

Dear DMS Families,

What a fabulous (and busy) week we've had – there are lots of photos in here and many more on our DMS Facebook page.

On Monday evening, pupils performed in the Summer Concert and Year 5 were lucky enough to watch the rehearsal in the afternoon – thank you to the music department and everyone who helped to make the event happen.

It was so lovely to see the new Year 5 visiting us for their transfer day on Tuesday and the current Year 8 looked so smart and grown up when they left us for their day at Thomas Hardye.

Mrs Gowers took a group of Year 6 pupils to THS on Wednesday for an afternoon of STEM (science, technology, engineering, maths) activities in the THS workshops.

On Wednesday evening, I had the pleasure (I'm not sure I could call the first 4km that!) of participating in the Casterbridge Canter. This trail running event was run by our fantastic PTFA with all proceeds going to the school. A special thank you must go to Tacky the chief organiser, seen here with me and Mrs Ray.



Last night Mrs King, Mrs Ray and her year 5 team welcomed the new Year 5 parents and carers into school for the transition evening.

As we head into the final week of term, things do not get any quieter.

On **Thursday 16th July** our School Council will host a **Cake Bake Sale** from **3:30 to 4pm**. Cake donations will be welcomed and appreciated, please can you bring them to the school office in the morning. All cakes 50p or £1, cash only!! All the proceeds will go to support 'Mission Jensen'. ❤️



We also look forward to seeing you all at the celebration assemblies next week.

Miss Clements

Important dates for your diary

13th July

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14th July

15th July

16th July

16th July

17th July

1st September

2nd September

3rd September

Drop off session for SEND parents/carers of Year 8 pupils – 2 to 3:30pm

Y6 End of Term Assembly – 2-3pm – THS

Y5 End of Term Assembly – 2-3pm – THS

Y7 end of Term Assembly – 2-3pm – THS

Y8 Leavers Assembly – THS – 7pm – doors open 6:15pm

Student Council Cake Sale – fundraising for Jensen Pittman's charity: 'Mission Jensen'

Last day of the academic year

Staff Inset Day - school closed for pupils

Year 5 back only

Whole school back

PTFA News

A huge thank you to our dear friends from the Casterbridge Canter, who organised a special fundraiser to support the DMS PTFA. **They raised the incredible amount of £1859.35!!** Thank you so much for a fantastic event!!!

Don't forget that the last remaining event of the year is tonight! **Disco night for Years 4 & 5 (5 to 6pm) and Years 6, 7 & 8 (6.30 to 7.30pm).**

Tuck shop on the night, please bring cash!!



**DMS PTFA
DISCO
Friday 10
July**

Celebrating the end of the school year and welcoming our new starters!

Yr 4 & 5 – 5pm – 6pm
Yr 6/7/8 – 6.30pm – 7.30pm

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

*Separate comms will be sent to new starters about how to purchase a ticket

How can I get food bank support over the Summer holidays?

As a school we can make referrals to our local food bank at the Dorford Centre over the summer holidays. We understand that circumstances can change and may have become a little harder than they used to be so please do not hesitate to get in touch. to the Summer holidays, and even over the holidays, please email Miss Easton: seaston@dms.wessex.ac , and she will arrange a Food Bank voucher for you.

DMS can help! Summer Food Bank Vouchers

Did you know we can support you and make a food bank referral?

Our local food banks can provide emergency food and practical support to families who are struggling financially.

We work with food banks to make sure families can get the help they need.

If you are in need of support in the lead up to the Summer holidays, please email [Miss Easton](mailto:MissEaston@dms.wessex.ac) our Pupil & Family Support Worker who will arrange a food bank voucher for you.

Please also email throughout the holidays if you require a food bank voucher.

To request a referral, please email: seaston@dms.wessex.ac



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Pupil Question of the Week

When are my celebration assemblies next week?

Year 6 – Monday 2pm - parents click [here](#) to sign up

Year 5 – Tuesday 2pm – parents click [here](#) to sign up

Year 7 – Wednesday 2pm – parents click [here](#) to sign up

Year 8 – you have your extra special 'Leavers' Assembly' on Thursday at 7pm (doors open 6:15pm) and your parents will need to click [here](#) for tickets.

Please remember that you will need to be in full school uniform as it is the formal end to your time here with us at DMS.

Summer Concert

On Monday, a very lucky audience were treated to the most fantastic summer concert. The range of music that was performed was incredible and the talent oozed. We are so lucky to have the fabulous Mr Shortman who put together this incredible concert. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved tonight: the PTFA, the DMS staff and the peripatetic teachers who came along to support their pupils. Brilliant!!



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Celebrating our amazing pupils...

Our amazing Zak S from Year 5 won two trophies over the weekend for his football!!! One for 'Supportive player' and a second for 'Players player' of the year - two categories that are voted for by this teammates and the parents, so they are extra special!! We are so proud of you Zak!!

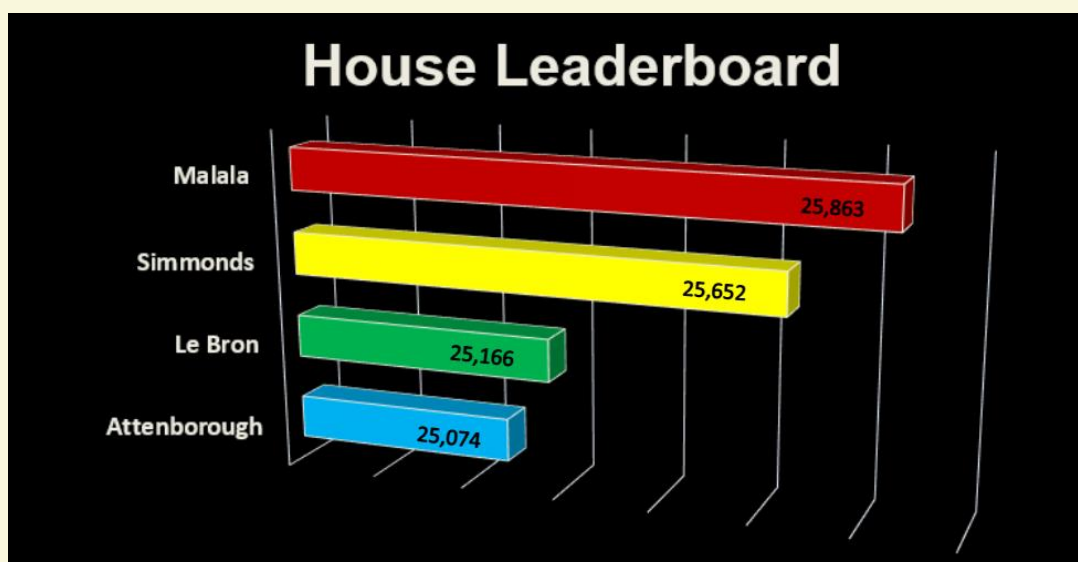


The Year 6 Civic Award Club children enjoyed the final stage of the junior Duke of Edinburgh award with a residential camp at Buddens. Where they put up and took down their own tents, ran their own planned group activities and even washed up! Alongside the 4 strands of school service, community service, a physical hobby and a non-physical hobby which the children have committed to for the past 6 months, this final stage enabled 22 pupils to successfully complete and achieve the award - almost double the number of Y6's than the previous two years. Congratulations to all of them!



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Houses Leaderboard



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Transition Day

For the last few weeks Mrs King and Mrs Ray have been very busy visiting the children joining us in September as our new cohort in Year 5, with Damers and Manor Park being the last 2 of the First Schools to visit. Some of the current Year 5 children joined them and were able to share their own experiences from when they were getting ready to join DMS.



On Tuesday, the new Year 5s spent the day with us and met their tutors and their Year 8 (to be) buddies. The buddy time was a highlight for all. Our pupils currently in Year 6 met their new Year 7 tutors and the Year 5s and Year 7s remained with their tutors as they will next academic year.



Under new government rules, your child's entitlement to **FSM STOPS on August 31st**. You will need to re-apply by Tuesday 25th August (scan the QR code) for your child to receive FSM next term.



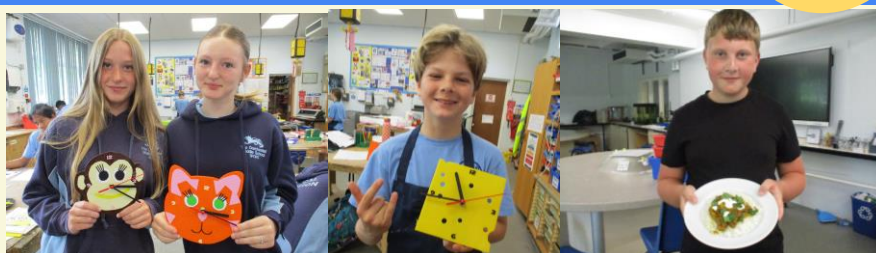
Good news - anyone claiming Universal Credit can now also claim free school meals for their child, so please also scan the QR code.

If you do not re-apply, you will still be able to order from Local Food Links, however, you will need to pay for school lunches. We are unable to provide free school meals until eligibility is confirmed.

What else has been happening in our Community?

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As usual, fantastic work has been produced in our DT department. From amazing clocks in all different shapes, forms and colours made in the Design classes to incredible food Prepared in the lessons of Food Tech, all great skills that our pupils learn every day!!



Our lucky Year 5 received a talk from the Dorset Fire Service on Monday about how to stay safe at home. They took the role of fire investigators seriously and they did a cracking job!



Last week a group of our pupils participated in a Collaborative Illustration event at THS. Their artwork has been put up in the exhibition space at the Dorchester Library and will be there until the end of the summer holidays. If you, family and friends, have the opportunity during the summer, go to the library and see the incredible work they have created!!



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And finally...

Last year, we had more pupils take part in the Summer Reading Challenge than any other middle school in Dorset – let's see if we can beat our own record this year! Find out more here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Have a wonderful weekend – the weather is set to get even hotter, so don't forget your hydration breaks and suncream! And COME ON ENGLAND – please win in normal time so that we can all get to bed before midnight!!

Miss Clements

