

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th November 2019

Dear Parents,

We hope that you all enjoyed a pleasant half term and are delighted to welcome the children back for term 2.



The start of this term is an exceptionally important time for us all here at Debden Primary Academy, as we prepare to commemorate Remembrance Day. As a school that is immensely proud of its strong links to Carver Barracks, and in respect to the high proportion of armed forces families amongst our community, we place a great deal of value on ensuring that our children recognise the importance of this occasion. We shall be paying homage to the theme of Remembrance through themes and activities during next week. Furthermore, as is customary, our Year 5 and 6 children shall be participating in the Debden Village Act of Remembrance this coming Monday, to honour to the memory of local people from the armed forces who have died in the line of duty. Whilst this is a village event, parents are welcome to join – it commences at approximately 10.50 am outside the YUVA restaurant opposite the school.

We have been really pleased with the effort and enthusiasm that the children have been showing on their return to school this week. I have had the privilege of listening to some of the Minnows children articulately reading their imaginative 'Superhero' poems and have also observed the Frogs children diligently learning their times tables – highly impressive! I know that Mrs Stoye and Mr Brown have been equally impressed with some of the fantastic learning that has been taking place in the Ducklings and Kingfishers classrooms. If the children sustain such fantastic determination and creativity throughout the year, I have no doubt that they will make amazing progress!

Onto some rather more difficult news - it is with regret that I must inform you that Mrs Hood shall not be returning to her post at Debden from her current absence. Mrs Hood is a longstanding and well-liked member of the team, and so this news is saddening for all of us. However, we can completely understand her decision, and would like to wish her well in everything that she does in the future. We are hoping that she will be able to come into school at some point before Christmas so that we can give her a proper send-off!

Our EYFS curriculum will be led by the highly capable Mrs Stoye in the short-term, whilst Mrs Cole (who has built an excellent relationship with the children over the past few weeks) will continue to teach the Ducklings class in the latter part of the week. The Ducklings children will also continue to be supported by Mrs Cameron and Mrs Pargeter. We shall be looking to recruit a permanent member of staff for the vacant teaching role in the very near future and will of course keep you updated.

As previously communicated, our latest Ofsted report is now available for parents to browse, and you should have already received a copy of this via email. We have had relatively few queries regarding the report thus far. However, I am sure that there must be some comments and questions that parents would like to raise, and I would really like to ensure that everyone's minds are put at rest! Therefore, I will be holding an Ofsted Presentation/ Question & Answer Session at 2.15pm (directly before achievement assembly) next Friday, the 15th November. For anyone who is unable to make this time, I am more than happy to make individual appointments to answer questions that you may have.

Some of the key dates and events for the start of this half term are listed below. You should also be receiving a short mail with information that is specific to your child's class.

Kind Regards,

Matt Hawley

Head of School

STARS of the WEEK

Ducklings



Minnows



Frogs



Kingfishers



Reminders:

FODS Events Dates

Wreath making workshop - Thursday November 28th

Elfridges Gift Sale - Friday November 29th

Christmas Fair - Friday December 6th 3-4:30pm

Swimming (Frogs)

Swimming for Frogs started 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.

Monday 11 November – Remembrance Service (year 5/6 outside YUVA)

Friday 6 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 2019

Services:

Sun 10 Nov	Remembrance Sunday (3 before)	09.15	Remembrance Family Service	J.Saxon
Sun 10 Nov		10.50	Service of Remembrance	J.Saxon
Sun 17 Nov	2 before Advent	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 24 Nov	Christ the King (Next before Advent)	09.15	Choral Matins	J.Saxon
Sun 1 Dec	Advent Sunday	16.00	Advent Carols with Christingle	-----
Sun 8 Dec	Advent 2	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 15 Dec	Advent 3	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 22 Dec	Advent 4	18.30	Carol Service	J.Saxon
Tue 24 Dec	Christmas Eve	17.00	Nativity Service	J.Saxon
Tue 24 Dec		23.00	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Wed 25 Dec	Christmas Day	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 29 Dec	Christmas 1	11.00	Service at Wimbish only	

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