

Newsletter

ASPIRE – ACHIEVE – VALUE

16 March 2018

What a busy week it has been! The highlights of my week are always when I get to teach or find out what the children have been learning about. I have been lucky enough this week to teach in both Frogs class and Kingfishers class.

Reports

You should have received your child's full Spring report today. If you have any questions, please bring them up at the parent consultations which are scheduled for next week. If you have not made your appointment to see your child's teacher yet, then please do so through the 'signupgenius' link parent mailed to you earlier in the week.

New Website Address

We have a shiny new website. The address is www.debdenprimary.co.uk. Please take a look.

Sports relief week

You should have all had an email about Sports relief week which will be starting on Monday 19 March. Mrs Murrell is leading this sporty, fun, active week. A huge thank you to Mrs Dixon for asking the army to provide an obstacle course for the children too!

School Disco

FODS are kindly putting on a school disco on Monday 19 March too! If you have not got your tickets, please send your money in on Monday!

Schools Maths Competition

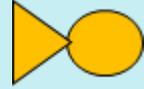
I was exceptionally proud to take four of our mathematicians to Radwinter School to compete against teams of children from a range of local schools. Our team came in first place, which was a fantastic achievement. From logic puzzles to algebra the children showed off their high level maths skills, with an impressive overall score of 90/99. A huge well done! We are through to the next round, which will be competing against children from across the county. Not only am I proud of their maths skills, but the way they worked together as a team was fantastic.

Before-school care.

Neil has sent a parentmail to you all. Following on from his last letter regarding the new breakfast club, we are pleased to announce they will be opening on 19 March. Each morning they will run from 7.30-8.30am and each session will cost £5.25.

Debden Christian Values:

Honesty, Respect and Kindness



A big thank you to Miss Harding to get "stuck in" when John Saxon led one of our Worshipps about our core values.

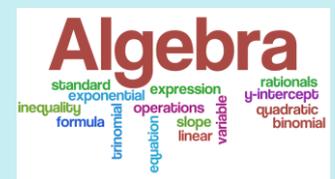
Maths Competition winners!

Logan (year 6),

Isaac (year 6)

Michael (year 6)

Duncan (year 5).



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-180° to -270°	1	-270° to -360°							
-5	-4	-3	-2	-1	1	2	3	4	5
III	-2	IV							
Y -	-3	Y -							
X -	-4	X +							
180° to 270°	-5	270° to 360°							
-90° to -180°		-90° to 0°							

They will be adding in some new exciting activities. If you are interested in booking or require any other information then please email: neilosullivan@sports@gmail.com with your child/children's details and days you'd like to book.

We are in discussion about after school care - please watch this space!

World Book Day

Mrs Hood led "World Book Day" where the children dressed up as their favourite characters and had a day being immersed in books! I am passionate about encouraging children to read - a skill they will have to have as they move to secondary school.

PSST - don't forget - reading is part of homework! Please read as regularly as you can.

Hockey Tournament & Success

I was very proud of our hockey team who came in second place at a recent hockey tournament. A huge well done to the team and a big thank you to Mrs Magness and Mrs Cox who accompanied them.

Frogs Cake Sale

The next class cake stall will be at 3pm on Friday, 23 March when it will be Frogs turn to provide the cakes.

Kingfisher Forest School

Everything was so fun at Forest School. We built dens and we even looked at owl pellets. The best bit was whittling sticks.

Sammy



Swimming

Swimming started for Years 1 and 3 on Tuesday, 20 February 2018.

Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit in school every Tuesday – this should include a swimming costume, towel and a red swimming hat. Please write your child's first name on their hat in black marker pen. This is so swimming teachers can identify children in the water for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please note that the school does not stock swimming hats. These can be purchased from any sports/online shop.

The cost for swimming is £52.50 for one and a half terms. Please make cheques payable to "Debden C of E Primary Academy".

Music lessons

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please let the office know. Lessons are full for drums, saxophone, flute and clarinet but we do run a waiting list.

Guitar lessons are full during school time, however, there are two slots available for a lesson after school.

<p>Ducklings</p>  <p>Erin & Aurora</p>	<p>Stars of the Week</p> 	<p>Minnows</p>  <p>Brewster & Evan</p>
<p>Dragonflies</p>  <p>James & Tristan</p>	<p>Frogs</p>  <p>Luca & Amelie</p>	<p>Kingfishers</p>  <p>Tommy & Josh</p>

REMINDERS!

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to drink water at all times. To help prevent the spread of germs, we do not supply drinking cups and, therefore, every child should have a named water bottle in school. Please note we do not allow juice or flavored waters to be brought in to school.

Healthy snacks

We like to encourage all children to bring in a snack for break time. It is a long time between breakfast and lunch, so a snack and a drink of water will make a big difference to children's concentration levels and ability to learn. As a healthy school, our guidelines for the type of snack to bring in must be fruit or vegetable in the form in which it grew (ie, nothing added, stretchy or made in to a bar!). Key stage 1 children have a snack provided within school and do not need to bring anything else in with them.

Nut free school

We have children within the school who have an allergic reaction to nuts. It is critical, therefore, that children should not bring nuts, or anything which contains nuts, in their snacks or lunch boxes. Thank you for your support.

School Lunch

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a FREE school meal each day. If you would like your child to have a school dinner they can just request it when the dinner register is called each morning. If you do not wish your child to have a school meal, then please provide them with a packed lunch in the usual way.

If you have children in Years 3,4,5 or 6 school meals now cost £2.30 per day; £11.50 for one week.

Lunch can be paid for weekly or termly; and must be ordered and paid for each Monday. Please make cheques payable to "Debden C of E Primary Academy".

Universal Free School Meals

Whilst your child is entitled to free school meals in Key Stage 1, we still need to collect data from these parents in order to assess whether or not your child is eligible to the educational funding in school that accompanies this entitlement. If you feel your child may be eligible, having read the criteria, please could you fill in the data collection form which is available from the school office.

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
 - You will not normally be eligible if you receive any amount of Working Tax Credit
- Please provide this information when requested as schools use this money to help support your children within the school environment to achieve their full potential in education.

How to apply

- Go online to www.essex.gov.uk/educationawards

Or

- Apply over the telephone or request an application form by calling **0845 603 2200**

Collecting Children

Please make sure that we are informed if there is any change to the collection arrangements for your child. If anyone other than a parent is picking up your child at the end of the day, please notify the office (and the class teacher if possible)

We will also assume all children registered for the bus will be taking the bus each afternoon unless we hear to the contrary.

For safeguarding reasons, it is very important that we know exactly how children will be travelling home each day.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, you must call the school office by **9am** on the first day and **each day** after that your child is absent.

Application for leave of absence for term time holidays

We discourage parents from taking pupils out of school during term time. Should you need to, requests should be made via a leave of absence form, which is available from the school office. All holiday leave will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. All requests for leave will be acknowledged.

Health and Safety Notice regarding the wearing of earrings during PE and swimming

As a reminder, Essex guidelines are that the Primary Code states that all jewellery is to be removed for PE lessons and taping over earrings is not allowed. This means that if pupils cannot take their earrings out they will have to sit out of PE until a time that the jewellery can be removed. Schools must comply with this guidance. This also applies to after school clubs and sporting events. Please also remember that all hair should be tied up on PE days.

Best wishes.

Louise Gurney
Head Teacher

Important Dates for your diary

Please note - these may be subject to change if unavoidable circumstances come up.

16 March		Full Spring reports out
23 March	3pm	Frogs Cake sale
21 March	3.15-5.15pm	Parent Consultations
22 March	5-7pm	Parent Consultations
23 March		STEM afternoon - Minnows. Parents welcome.
29 March		INSET DAY
30 March–13 April		Easter Holiday
23 April		Clubs start
27 April	3pm	Dragonflies Cake sale
4 May	9am	Minnows Class Worship - parents welcome.
7 May		BANK HOLIDAY
11 May	1.30pm	STEM afternoon - Ducklings. Parents welcome.
11 May	3pm	Minnows Cake sale
May		KS1 Test period
14-18 May		SATs week - Year 6
28 May–1 June		HALF TERM
8 June	3pm	Ducklings Cake sale
11 June		Phonics screening week - Year 1
22 June	9am	Ducklings Class Worship - parents welcome.
29 June		Summer Fayre
4 July		Sports Day Picnic lunch at 12.00; afternoon races start at 1pm.
6 July	2-3pm	Open afternoon
10 July		Dress rehearsal - KS2 performance
11 July	1pm	KS2 performance
12 July	6pm	KS2 performance
20 July	9.30am	End of term service - parents welcome.
20 July	2pm	Balloon release and awards - parents welcome.
20 July		BREAK UP

Debden Church Calendar of Services and Events

March 18	9.30am	Passion Sunday	Jeremy Collingwood
		Holy Communion	
March 23	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
March 25	9.45am	Palm Sunday	John Saxon
		Procession from Shop	
	10.00am	Holy Communion	Jeremy Collingwood
March 30	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
March 30	10.00am	Good Friday	Walk of Witness
April 1	9.30am	Easter Day	Jeremy Collingwood
		Holy Communion	
April 6	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
April 8	9.30am	Family Service	John Saxon
April 13	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
April 15	9.30am	Holy Communion	Jeremy Collingwood
April 20	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
April 22	9.30am	Choral Matins	Home Team
April 27	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
April 29	9.30am	Holy Communion	Jeremy Collingwood

Events:

March 19	10.00am	Church Mice
March 28	9.30am	Debden School End of Term Service
April 22	18.00pm	Church Annual Meeting
April 29	16.00pm	Team Service at Wimbish