



DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th March, 2021

Dear Parents,

We have now completed our first two weeks back in school, and the children are truly back into the swing of learning together!

I have been visiting each of our classes as frequently as possible, and have been hugely impressed with the way in which the vast majority of children have slipped back into the daily routines of their school lives. There have been some wonderful learning tasks taking place, including finding magic beans in the Ducklings class, Yeti hunting in Minnows, Andy Warhol style portrait prints in Frogs, and Solar System exploration in the Kingfishers class!

Please do remember that all parents are still invited to our weekly review of learning in the achievement assemblies – these take place every Friday at 2.30pm. The link is here:

<https://zoom.us/j/97569454304?pwd=U3dsZlppU3RGaVhuRlVrcS9WZWRHUT09>

Today was of course Red Nose Day, and the children were invited to attend school wearing something red, whilst also donating a pound for Comic Relief. Each class enjoyed a 20-minute Fun Run session, in which they ran, skipped, walked and (in some cases) even cartwheeled around our special Red Nose Day track! It was nice to see all of the children enjoying some outdoor exercise together, after what must have been some difficult weeks for them cooped up during lockdown.

Next Friday afternoon, we will be holding a short Easter service, hosted by Rev. John. Whilst the recent return to school hasn't afforded us the time that we would normally put into events like this, we still wanted to make sure we marked the occasion appropriately. Each class will be practicing and performing their own segment of the service, and we will send a Zoom link with exact timings early next week.

Our fantastic group of FODS are also running an Easter Egg competition again this year. All children are invited to bring a decorated hardboiled egg in to school on the last day of term (Friday 26 March) for the annual egg decorating competition. There are two chocolate prizes provided by FODS for each class, which will be awarded by the teachers. Prizes will be awarded for the best eggs that the children have decorated themselves. Draw a pretty pattern or turn your egg into a superhero, monster or planet! Anything goes (within reason)! You will be pleased to hear that that latest Bag2School collection raised £138 which I know will be put to very good use. As always, thank you to our FODS team for arranging this and for raising much needed funds.

We have had a report from the bus company of a child running behind the bus whilst it was reversing into the bus stop at the Barracks. Obviously, this was very concerning for the driver. If your child walks to the bus stop in the mornings on their own, please have a chat with them about road safety and behaving appropriately around the bus.

Finally, from next Monday, PC Punctuation from the Punctuation Police will be on the lookout for some punctuation heroes! In Monday's assembly, I revealed to the children how a general trend I am seeing since the return from lockdown is children forgetting their capital letters, full stops, commas, and other punctuation marks in their writing. Therefore, from Monday, whenever PC Punctuation finds a

perfectly punctuated piece of writing he will be handing out punctuation tickets – these are a good thing, as they are raffle tickets for the chance to win a special prize at the end of the academic year!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley



Family Fun Morning—'Palm Sunday Party!'

WIMBISH CHURCH **ST MARY THE VIRGIN & MARTYR DEBDEN**

Saturday 27 March 10.00-11.00am

Online interactive fun via Zoom!

Meeting ID: 850 3857 5968 Passcode: 008730

Creative fun for children and their parents and carers to share together

A joint initiative between Wimbish and Debden Churches and Carver Barracks Chaplaincy

For more details and to register for an activity pack contact
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FOOTBALL AND MULTI SPORTS CAMP

**9:30-15:30 WITH FREE EARLY DROP OFF
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