

Newsletter

ASPIRE – ACHIEVE – VALUE

9 February 2018

What a quiet week! Well done to those who took part in the sponsored silence school council organised to raise funds for the school. Thank you, school councillors, and Mrs Dixon!

School Council Sponsored Silence

Well done to all those who took part in the sponsored silence this week! It has been a quiet one! We will let you know next time how we got on!

School Council Bake Off

Thank you to all those who participated in the bake off too! Some yummy looking cakes were baked. Mrs Talbot had a very tricky time deciding who won!

Tag Rugby Tournament

On the 31st of January, Debden school went to a Tag Rugby Tournament. First, we played Elsenham, the score was 3-0 to them. Next, we played Great Chesterford; the score was 2-1 to them. Next, we played Wimbish and the score was 4-0 to us. Lastly, we played Farnham and the score was 6-0 to us. Debden came 3rd in their pool. We had a great time but it was very cold!

Reported by Logan Armour

Hockey Matches



Debden A V Rickling A

Lost 1 – 0

They were so disappointed. Debden played brilliantly and had most of the play but the ball just wouldn't go into the goal. Rickling got a goal about one minute before the end.



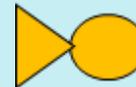
Debden B V Clavering B

Lost 1 – 0

Amazing effort from everyone!

Debden Christian Values:

Honesty, Respect and Kindness



Bobbie for showing the value of kindness by offering to share his seat.



Pen Licences awarded to:

Esme
Kaitlyn
Buddah
Duncan
Jude

Headteacher Awards:



Thomas



Evan



Jude



Taye



Debden B V STM B
Lost 2 – 0
The team played brilliantly!

Year 3/4 Sports Hall Athletics



Years 3 and 4 went to an athletics tournament at Lord Butler Leisure Centre. We took part in lots of running races and activities. It was lots of fun; we all had a great time. There were lots of other schools there.

Reported by Sophia Downing

Kingfishers Cake Sale – 2 March

The next class cake stall will be at 3pm on Friday, 2 March when it will be Kingfishers turn to provide the cakes.

Parent Forum

Thank you to our parent forum members for giving up their time. The minutes are on the website for you to review.

Hockey

As you may have heard, Mrs Magness is going to give up coaching Hockey, which will be very sad for Debden. I urge any of you to take up the mantle if at all possible otherwise we will lose our slot and it will be unlikely to come round again!

After 19 seasons of coaching hockey, I feel it is time to hand over and give others an opportunity to run this very popular club. Debden Primary Academy is very fortunate along with other primary schools, to have use of the astro at Joyce Frankland Academy Newport on a Friday for training. 4.45pm-5.45pm September - December. During this period, the children have 10 training sessions. January - March the children play matches against other local primary schools. The children are always so enthusiastic, and always a pleasure to coach. It would be great for the club to continue next season. If you can help, please let myself or Mrs Cox know. There will be no shortage in finding another school to take our slot. It would be such a shame to lose it.

Mrs Magness & Mrs Cox.

Swimming

Swimming starts 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".

Debden Church - 11th February Family service - 4 pm

Please join us in Debden Church for an informal family service to start off the half term. Refreshments afterwards.

Music lessons

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

<p>Ducklings</p>  <p><i>Miguel & Finley</i></p>	 <p><u>Stars of the Week</u></p>	<p>Minnows</p>  <p><i>Chloe & Michael</i></p>
<p>Dragonflies</p>  <p><i>Phoebe & Logan</i></p>	<p>Frogs</p>  <p><i>Reuben & Kaitlyn</i></p>	<p>Kingfishers</p>  <p><i>Logan & Eloise</i></p>

Wrap-around care

Breakfast: We are still looking for a leader and assistant to run a breakfast club. If you, or anyone you know if interested, please contact the school office. The hours would be 7.30-8.30 Mon-Fri during term time.

After-school: Neil O'Sullivan, who is going to potentially provide after school provision is coming in to school on 23 February at 3pm to discuss options. If you are interested in after school care, then please attend so we can continue to gather your views.

If you would like to speak to him before that or you cannot make this date then please email him directly on neilosullivan@sports@gmail.com or contact him by telephone on 07549 435445.

Mrs Talbot

We have said a sad goodbye to Mrs Talbot, who is relocating. We wish her the very best for the future.

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.

12-16 February		Half term
19 February		Children return to school
2 March	3pm	Kingfishers Cake sale
9 March		Dragonflies Class Worship - parents invited.
16 March		Full Spring reports out
16 March	3pm	Frogs Cake sale
21 March	3.15-5.15pm	Parent Consultations
22 March	5-7pm	Parent Consultations
23 March		RND – tbc
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

11 February	4pm	Family Service
14 February	8pm	Holy Communion with ashes
18 February	9.30am	Holy Communion
25 February	9.30am	Choral Matins
26 February	10am	Church Mice