

Dear DMS families,

Welcome to another edition of the DMS Dozen, and one again filled with exciting news, important information and wonderful celebration.

As mentioned in the previous DMS Dozen, next week we will experience our first DMS Careers Week. Each subject area will replace one lesson in the week with a careers focus, linking with that subject and the skills involved. Our aim is to inspire and enthuse our pupils about the world of employment, and to open their eyes to careers they might not have considered before – of course this why we do what we do, and it is always interesting and exciting to learn about the future ambitions of the pupils in our school; it's even better when they come back and visit us all those years later!

We are also gearing up for our Year 5 residential. I know so many of the pupils (and staff) are looking forward to their 'New Barn' adventure. I am very excited as I have volunteered to stay the night – it definitely had nothing to do with the BBQ and Breakfast that was on offer...

Mr Murray



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Important dates for your diary

19th March	Mini Concert for Y7
24th to 28th March	KS3 Careers Week
24th March	HPV jabs – Y8s
27th March	Y5 Residential trip
28th March	SEND Coffee morning for parents/carers - 9:10am
31st March	Year 5 Celebration Assembly 14.00-15.00
1st April	Year 6 Celebration Assembly 14.00-15.00

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MHST Workshop for Parents - Supporting your child with sleep difficulties - Wednesday 30th April 4.30pm - 6pm

This session is available for parent/carers who are looking to understand and support their child with their sleep difficulties. The session covers the theory around sleep, common difficulties, and key strategies to implement.

Please email Mrs Ray to register your interest fray@dms.wessex.ac

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Parent Question of the Week

Is there any end of year celebration for pupils?

At the end of each term, we love nothing more than to look back and celebrate some of the amazing things that our pupils have achieved and been up to. With this in mind, and where we can, we also invite parents to join our celebration with us.

As you can see in the 'Important Dates' section our Year 5 and Year 6 'Celebration Assemblies' will be taking place at the Thomas Hardy School Theatre on the 31st of March and 1st of April respectfully (that's no April Fool either!).

Year 7 and 8 will have their Celebration Assemblies in school, and although this time parents won't be able to join us, we are planning on a larger celebration for these year groups in the Summer Term – so look out for these!

Pupil Question of the Week

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When is the next House Competition?

Great question...and perfect timing! The next House competition will be taking place next week. We have already had a range of maths challenges

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and general knowledge quizzes to get us up and running. Next week, Miss Ashley will be leading more competitions in assemblies in a game

that requires speed, accuracy and the ability to stay calm under pressure! Who will be triumphant? Attenborough, LeBron, Malala or Simmonds...

Reading News

Reading Ambassadors: thank you to all the pupils who have applied to be a Reading Ambassador – we are so impressed with the number of entries and the ideas that pupils have to develop reading at DMS. We will be looking at the application forms next week.

Boom Reader: KS2 pupils and families – please remember to log reads on Boom Reader so we can award reading stripes at our Year 5 and Year 6 celebration assemblies at the end of this term. For any assistance with logging in, please contact your child's English teacher.

DMS Book Giveaway #3: please look at the pinned post on Facebook for your chance to win a brand new copy of "Skandar and the Unicorn Thief" – an award-winning adventure book straight from our recent Scholastic Book Fair.

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School Communication

GET THE SCHOOL GATEWAY APP and stay fully connected to your child's life at school, wherever you are, whenever you want. Download from your app store. Once you have downloaded the app click on the link below which will take you through the steps to sign up – you will need to register with the same email and mobile number we hold for you on our school records, if you are in any doubt please check with the school office. Right click on the link to access the [School Gateway App](#).

Breakfast Club

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Roll up! Roll up! Roll up! The bookings for the **Free KS2 Breakfast Club** starting after Easter are now open on the school Gateway app. Get your child's name on the list so that they can have a free, nutritious start to the day!

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****Important Reminder****

Clubs DO NOT run the last week of term and the first week of a new term, therefore, there will be **NO clubs between Monday 31st March and Friday 4th April** and **NO CLUBS between 23rd April and 25th April**. Please remind your child of their end of day plans so they know if they walk home or will be collected. Due to the busyness of the office, we are unable to facilitate calls home.

This does not affect the following:

- Performing Arts Club - this remains running.
- Tuesday and Wednesday Homework Club, Morning Wraparound Club or After School Wraparound Club - these remain running.

Please remember your child must be signed up to these clubs via the School Gateway before they can attend Homework Club and Wraparound Club.

****Summer Term**** - There will be a new club list for the Summer Term sent out to families shortly.

Clubs will start again on Monday 28th April 2025

Well done to the Year 6 netball team, who were a delight to be with. They participated in 8 training sessions this week followed by 7 matches. They were a credit to DMS, demonstrating their ROARS values throughout. They didn't make the semi-finals but played well in the games and had a mix of wins, draws and losses. Thank you to Mrs Clark for attending and cheering the team on.



Can you help with SATs Week?

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We are still looking for volunteers for SATS week. Do you, or someone you know, have some spare time when you can come in to support our Year 6 students during their SATS? SATS week will run from the 12-15th May every morning. We need readers and invigilators and will offer training and support. If you have the time to spare, please look out for a form to complete which will be emailed home today, alternatively please email the office team:

Office@dms.wessex.ac

Thank you very much in advance.

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And finally...

Don't forget that our Mid-Year Reports will be coming out before the end of term and will give you a quick update on how your child is doing in school.

I hope you all enjoy the Spring Equinox and the weekend that follows.
All the best!

Mr Murray