



DEER PARK

newsletter

Issue 4 - Friday 11 November 2022

Headteachers Hello!

It's been an eventful couple of weeks since I last wrote to you. I hope you enjoy looking through the newsletter at some of the wonderful things that the students have been doing - they are a very caring, talented and reflective group of young people. As a school we are very proud of them.

As you know we work very closely with the contractors and Hampshire to ensure that the students have a safe and clear route to school. It was raised in our last meeting that there has been an increase in the number of cars stopping on double yellow lines around the school. Also, an increase in the number of students using the more direct path along the bridleway. I understand that the inclement weather has made it necessary to drop some students to school but if the double yellow areas could be avoided I would really appreciate your support. Also if you could please encourage your child to avoid using the bridleway as it leads onto roads with no clear crossing provisions.

Lastly, it is a thank you to everyone who continually offers support to the school. It is wonderful to receive so many emails of things that you can do to enrich the students' experiences here at Deer Park. From sponsoring kits, to offering spaces to carol sing, engage in board games with the local community or come in to discuss with the students around an area of your work. We're always open to ideas from you so if you think you could do a session on something you do as a hobby or career please drop us an email to deerpark@deerparksecondary.org and we will certainly book you in.

I hope you have a reflective and restful weekend - as a school we will certainly be thinking about all of our Service families who give so much for us. We will be joining the community on Sunday at the Remembrance Parade on St John's Road to say thank you and remember.

Mr Jones



Remembrance

Students spent their breaktimes this week crocheting poppies and bracelets with Mrs Yale. It was great to see a variety of students learning to crochet - some of the students who usually attend IT Club even gave it a go!

Mrs Yale is now thinking about making this a regular club!



Snowdrop Centre Care Home - Board Games

On Friday 4th November, 8 students visited our local care home 'Snowdrop' to play board games with some of the residents. This was a great opportunity for the students to get out and provide some support in the local community. The students were a credit to themselves and to the school, and the residents had a great time! This is the first time we have supported at the care home, and we have been asked to strengthen this link, with several more opportunities for students to support in the future.



Carol Singing Performance at Hilliers

Hillier Garden centre had their open evening on Thursday 10th November, and asked us to provide some carol singers for the evening. 44 of our students signed up, and sang to a large crowd of gatherers, getting into the festive spirit. The students were brilliant, and Hillier staff commented on how great it was to have such a large number of keen singers turn up in their festive jumpers and hats!

Odd Sock Day and Anti-bullying week commencing 14 November

Next week is anti-bullying week and this year's theme is 'Reach out'. On Monday 14 November there will be a national Odd Sock day in recognition of anti-bullying, we are asking students and staff to wear odd socks (the more colourful the better, girls may wish to wear their socks over their tights) more information can be found [here](#). We will also be covering the event throughout the week in an Education for Life tutor session as well as Friendship Friday. Check out our socials for photos and updates.

Children in Need - Non Uniform Day

At the end of anti-bullying week, on Friday 18th November, we will be having a non uniform day in support of Children in Need.

Suggested donations of £1 will be collected in tutor time.

Best of Me - recognising achievement

At Deer Park we are always looking for reasons to celebrate the talents of our amazing students. We do appreciate however they are not always forthcoming with telling us of their achievements

outside of school. Therefore, please don't forget to send any photos or recognition to bestofme@deerparksecondary.org

Report Data

Year 7 report 1 data will be emailed to parents shortly. The report data process has been shared with students in assembly and students will have the opportunity to discuss their data with their class teachers and have time to reflect on this with their tutors next week. Year 8 report data 1 will be shared in January.

Education for Life

This half term the following topics will be covered in Education for Life:

Year 7	Year 8
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Living in a diverse society • Prejudice and Discrimination • Bullying (including online) • Responding to bullying • Self-esteem and confidence • Identity Rights and Responsibilities • Hate Crime • Sexting and grooming 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender based discrimination • Homophobia/Bi-phobia • Racism and religious discrimination • Diversity and equality • Sexting and grooming



The Green Edge

Years 7 and 8 have been working within Geography lessons to achieve their Green Edge award, a certificate accredited by the Environment Agency to recognise environmentally conscious activities. So far, students have researched women in STEM who are fighting against plastic pollution, designed a new school T-shirt to raise awareness for the “plastic problem”, and began to create an assembly educating other students on how to reduce their impact on the environment.

Protect our Planet & COP 27

On Wednesday the 16th of November we will be showing a screening of “COP27: Inspiring positive climate action in your school with Konnie Huq” in the hall at 11-11:30am. During this virtual broadcast for schools, pupils will learn about COP27, the 27th annual, global climate conference, held by world leaders this November, and the steps we can all take to tackle the climate crisis.



Team of the week: Year 8 Girls Netball Team

Physical Education, Sporting Fixtures & Clubs

Upon return, Year 8 pupils have begun exploring the similarities and differences between badminton and volleyball. They will look to develop their techniques, tactics and teamwork during volleyball this half term alongside netball during their outdoor lesson (Week A). Year 7 will now be applying their Fundamental movement skills from the last half term in netball outside (Week B) and badminton during Week A.

The Southampton schools football league now takes a midseason break with the fading light, and the Year 8 boys remain undefeated with three draws in the middle of the table. The Year 7/8 girls football team are top of the league and have plenty to play for in their final three matches in February. The Year 7 boys football squad continue to have outstanding attendance at training and opportunities to represent the school are just around the corner.

Finally, the Eastleigh and Winchester Netball league continues with the Year 8 girls undefeated from 4 matches undoubtedly putting them top of the league. Another win this week against

Henry Beaufort earns them Deer Park team of the week...congratulations!



Deer Park Team Kit Sponsorship

Thank you to James White and the EweMove team for sponsoring our year 8/9 football kit along with James Diggens Auto Services for sponsoring our year 10/11 football kit that we are in the process of ordering.

If you would like to help with sponsorship, particularly year 7 football and netball kits, please contact us at deerpark@deerparksecondary.org.



CONGRATULATIONS!

For completing **30 hours of reading** on your Bronze tracker - Hiking the South Downs Way in

Bronze = 30 hours of reading!

What journey will your next book take you on???

WORDPLAYERS

BRONZE - Name

For every 30 minutes of independent reading you complete, colour in a circle to take you from one leg of the journey to the next. When you complete a journey, record it in the table. For this journey, you are hiking across the South Downs Way, from Winchester to Eastbourne.

Journey 1 - Winchester to Liphook	Journey 2 - Liphook to Basingstoke	Journey 3 - Basingstoke to Chichester	Journey 4 - Chichester to Amberley
12 miles of walking	12.5 miles of walking	11 miles of walking	12 miles of walking
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Signature: _____	Signature: _____	Signature: _____	Signature: _____

Literacy

We are so pleased to announce that the first year 7 students have managed to achieve their Bronze Reading Miles Certificate - completing 30 hours of independent reading beyond the classroom! We can't wait to see who will be the next to complete the challenge and progress to the next stage.

In their English lessons, year 7s have been enjoying starting the lessons by reading 'Pig Heart Boy' by Malorie Blackman. This book is being greatly enjoyed by year 7s as the year 8s enjoyed it before them. If they would like to see some other titles by the same author, they can search the [school LRC website](#).

Don't forget, students can use the LRC website to reserve, renew and review books! Just get your child(ren) to log on by clicking on 'Guest' and Login via SSO using their school details.



Year 8 Ski trip 31 March - 8 April 2023

We are very much looking forward to our first ever Ski Trip leaving in Easter 2023. There are still spaces available for year 8 students, should you wish your child to attend please contact us on deerpark@deerparksecondary.org or 01489 351100.

Students will take part in dry ski slope lessons prior to departure and we will hold a parents meeting in December (date TBC) to give out all relevant information for the trip.

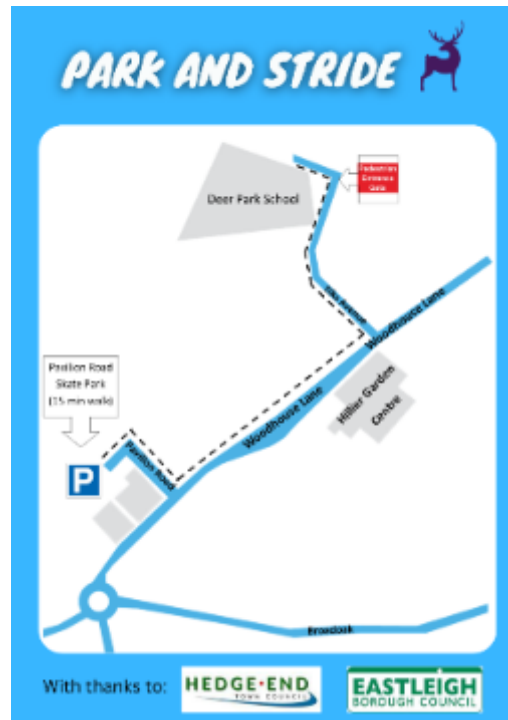
Nasal Flu Immunisation

A letter from the School Age Immunisation Service has been e-mailed to all parents. This includes important details regarding online consent for the nasal flu immunisations taking place at Deer Park on Tuesday 13th December. Please also submit the consent form if you do not wish your child to receive the vaccine against flu. It is essential that the consent form is submitted **no later than 10:00am Friday 9 December 2022**

Creative Celebration Evening

On the evening of Thursday 15th December we will be celebrating the creativity of our students including some Christmas themed performances.

More information and how to purchase tickets will be sent to parents soon.



Parking

We appreciate that parking is restricted when dropping your children off close to the school; we do however take a number of calls from local residents expressing concerns about parking due to the inconvenience as well as safety issues for all.

Please could we remind all parents to, where possible, use the Park and Stride as well as consider the impact parking in the local area has for those living close to the school.



Whatsapp Groups & Social Media

As always we recommend that you monitor your child's inclusion in larger Whatsapp and social media groups. Through experience we find these are a common way for students to be exposed to unwanted comments and content and can also cause tensions between the students whilst in school. Students are always encouraged to only be in communication groups with their close friends and not with others that they are not familiar with. Should you or your child have any concerns around online activity please seek support and guidance through CEOP on our homepage.

31 Upcoming Dates **31**

Date	Activity	Year Group
Monday 14 November	Week B	All Years
Monday 14 November	Odd Sock Day	All Years
Tuesday 15 November	Bletchley Park Trip	26 students Year 8
Friday 18 November	Non Uniform Day (Children In Need)	All Years
Monday 21 November	Week A	All Years
Friday 25 November	Inset Day	All Years
Tuesday 13 December	Nasal Flu Immunisation	All Years (with consent)
Thursday 15 December	Creative Celebration Evening	All Years

Hedge End Carnival Funfair and Fireworks

£5/person
Under 14's Free with Adult
Saturday 12th November 2022
Cash on the gate

Greta Park
Gates Open 6pm
Fireworks start between 7:30pm & 8:00pm

Support Hedge End
Carnival to support
Hedge End

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