



Debden CE Primary Academy

07/12/2018

What an exciting couple of weeks we have had at Debden Primary Academy! We are on the countdown to Christmas now and are well and truly in Christmas mode!

FODS CHRISTMAS FAIR – TODAY!

Please join us for the Christmas Fair being held today in the school hall from 3pm till 4.30 pm. There is an amazing raffle, exciting stalls, lots of delicious cakes and festive bakes to enjoy and of course a very special visitor in a big red coat!



Art Enrichment Day



We are proud that we are offering a variety of enrichment days/activities for your child to learn a variety of skills and embed their love for school and learning! A huge thank you to Miss Green, as art subject leader, for the initial organisation all the staff for continuing to provide these events.

Miss Green

We have not had any baby news just yet! Keep your eyes peeled for any updates. We wish Miss Green and her family well at this exciting time.

Key Stage 1 Performance

Key stage 1 are getting very excited about performing their Christmas Production 'A Little Bird Told Me'. Please return your ticket allocation forms if you have not already done so. I have not seen a rehearsal yet and am very excited about doing so!

Maths workshops - Monday 10 December

You should have received a letter from your child regarding the maths workshops on Monday 10 December from 9am - 10.15am. Please be reassured you will not be "taught" maths by the class teachers or put "on the spot". Your child will be leading the workshops and there will be information about how we teach maths! If you are able to attend, please do so.

Greek Day – Frogs Class

Frogs class were transported to Ancient Greece for the day last Monday. They completed puzzles, acted out Greek Myths and took part in a mini Olympics. The children all looked wonderful in their costumes and a great day was had by all. A huge thank you to FODs for their contribution to the day which decreased the cost for individual families.



Sports Hall Athletics – Frogs Class

I heard that Frogs class had a fantastic afternoon. Well done to all those who participated and showed what great Debden role models they were! We were delighted to come 2nd out of 5 schools.

Christmas Lunch

Our wonderful cook, Mrs Andrew, is cooking our Christmas lunch for us on Friday 14th December. Today was the last day to let the office know if your child does not want a lunch. The cost is £2.30 as usual for Key Stage 2 and free for Key Stage 1. In order to make this day even more festive, it will be a non-uniform day.

Elfridges Sale

The children loved choosing Christmas presents to give to their parents, siblings and pets. Thank you so much to FODs for organising this wonderful opportunity for our children.

Swimming

Frogs class have finished swimming now for this term. Swimming resumes for Frogs class on Tuesday 8 January. Their last swimming session will be on Tuesday 5 February and then Minnows will swim after half term.

Reception Admissions for September 2019

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 12 November 2018, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2019. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2019. From 12 November 2018, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Parking outside School

Please may we remind parents that parking outside the school is not allowed, particularly during pick up and drop off time. We have had reports of parents parking alongside the side gate, which makes crossing the road significantly more hazardous when the children are coming out of school.





After-school club news

Unfortunately, I have not had any more news regarding the after the school club so I am unable to take this forward at this time. It is unlikely I will have another update before Christmas, but will endeavour to clarify with Neil what the next steps are for us.

Music Lessons

If your child is interested in music lessons, please contact the school office. Instruments available for tuition are guitar, drums, piano, flute, clarinet and saxophone. If your child is interested in brass lessons please let the office know. Mrs Kadir has said that she may be able to offer Orchestra if she has interest in her brass lessons.



STARS of the WEEK	
<p>Ducklings</p>  <p><i>Rocco & Rory</i></p>	<p>Minnows</p>  <p><i>Unathi & Chloe</i></p>
<p>Frogs</p>  <p><i>Alice & Honor</i></p>	<p>Kingfishers</p>  <p><i>Emile & Curtis</i></p>

Kind regards

Louise Gurney

Head teacher

Dates for your Diary - please note, these may be subject to change if unavoidable circumstances happen.

Friday 7 December – FODS Christmas Fayre

Monday 10 December - Maths workshops for parents - 9.00 - 10.30am

Tuesday 11 December - 9.30am KS1 Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 12 December – 1.30pm KS1 Performance

Thursday 13 December – 1.30pm KS1 Performance

Friday 14 December – Christmas Lunch and non-uniform day

Friday 14 December – FODS Christmas movie night

Friday 14 December - Autumn summary reports out

Wednesday 19 December 9.30 - Christmas Service

Thursday 20 - 2 January Christmas Holiday

Thursday 3 January - INSET
 Friday 4 January - Children back
 Friday 25 January - Minnows STEM afternoon from 1.15pm - then celebration assembly
 Monday 28 January - GPS workshops for parents - details to follow.
 Friday 1 February - Frogs class assembly - parents invited - 2.30pm .
 Monday 18 - Friday 22 February - Half Term
 Friday 15 March - Full Spring reports out.
 Wednesday 27 March - Parent evening 3.15 - 5.35
 Thursday 28 march - Parent evening 5-7.
 Monday 8 April - 22 April - Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23 April - INSET
 May 2019 - KS1 "Test" period
 W/C 15 May - KS2 Test week
 Thursday 23 May - reading/phonic workshop for parents 9.00 - 10.15 - details to follow.
 Friday 24 May - Frogs STEM - then celebration assembly.
 Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May - Half-term.
 W/C Monday 3 June - science week
 W/C Monday 10 June - Year 1 Phonics screen week.
 Friday 14 June - Ducklings STEM - then celebration assembly.
 Wednesday 3 July - Sports Day - picnic lunch from 12pm and races at 1pm.
 Friday 5 July - Ducklings class assembly - parents invited - 2.40pm.
 Friday 5 July - Summer summary reports out
 Monday 8 July - 9.30 - Dress Rehearsal
 Tuesday 9 July - 2pm - KS2 performance
 Wednesday 10 July - 6pm - performance.
 Sunday 14 – Wednesday 17 – Year 6 Kingswood
 Wednesday 24 July - 9.30 - Leavers service & Awards celebration - 2pm.

Debden Church dates

December 9	4.00pm	Christingle	John Saxon
December 16	6.30pm	Carol Service	John Saxon
December 23	9.30am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
December 24	5.00pm	Nativity Service	John Saxon
December 25	9.30am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
December 30	9.30am	Holy Communion with Wimbish	John Saxon
January 6	9.15am	Holy Communion	Andy Colebrooke
January 13	9.15am	Family Service	Home Team
January 20	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
January 27	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon