



DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 6th September, 2019

Dear Parents,

It fills me with great pride to be writing my first newsletter as the Head of Debden Primary Academy. I would like to take the opportunity to thank everyone - children, parents and staff alike - for helping me to feel so welcome throughout my first few days in the role.

The children have returned to school with big smiles on their faces and I know that their teachers have been extremely impressed with how well they have settled into their new classes. Some of the teaching assistants have already been showing me some of the children's exceptional learning attempts. If they continue to exert the same endeavour, resilience and creativity throughout the academic year, who knows what they could achieve!

Before officially starting this role, I have endeavoured to speak with as many children, staff, parents and governors as possible, in order to get a real feel for the school and discover what it is all about. It is clear that this is a really caring community, that has high aspirations for the children. We have been using this information and feedback in order to revisit what we believe our core vision for our children's education should be. We want all children to:

- Progress exceptionally well academically, across a broad and knowledge-rich curriculum;
- Develop into confident, compassionate, well-rounded individuals, in a safe, caring, Christian environment;
- Become equipped with the learning skills needed to deal with future challenges;
- Create happy, positive memories of their childhood.

In order to achieve this, we are asking everyone in our school community to espouse our core values, which are to 'Nurture', 'Progress' and 'Excel.' These are terms that we have been discussing with the children over the first couple of days. We are acutely aware that the role of our parents and wider school community is absolutely vital in securing this, and so we thank you for your continued collaboration and support.

I would like to use this opportunity to welcome two other new members of staff to school:

- Mr Gary Brown has joined us as our Senior Teacher, and will be teaching in Kingfishers Class;
- Ms Ally Weetch is our new Minnows teacher - she shall be teaching alongside Mrs Murrell.

We feel elated to have recruited two professionals with such vast experience, dedication and expertise, and know that they will have a huge impact on standards across the school.

Below, you will find a number of our key dates for the coming term. You shall also be receiving a communication from your child's class teacher, informing you of class-specific upcoming events and information. We trust that this helps you to prepare for the term ahead.

I look forward to periodically updating you with all that is taking place in Debden throughout the school year. For now, all that is left for me to do is to wish you and your family a stupendous weekend - we shall see you and the children bright and early on Monday!

Kind Regards,

Mr Matt Hawley

Reminders:

Swimming (Frogs)

Swimming for Frogs will start on Tuesday 17th September. 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.

Dates

Friday 11 October - 9.30 am Harvest Service

Tuesday 22 October - 3.30 pm –5.30 pm Parent Consultations

Wednesday 23 October - 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm Parent Consultations

Friday 25 October -Break up for half term

Monday 4 November – Back to School

Friday 8 November – Remembrance Service

Monday 9 December – Christmas Jumper Day

Tuesday 10 December – KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal – 1.30 pm

Wednesday 11 December – KS1 Nativity – 1.30 pm

Thursday 12 December – KS1 Nativity – 1.30 pm

Friday 13 December – Flu immunisations

Wednesday 18 December – Christmas lunch

Thursday 19 December – Carol Service 9.30 am

Thursday 19 December – Break up

Debden Church Calendar of Services and Events for September & October 2019

Services:

September 1 9.15am Holy Communion John Saxon

September 8 9.15am Family Service John Saxon

September 15 9.15am Holy Communion Carver Barracks Padre

September 22 9.15am Choral Matins Home Team

September 29 9.15am Holy Communion joint service with Wimbish John Saxon

October 6 9.15am Holy Communion John Saxon

October 13 9.15am Harvest Festival John Saxon

October 20 9.15am Holy Communion John Saxon

October 27 9.15am Choral Matins Andy Colebrooke

Dates for Your Diary

September 10 12.00 Lunch Club

October 12 6pm-10pm Harvest Supper

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