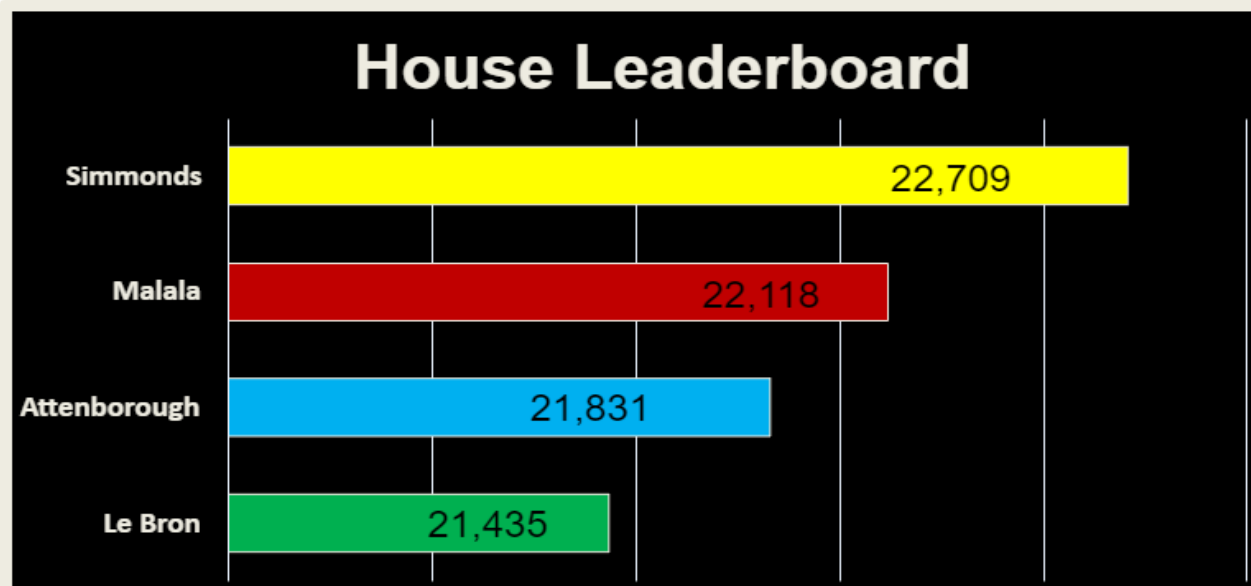
The event will take place on Tuesday 9th June. Each year group will have a time slot - the more distance you travel, the more points you will get for your house.

You will move from the bottom of the field to the top of the field, collecting a token for your house each time. You will need to wear your PE kit to school and if you have a T-shirt with your house colour, then you may wear it. Your parents can scan the QR code for more information and go to the JustGiving page.



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DMS Houses – Updated Leaderboard



Netball House Competition Results

After two exciting weeks of matches across Years 5, 6, 7 and 8, the final house winners are in — and every team brought brilliant energy to the courts.

Year Group Winners:

- Attenborough** — Year 5 Champions
- Simmonds** — Year 6 Champions
- Malala** — Year 7 Champions
- Malala** — Year 8 Champions

A huge well-done to all players for showing teamwork, determination, and fantastic house spirit throughout the competition.

An extra special shout-out to the Year 8 organising team — **Isla B, Gracie H, Olive E, Fleur R, Freya B and Emeli B** — whose leadership and planning made the event run smoothly and kept the atmosphere buzzing (they also wrote this).

South-West Dorset Schools Athletics

Congratulations to the year 8 pupils who represented DMS in the area schools' competition at Yeovil stadium on Wednesday. Notable performances from:

Freddie: 1st 100m 11.72s(!), 1st 200m 24.67s and 1st Javelin 30.37m

Amelia 1st 100m 13.49s, 2nd 200m 28.98

Kaylen: 2nd 1500m 5:32

Dudley: 2nd 800m 2:43

Oscar: 3rd 800m 2:44

Theo: 3rd 1500m 5:15

Tylon: 3rd Long Jump 3.76m

Isla: 3rd Long Jump 3.6m

.....and they even have another year competing in the Junior age category!



Celebrating our amazing pupils...

Last weekend Josh in Year 6, with his football team Dorchester Magpies, won their first football tournament, the U11's Maiden Newton tournament!!

Josh scored 5 goals, including 1 in the last minute of the semifinal to finish 2-1 and secure their place in the final. Josh has been so dedicated to his training, and his determination has paid off. We are so proud of you Josh!!



On Monday our talented 'Chefs' in Year 8, Crue and Jack, created amazing fajitas during food tech lessons. Mrs King was so impressed by how delicious they looked and smelled!!! Well done!!

School Trips

At DMS, we are passionate about giving children opportunities to grow, explore, and build a wide range of skills in exciting and meaningful ways. School trips—whether they are day visits or residential experiences—play a vital role in this journey. These trips not only bring learning to life but also help children develop confidence, independence, and lasting memories and we make sure that all the year groups can experience this. There are lots of more photos on our Facebook page.



What else has been happening in our Community?

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Ever wonder what your teachers get up to when they're not in school? As a self-confessed history geek, Miss Homer takes every opportunity to get involved with local archaeological digs, most recently in St Nicholas Street in Weymouth (the old bowling alley site). It is one of the oldest parts of what used to be known as Melcombe Regis (Weymouth was actually on the other side of the town bridge), and the dig has now reached down to the medieval levels, where rows of cottages with long gardens known as burgage plots used to be. Over the last few weeks, Miss Homer has developed a knack of digging up successive 'best finds of the dig': an almost whole 17th century jug; a 14th/15th century seal matrix that was used by merchants to stamp wax seals onto documents; and a 14th century jetton, which is a coin-like token used by traders. Not to mention a whole cat buried next to a buckle... maybe a relative of Puss in Boots? If you are in Weymouth over half-term, the finds station is open 10-3 every day, to look at Miss Homer's treasures, as well as some of the other exciting finds from the site, and there is also, a free children's archaeology drop in session on Friday 29th May from 11am to 1pm (more information attached). Thank you, Miss Homer, for sharing this fantastic hobby with us!!



Don't forget that on **Saturday 6th June, from 10am to 12noon**, our school is open to receive current Year 3 and 4 pupils and their families, to come along to our **Community Open Morning!!** You can meet some of the staff, explore the classrooms and facilities, ask questions about school life and meet other pupils starting at DMS in September. There is no need to book, just come along and meet our lovely DMS Community!!

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All of us at DMS wish you an incredibly happy half term break and Spring Bank Holiday. Did you know that the Spring Bank Holiday has only had a permanent place in the UK calendar since 1971? Previously it was the first Monday after Whit Sunday (a Christian festival celebrating Pentecost – the day when the Holy Spirit came to Jesus' followers, 50 days after Easter Sunday). Enjoy whatever you and your family do, and don't forget your sun cream!

Miss Clements