



DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 8th October, 2021

Dear Parents,

This Friday, we held our annual Harvest service, down at the Debden St. Mary the Virgin Church. It was lovely to see the children presenting some of their work, singing harvest hymns and listening to harvest readings. I would like to extend a big thank you to Rev. John for piecing together and leading the service. As well as leading services such as these and collective worship sessions in the school, Rev. John is also a school governor and a vital support to our staff and children, and we feel exceptionally lucky to have him as such a strong link with our local church.

Here are a few notices that we have collated to help you to stay in the loop of events and activities taking place at school over the coming weeks:

-Student Council – The student council has now been formed – congratulations to all of the children who have been elected. They will be meeting together for the first time over the next week, with Miss Rowe (who is leading the student council this year). I am often asked about Head Boy and Head Girl positions – these positions are now allocated to the Year 6 representatives of the student council.

- Parents Evenings – Mrs Arundell and Mrs Dale will soon be communicating with you regarding our Autumn parent consultation evenings - these will take place on Tuesday 19th and Thursday 21st October. These are vital component in helping to ensure that your child is making excellent progress: both academically and holistically.

Parents Evening was one of the few things that appears to have actually benefitted from being carried out remotely (often in the past, people have been unable to find childcare, or to make the journey into school for a 10-minute meeting), and as a result parent attendance last year was at an all-time high! Therefore, this term, these meetings will once again be run over Zoom. Please rest assured that you will still get the same amount of time to talk with the teachers, and there will be open afternoon opportunities later for you to look over your child's work.

- Sports Ambassadors – Well done to the sports ambassadors: Stan, Karim, Owen and Joseph, who have now done their sports leader training. They can now often be seen around the playground, sporting their yellow bands, and have taken up their roles with aplomb!

-Trips and Visits – Next Wednesday afternoon (13th October) children in years 3 and 4 will be attending Joyce Frankland Academy Newport for a Multi-Skills PE competition. Please can they attend in their PE kits. On Thursday 14th October, the Frogs class will be hosting a museum visit about fossils, to enrich their learning in science on rocks.

-FODS Quiz – A big thank you to the FODs for running their annual curry and quiz night at YUVA on Thursday, which I understand was extremely well-attended and hotly-contested!

-Parent Pick-Up KS1 – As the Minnows and Dragonflies classes emerge from their lessons each afternoon at 3pm, please can parents ensure that they come forward to pick their child up from the teacher. The teachers have a responsibility to make sure that children are handed safely over to their

parent/ guardian, and sometimes this is difficult for them to manage when younger children don't know who is picking them up, and they don't know who to look for across the playground! Thanks.

-Breakfast Club – A reminder that breakfast club is now up and running! Please visit <https://www.kidzactive.co.uk/> to book your child in.

-FODs Kingfishers Cake Sale – Next Friday after achievement assembly (Friday 15th from 3pm) there is a Kingfishers Cake Sale. Cakes cost 50p. Children getting on the bus will get an opportunity to visit the stall before assembly. Many thanks to the FODs for organising!

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley