

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 10 January 2020

Dear Parents

Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you have all enjoyed a pleasant break with friends and family.

The children have come back to school enthusiastic and eager to learn, and I know that the staff have been extremely impressed with how well they have commenced their new topics.

The Ducklings Class have been practicing their mark-making, and it is fascinating to see how much their writing has already improved since they started school. We recently had a teaching and learning advisor pop in to look around the school, and he commented on how beautifully the children were working (he even commented that it was 'unrecognisable' from the recent Ofsted report – high praise indeed!)

The Minnows Class, meanwhile, have been learning all about 'Oceans and Seas.' This week, they have started looking at the seas and oceans that border the United Kingdom, for example the North Sea and The Channel. Ms Weetch has informed me that some of the children seem to have a photographic memory and can already recall each of the seas that they have learnt about!

Our Frogs Class are studying events from the Stone Age to the Iron Age this week. You may have seen some of their 'Stone Age' jewellery on our Facebook feed, which I know they really enjoyed making. They have also been using some of the information that they have gathered about the Stone Age in their history lessons to write some interesting Stone Age poems.

The Kingfishers Class, as always, have been leading by example, demonstrating an excellent attitude to learning about 'The Tudors.' The advisor was particularly impressed with the amount and quality of writing that the children have completed over the past term.



This term, we are starting up several extra-curricular clubs for the children to enjoy at lunchtimes. This is in addition to the breakfast club and after-school clubs offered by Neil O'Sullivan and his team. We are keen for our children to develop in areas other than the subject disciplines, and to take part in a range of different activities. The timetable for these clubs is below, and the clubs begin next week. The clubs at lunchtime are of course free!

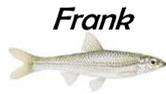
The class teachers will be sending you home class newsletters today, accompanied by our knowledge organisers (now for science, history, geography, and for some classes MFL and RE). Please do read them with your children and test them on their knowledge throughout the term. It enables our children to make the best progress possible! Thank you for your continued support from home.

Have a great weekend!

Matt Hawley

Head of School

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 7.30am-8.30am	Breakfast Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team	Breakfast Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team	Breakfast Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team	Breakfast Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team	Breakfast Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team
Lunchtime 12.30pm-1pm	Board Games Mrs Murrell	Library Parent Volunteer Sports Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team	KS2 Choir Parent Volunteer Science Club Mrs Bailey	Sports Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team	KS1 Choir Ms Weetch
After School 3pm-5pm	Running Mr O'Sullivan & Team	Football Mr O'Sullivan & Team	Dodgeball Mr O'Sullivan & Team	Zumba Mr O'Sullivan & Team	Tag Rugby Mr O'Sullivan & Team

STARS of the WEEK	
<p>Ducklings</p>  <p><i>June</i></p>	<p>Minnows</p>  <p><i>Frank</i></p>
<p>Frogs</p>  <p><i>James</i></p>	<p>Kingfishers</p>  <p><i>Honor</i></p>

FODS News

There will be a FODS meeting next Friday 17 January, **held at the village hall, Carver Barracks** from 9 am. Please support our amazing FODS team in their efforts. You will be made very welcome at this event.

The legendary FODS cakes sales will resume next Friday 17 January, when it will be Year 6's turn to provide the cakes. Please note that the cake sales will be done in year groups now, not in classes. Please leave your donations (home-made or bought) in the corridor. Cakes will cost 50p each. If your child travels home on the bus and they would like to buy a cake, please send them in with their 50p in a named envelope and staff will let them visit the cake sale before the end of the day. The dates for all other year group cake sales can be found below.

Swimming (Frogs)

Swimming for Frogs will start again on Tuesday 14th January. Their last swim will be Tuesday 11th February after which Minnows will swim. Please ensure your child has their full swimming kit with them every Tuesday (costume, swimming hat, goggles and towel).

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.

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.

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

Thursday 16 Jan – Wednesday 22 Jan – Wellbeing Week

Friday 17 Jan – Year 6 cake sale

Friday 7 Feb – Frog's STEM afternoon

Friday 7 Feb – Year 5 cake sale

Tuesday 11 Feb – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30 pm

Wednesday 12 Feb – Parent Consultations 5 pm – 7 pm

Friday 14 Feb – Break up for half term

Monday 24 Feb – Back to school

Friday 28 Feb – Year 4 cake sale

Tuesday 3 March – Minnows start swimming

Friday 27 March – Minnows STEM afternoon

Friday 27 March – Year 3 cake sale

Friday 3 April – Easter Service 9.30 am

Friday 3 April – Break up

Monday 20 April – Back to school

Friday 24 April – Year 2 cake sale

Thursday 7 May – Year 1 cake sale

Friday 8 May – Bank holiday

Week Commencing 11 May – Year 6 SATS week

Friday 22 May – Break up

Friday 22 May – Duckling cake sale

Tuesday 2 June – Non pupil day

Wednesday 3 June – Back to school

Friday 10 July – Reports out

Monday 13 July – Year 6 to Kingswood

Friday 17 July – Open afternoon

Wednesday 22 July – Leavers Service 9.30 am

Wednesday 22 July – Break up for the Summer

Debden Church Calendar of Services and Events for 2020

Services:

Sun 12 Jan	Baptism of Christ	09.15	Family Service	Home Team
Sun 19 Jan	Epiphany 2	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 26 Jan	Epiphany 3	09.15	Choral Matins	J.Saxon
Sun 2 Feb	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 9 Feb	3 before Lent	09.15	Family Service	J.Saxon
Sun 16 Feb	2 before Lent	09.15	Holy Communion	
Sun 23 Feb	Next before Lent	09.15	Choral Matins	J.Saxon
Wed 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday	20.00	Holy Communion (said service)	J.Saxon
Sun 1 Mar	Lent 1	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 8 Mar	Lent 2	09.15	Family Service	J.Saxon
Sun 15 Mar	Lent 3	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 22 Mar	Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	09.15	Praise! Service of the Word	J.Saxon
Sun 29 Mar	Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 5 Apr	Palm Sunday	09.45	Procession from Village Shop	-----
Sun 5 Apr		10.00	Dramatised Readings of our Lord's Passion	J.Saxon
Thu 9 Apr	Maundy Thursday	20.00	Agape Supper at WIMBISH Church	
Fri 10 Apr	Good Friday	10.00	Walk of Witness	J.Saxon
Sun 12 Apr	Easter Day	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 19 Apr	Easter 2	09.15	Holy Communion	Home Team
Sun 26 Apr	Easter 3	09.15	Choral Matins	J.Saxon

A short service (said) of Morning Prayer is usually held every Friday at 9.00am in the Chiswell Chapel in the Church.