



# DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8 May 2020

Dear Parents,

Thank you for continuing to support the children with their home learning. We have been so impressed that we have chosen to celebrate their efforts in a weekly achievement assembly! The slides for the first assembly are attached to this email, and you will receive the slides from future assemblies every Friday - until we are back to celebrate in person!

The assembly slides contain some of the home learning highlights of the week, in addition to a wellbeing thought for the week, and the all-important house points tally (teachers have begun awarding 'virtual house points' from the beginning of this week). I think the slides will be really nice for you to have a look through together over the weekend – who needs Britain's Got Talent when you can be wowed by some of our exceptionally gifted learners here at Debden?!

I have had the particular pleasure this week of looking at what our Ducklings Class have been up to, by accessing their 'Tapestry' learning software. It was wonderful to see their happy faces again, and I was so impressed by how much learning they have been partaking in at home. I particularly liked their colourful and imaginative butterfly creations! Thank you to all of the Ducklings parents for all that you are doing with the children at home – I know that it must be exhausting for you at times, but believe me when I say that you are doing a fabulous job. I also wanted to say a big thank you to Mrs Stoye for providing such thoughtful home learning provision for the Ducklings children, whilst also looking after her own children and completing her university essays!

We have been told that there will be further guidance on Sunday relating to the government 'road map' going forwards. Whilst nothing is certain, we are not currently anticipating an imminent reopening of schools. At present, it looks as though the most likely scenario is that when schools do reopen, it will be a 'phased reopening' for certain year groups. Please do rest assured that we are already making plans, alongside our trust, and the headteachers of other schools, to ensure that we reopen as safely as we possibly can when the time comes. As always, we will provide you with regular updates as and when we are informed of any changes to the current circumstances.

Two more things to quickly update you on. We are in the process of getting the necessary documentation together to hold class Zoom meetings (as I previously mentioned, from a safeguarding perspective this is not simple), so please watch this space for further updates. Furthermore, we are looking to conduct more home telephone calls, to check that everything is ok for you and for the children at home. It is most likely that we will be in touch with you about this towards the end of next week.

I hope that you all have a great weekend. Enjoy the celebration assembly!

Kind Regards

Matt Hawley

Head of School