



NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM MR SIBLEY

Dear Parents,

I hope your children have enjoyed their second week back in school and that new parents and children have been made to feel welcome. This past week we have welcomed our new Foundation Stage 1 children and our Foundation Stage 2 children.

I apologise for any inconvenience caused by our emailing service. I am pleased to say we have now resolved these issues.

Parents of Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6) children will have received a message that the iPad meeting has been postponed, due to staff sickness, until Sunday, 15th October at 6.00p.m. Also, please can I remind you to complete the iPad options accessed here: [iPad survey](#).

The Friends of DESS AGM was cancelled this week due to the fact that we received just one nomination for each of the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson positions. I would like to congratulate both Genavieve Venter and Hoda Elgemeie in filling the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson positions respectively.

We have now received nominations for the Parent Council positions and will advise you all over the next week who these parents are. We may send further communications if votes are lacking in particular year groups. I look forward to working closely with both the Parent Council and the Friends of DESS over the next year. Have a lovely weekend.

OUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

We would like to introduce the library team to all of our parents. Mrs Swindell, alongside Mrs Kelley-Quinn and Mrs Hunton are the Librarians at DESS.

Their main priority is to provide an environment that promotes and develops an interest and enjoyment of reading and learning for all the children at DESS.

The library is a calm, welcoming area with over 17,000 books comprising of many different genres such as Action, Fantasy, Poetry, History to name a few! In addition the Library has a weekly newspaper aimed at KS2 children.

Children attend the library with their class once a week. The facility is open at other times for children. More details can be found here: [Library](#).

KS2 children have the opportunity to become 'Library Monitors'. Details for these roles, which encourages children to input into the every day running of the library can be found on our webpage alongside our exciting monthly competitions!

Find out about our children's achievements here:

[Awards of The Week](#)

USEFUL LINKS

- ◆ Our Parent Council now have a dedicated page on the DESS website: [Parent Council](#)
- ◆ Our policies can be found here: [Policies](#)
- ◆ Our new Calendar of Events for the Autumn Term can be found here: [Calendar of Events](#). Please note that there may be times when dates may need to change.
- ◆ Our uniform guidance can be found here: [Uniform](#)



Music at DESS

Voice Squad

Voice Squad members were announced on Sunday, 17th September. All successful children who auditioned have been notified.

The Voice Squad held their first session this week and were already sounding wonderful whilst preparing songs for the festive season.

DRESS UP DAYS

'Dream Big Day!':

Let your child's imagination run free as they dress up in what they would like to be when they grow up. This event will take place on Thursday, 26th October. Lots of fun activities are organised throughout this day.

World Book Day

Please note the date change for this event where children dress as their favourite book character. Now taking place on Thursday, 1st March.



Sport at DESS

Notices

Trial results will be posted on the PE noticeboard (MPH) this academic year.

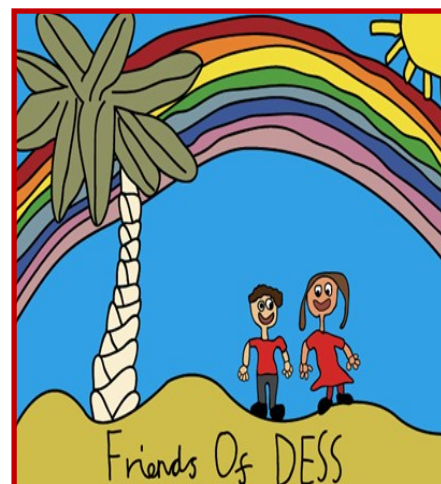
All trial dates can be found on the DESS website in our [Calendar of Events](#), our PE noticeboard and website page: [PE](#).

The PE department have a Twitter page, please follow us, photos and updates are posted regularly: [DESS Doha PE](#).

The DESS PE swim split information is on the DESS website here: [DESS PE Swim Split](#).

The Year 6 'North Star' trip will now be taking place in Oman towards the end of November 2017. Letters for the trip have been sent by email to parents. Thank you to our Year 6 parents for their patience with this. If your child has not received a letter please contact peadmin@dess.org.

A ski trip is organised every year at DESS for children in Year 5 and 6. Due to take place Sunday, 28th January 2018 to Saturday, 3rd February 2018 costing approximately QAR10,000. Letters for this trip will be distributed to parents shortly.



Friends of DESS

The Team:

We would like to congratulate our new Chairperson and Vice Chairperson, Genavieve Venter and Hoda Elgemeie, respectively and wish them every success in their new roles.

Next Meeting:

The next FOD meeting will be Monday, 2nd October at 7.30am in the library.

Events:

Bake sale, Thursday, 26th October.
Second hand uniform sale is today in the library at pick up time.

Join our
fantastic team!

**Job
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THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ FS2 Read, Write Inc. (RWI) meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd October at 8am in the small gym.
- ◆ Key Stage 2 postponed iPad meeting will now take place on Sunday, 15th October at 6pm in the small gym.
- ◆ ECA sign up is on Sunday, 24th September. All information can be found on our website here: [ECA Sign Up](#).