



NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM MR SIBLEY

Dear parents,

I wish you all a Happy New Year and I hope you enjoyed your break with your children.

The children have now got back into the rhythm of school and walking around the school I am seeing some really positive learning taking place both in and out of the classroom which has been a pleasure to see.

Today, our year 4 children have been enjoying Ancient Greek Day where they have been learning about many aspects of Ancient Greek life whilst dressed up in their togas and Ancient Greek clothing—I saw some fantastic outfits in the playground today.

As you may know we have our photographer in school next week and we would welcome any families who would like to have a family shot taken to contact our Reception staff to make an appointment.

Finally, I would like to remind parents that we have a lot of useful e-safety information on our website ([click here](#)), including guidance on how to place restrictions on your child's iPad if you wish. **Enjoy your weekend.**



STAR OF THE WEEK

We are excited to announce that today we have introduced our brand new Star of the Week t-shirts!

Each child that receives the Star of the Week award will be given a yellow t-shirt which they can wear proudly to school the following week allowing us all to spot those stars amongst our school community!

When your child becomes a star, could we politely ask that t-shirts are returned washed and in a bag (with your child's name on it) to our Reception staff by the Thursday morning following the week your child was a star.

Find out about our childrens' achievements here:

[*Star Of The Week*](#)

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ School run after school activities start week commencing 14th January.
- ◆ The school photographer is in school on 16th and 17th January. If you would like to book a family photo session, please contact our Reception staff to book a slot. Book early to avoid disappointment.



Buddy Bench

Meet the winners of the competition where pupils used their creative flair to design a beautiful new Buddy Bench for the playground.

The judges had a tough decision to make but eventually chose Aisha (3B) for her beautiful design and quote 'a true friend is the greatest of all blessings.' Runners up in the competition were Iqra (FS2 Green), Sonnzal (1B), Naim (2C), Ayoub (4B), Christian (5A) and Hana (6B).

All of these pupils are being invited to help to paint the Buddy Bench with the winning design.

We would like to thank Rumaillah Group who kindly donated the Buddy Bench to our school. The Buddy Bench will be a place for children to go to find a friend at playtime if they wish.

Join our fantastic team!

[Job Opportunities](#)



Sport at DESS

Notices

Athletics and basketball squads have now been published on the MPH noticeboard.

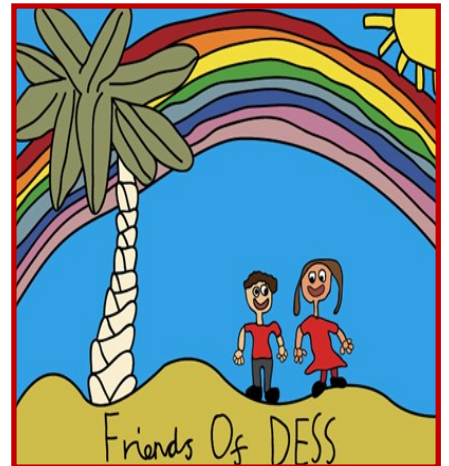
Term 2 training schedule is now available on our website: [Term 2 Squad Training Timetable](#). Please note changes to days where squads run in Term 1 and Term 2.

Any Y5/6 basketball squad children not in cross country may attend training with Coach Allen on Sunday, 14th January after school.

New Early Morning Swim Squad times for w/c 14th January are:
 Monday (BSME & Y6) 6.45-7.15am
 Tuesday (Y3 & Y4) 6.45 –7.15am
 Wednesday (BSME & Y5) 6.45-7.15am
 Thursday (BSME) 12.20-1pm

Health and Safety News

Our Health and Safety Officer has been monitoring the weather closely and has temporarily relaxed the rules on children wearing hats during playtime outside.



Friends of DESS

We are delighted to let our DESS community know that the Winter Fair 2017 raised QAR60,000 profit for the school which is a record breaking amount!! Congratulations to everyone who helped us to deliver this fantastic event which we trust all of our community enjoyed attending.

Library News

Library Monitors have been announced for this term and are as follows:

Year 3: Hannah and Sammy
 Year 4: Amna and Saoirse
 Year 5: Ethan and Zoya
 Year 6: Maisum

January Competition:
KS1-Send the librarians a post-card telling them all about your all time favourite holiday.
KS2- Record a book review.

The competition ends on Wednesday, 24th January 2018.

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 Spring 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](#)