



NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM MR SIBLEY

Dear Parents,

I hope your children have enjoyed their week and it is nice that the humidity has lowered!

You have now all received a list of the new Parent Councillors. Thank you to everyone who put themselves forward for these positions and I hope that we can fill the vacant Year 2 position today. Once we have a full list, a date will be arranged for the first meeting.

We have our first Friends of DESS (FOD) meeting of the academic year which is on Monday at 7.30 am in the library. Please do come along and support the fundraising team.

As a well established school, DESS has many systems in place to ensure every child matters. Over the next few weeks, we want to share this outstanding practice with you through a weekly blurb on the whiteboard in the school entrance. As you wander through the reception area, look out for the weekly information poster to understand some of the reasons that make DESS an 'outstanding' school as graded in our recent inspection.

We would like to say 'congratulations' to our new Library Monitors who are Abubakr (3A), Emma (3C), Ardra (4B), Ayoub (4B), Ava (4A), Reja (5B), Jasmine (5A), Hamza (6A) and Carl (6A).

Finally please remember we have an updated parent calendar on our web site.

Have a lovely weekend.



YOUNGEST PUPILS START DESS

It is our pleasure to welcome all of our Foundation Stage 1 children to DESS. The children started their first full day at DESS yesterday.

The children had a busy and exciting first day where the four classes were introduced to the 'big playground', learnt the routine for the 'snack café' and learnt the FS1 'Golden Rules' which are: 'kind hands'; 'kind words'; 'sharing'; 'waiting our turn' and 'trying hard'. Amy Jones, FS1 Group Leader, said of the children's first day 'All FS1 staff are very proud of the FS1 children for settling in so well'.

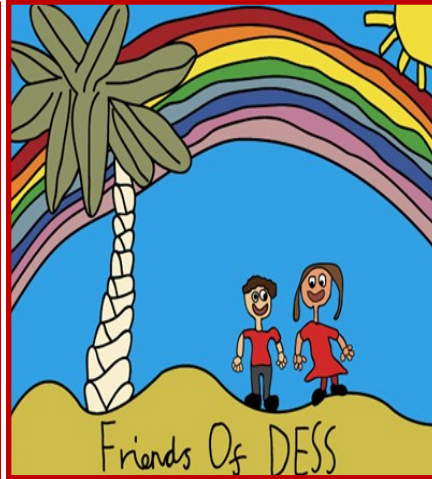
We would also like to welcome all of our FS1 families to the DESS community and we trust that your child will be very happy at the school.

Find out about our children's achievements here:

[Star Of The Week](#)

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ Friends of DESS first meeting will take place at 7.30am in the library on Monday, 2nd October.
- ◆ FS2 Read, Write Inc. (RWI) meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3rd October at 8am in the small gym.
- ◆ North Star presentation to Year 6 parents will be held in the library on Thursday, 5th October at 12.30pm.



Sport at DESS

Notices

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

All trial dates can be found in the [Calendar of Events](#), on the website page: [PE](#). Posts are also shared on our social media platforms, Facebook and Twitter.

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

If any parents could kindly volunteer in assisting during swimming lessons for FS1, FS2 and Year 1 it would be very much appreciated. Please email akind@dess.org if you are interested.

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 on **Thursday, 21st September**. If you have not received a letter, please contact peadmin@dess.org. We would like parents to confirm their child's attendance and payment by **Thursday, 5th October 2017**.

A ski trip is organised every year at DESS for children in Years 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

Next Meeting:

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

Events:

Bake sale, Thursday, 26th October.

Winter Fair Volunteers Needed

Community Garden

This week, the new Eco Team have been busy planting cucumbers, tomatoes, carrots and sunflower seeds in pots ready to plant into the garden. We are looking forward to seeing these grow strong and tall in the garden in the coming months!

Join our
fantastic team!

Job
Opportunities

Receipts

The Accounts office will not be able to issue receipts for invoices on Sunday, 1st October and Monday, 2nd October. This is due to month end accounting taking place.

'Train of Hope'

Nicola Murray is collecting old prescription eye glasses over this half term for a good cause in South Africa called 'The Train of Hope'. The train delivers glasses to people in South Africa who require glasses but cannot afford them. If parents have old prescription glasses which are no longer required, please hand them to the front office. Thank you.

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.
- ◆ Guidance on uniform can be found here: [Uniform](#)