



NEWSLETTER

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A MESSAGE FROM MR SIBLEY

Dear Parents,

Please see the sports section of this newsletter to find out how some of our children performed in the Cross Country finals in Dukhan this week. We were all very proud of the efforts of all the children and some of our children did particularly well in races where there were lots of competitors! This week we have welcomed some parents with their Foundation Stage 1 children who have been in school for assessments. I would like to thank all the staff, both teaching and administrative, who are involved with these assessments. Today we enjoyed class 5C's assembly where the children have enjoyed sharing their learning with the parents, children and staff.

This week we sent three of our Teachers on the Olevi Outstanding Teacher Programme. The course is recognised by the National College of Teaching and Leadership in the United Kingdom. Through this course, teachers will be able to coach their peers on building upon the outstanding teaching my staff provide to further raise the standards of teaching that we provide to your children at DESS. I look forward to sharing more with you about this soon. **Enjoy your weekend.**

PARENT SATISFACTION SURVEY

Soon, we will be sending all parents a copy of this years Parent Satisfaction Survey. The survey is electronic and will take you no longer than five minutes to complete.

The survey provides our Leadership Team with invaluable feedback on how we can keep working on the aspects of the school which are working well and help to improve those areas where necessary.

Your feedback is taken seriously and acted upon. Last year saw a number of key initiatives introduced at DESS as a direct result of survey feedback. One of these key areas was communication and improving day to day feedback between parent and Teacher, particularly for working parents who may find it challenging to arrange appointments at drop off or pick up. As a result of this feedback, in September 2017, we introduced the new DESS Communication book which makes it easier for parents to communicate with their child's Class Teacher on a daily basis.

Please look out for the survey link which will be sent to you by email and we look forward to hearing your feedback!

Find out about our childrens' achievements here:

[Star Of The Week](#)

THINGS TO REMEMBER

- ◆ International Week starts on Sunday 21st Jan. Food Fair and parade will be on Thursday 25th Jan.



Music at DESS

Voice Squad will be taking part in the launch of the Qatar Primary School Choir of the Year. We look forward to hearing all about the event next week.



Sport at DESS

Fixtures

Mon 22nd Jan is QPSSA Netball Competition.

Notices

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.

New Early Morning Swim Squad times

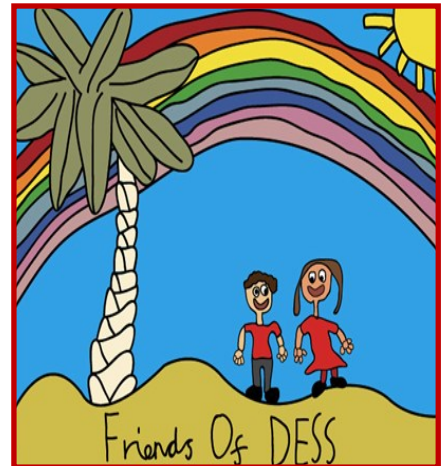
Monday (BSME & Y6) 6.45-7.15am
Tuesday (Y3 & Y4) 6.45 –7.15am
Wednesday (BSME & Y5) 6.45-7.15am
Thursday (BSME) 12.20-1pm

Thank you to those parents who helped at the cross country event.

If any parents are able to help with umpiring at QPSSA netball, 9.00am –1.00pm please contact Mrs Lyon asap.

Results

QPSSA Cross Country overall team 2nd, Y3 girls 1st, Y4 boys 1st, Y5 girls 2nd, Y4 girls 3rd.



Friends of DESS.

Our next second hand uniform sale will be Thursday 1st Feb between 12.00pm—1.00pm on the shaded playground.

Uniform at DESS

May we please remind parents of our uniform policy. If parents need more information on the required DESS uniform please refer to our website [here](#).

Jewellery and Hair at School

We would like to remind parents that jewellery is not permitted to be worn during PE or swimming lessons. Please make sure your child does not wear any jewellery on these days.

All children should wear their hair tied back for school.

Join our fantastic team!

[**Job Opportunities**](#)

Star of the Week

May we please remind parents that the yellow Star of the Week t-shirts must be returned to school each Thursday, washed and ready for the next weeks' Stars.

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 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](#)