



Debden CE Primary Academy

28/06/2019

As the end of term is only three and half weeks away, yet there is still so much to do, I must take a moment to thank our parents. Your support makes such a difference to our children. This week, the weather was on our side and we managed to take a whole school photograph - this has not been completed since 2012 so it was quite a special event. Thank you to Mrs Platt for helping to make this happen.

Bikeability



Over two hot days, 12 children in year six took their bikes, first to the playground and then (when it was deemed safe) to the roads! Children learned important safety skills like how to navigate a junction. This forms part of their transition work ahead of secondary school. Russell said, 'We looked at junctions and when to look back, passing parked cars and signalling. Right at the end of the training we went down Rook End Lane to practise our skills. I enjoyed it a lot.'



KS2 Athletics

Some KS2 children were selected to represent Debden at this event which gave our children the opportunity to compete at a wider level. Some highlights were Aaliyah winning the high jump and 75m sprint, Ellie ranking 2nd in the howler and both year 6 teams placing 2nd in the relay. Aaliyah said, 'The competition was fierce, but I rose to the challenge!' Zachary also remarked on the relay 'I felt nervous but relieved and proud at our 2nd place achievement.'

Music Week

The week commencing 17th June was Music Week at Debden. Children in all classes had the opportunity to study a piece of music in depth, play tuned and untuned instruments as well as come up with their own compositions. To complement the week, Mrs Murrell organised for some of her professional musician friends to lead an assembly where many different types of wind and brass instruments were explored. The children found it very entertaining. Thomas said, 'I liked the part when I played the piano and guitar,' Sophia said, 'I enjoyed learning the song by heart and putting percussion and dance moves to it, I also got to try the glockenspiel.'



KS1 Athletics

On Wednesday 26th June Minnows Class attended the KS1 Athletics Festival at JFAN. They participated in a range of activities which included howler, standing long jump, bean bag shot and speed bounce. At the end of the morning races were held for obstacle, egg and spoon and sprint. 1 boy and 1 girl from each year group were chosen to race against the other local schools. As always Debden were immaculately behaved and fantastic listeners. I am proud to say good sportsmanship was shown by all. Robin said, 'My favourite bit was jumping on the mat, I came second in the egg and spoon race!' Amelia W proudly told me, 'I enjoyed running and I came 1st!'

Crucial Crew

Today, as part of their transition work, year 6 attended Crucial Crew where the children participated in some interactive workshops on Healthy eating, road safety, drug awareness, fire safety, healthy relationships, knife awareness, wellbeing and railways. The children really enjoyed the experience and learned some important life skills that will serve them well in the future.

Mathletics



FODs have agreed to fund a Mathletics subscription for every child this year. So if you have mislaid your child's username and password, please ask your child's class teacher for a replacement. This is a fantastic resource for our children and they really enjoy it. Bronze, silver and gold certificates can be earned and will be awarded in Friday's celebration assembly.

<https://login.mathletics.com/>

Volunteer Appeal

Our school library is a popular resource area for children of all ages. We are appealing for any parents or grandparents who would be able to support this provision at lunchtimes. We would be most grateful of help on any lunchtime except Tuesday which is already covered. If you can help, please reply via the school office – thank you.

School Payments

We would prefer payments to be made by **debit card only** using the online payment system (SCOPay). However, we will continue to accept cheque payments until August 2019. From September 2019, the school will accept online payments only.

If you have not yet registered with SCOPay, please contact the school office who will be able to issue an online registration code. Please click on the link below to access online payments. You will also be able to find quick reference and video guides on how to use the system.

[SCOPay Login](#)

Celebration

STARS of the WEEK	
<p>Ducklings</p>  <p><i>Edie & Rocco</i></p>	<p>Minnows</p>  <p><i>Eleanor & Sidney</i></p>
<p>Frogs</p>  <p><i>Kayla & Edward</i></p>	<p>Kingfishers</p>  <p><i>Buddha & Bobbie</i></p>

Reminders:

Swimming (Minnows)

Please ensure your child has their full swimming kit with them every Tuesday (costume, swimming hat, goggles and towel). The last swim session for Minnows will be Tuesday 9th July.

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.

Kind regards

Mrs Fradd

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

Wednesday 3 July - Sports Day - picnic lunch from 12pm and races at 1pm.
 Friday 5 July - Ducklings class assembly - parents invited - 2.30pm.
 Friday 5 July - Summer summary reports out
 Thursday 4 July - 1.30 – KS2 Dress Rehearsal
 Tuesday 9 July - 2pm - KS2 performance
 Wednesday 10 July - 6pm – KS2 performance.
 Sunday 14 – Wednesday 17 – Year 6 Kingswood
 Wednesday 24 July - 9.30 - Leavers service & Awards celebration - 2pm.

Debden Church Calendar of Services and Events for June & July 2019

Services:

June 30	11.00am	Holy Communion	Richard Spencer
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Joint service at Wimbish

July 7	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
July 14	9.15am	Family Service	John Saxon
July 21	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
July 28	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon

**Dates for Your
Diary**

June 13	Lunch Club (Village Hall)
August 31	Barbeque in Churchyard
October 13	Harvest Festival

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