



# Debden CE Primary Academy

15/02/19

Dear Parents,

We have all enjoyed a busy and productive half term at school with visits, sports events and a themed Geography Day to name but a few. Thank you to our volunteers who have provided support at both special events and with regular commitments such as listening to readers. Lots of our school community have been suffering with ill health over the last couple of weeks. I would like to say a sincere thank you to staff who have been flexible and accommodating in covering staff absence wherever required to ensure that school continued as normal. For any children and staff still feeling unwell, we hope that you all feel better very soon. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Fradd and the rest of the team for ensuring that school life continues as normal during Mrs Gurney's absence.

The recruitment for the appointment of a new Head of School from September 2019 has now started and we hope to be holding interviews shortly after the half term break; we will keep you fully updated of progress in this area. A couple of our families have moved on this week due to new postings and on behalf of the whole school community, I would like to wish the children good luck at their new schools and hope that the families settle quickly in their new homes.

Thank you to all staff, children and families for your continued support; I do hope that you all have a lovely half term break.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Mitchell

Executive Headteacher

## **Key Stage 2 Trip to the Stansted Aero zone**

Key Stage 2 have thoroughly enjoyed their trip to the Stansted Aero zone today. They have learnt lots about how the Airport runs and the staff that work there. We were all very excited to go to the viewing platform and watch lots of planes taking off and landing at very close proximity. In the Aero zone the children participated in various activities including science experiments, looking at the history of the airport and trying out equipment and uniforms from the airlines. The children have had a wonderful day and special thanks goes to our volunteers who gave up their time to accompany us.



## **Chinese New Year in Frog Class**



*'On Wednesday 6th February, we had a Chinese afternoon. First, we made red envelopes, because the Chinese tradition is that the elder part of the family gives the children money in the red envelopes. Next, we made a dragon out of paper and sticks. We got to decorate them using pencils. Lastly, we used chop sticks to eat prawn crackers and rice. With that we had chili sauce and soy sauce.'*

Reported by Amber and Alice

## **Kitchen Inspection**

The Uttlesford District Council Environmental Health officer paid us a surprise visit last week and carried out their inspection of the kitchen and food serving areas. We are very happy to inform you that the kitchen received a '5 – very good' and was deemed to be compliant with structural requirements. Huge congratulations must be given to our wonderful cook Mrs Andrew and her assistant Mrs Spurgeon for their continued hard work in maintaining the exceptionally high standards required to receive this top rating.

## **Year 3/4 Tag Rugby**



*'We left at 9 o'clock and went to JFAN on a minibus. It was really fun. We got in our team in all our fancy gear. We played Newport and Chrishall. It was fun when we played and didn't get tagged. We came 4<sup>th</sup> overall.'*

Reported by Rose and Phoebe

## **Frogs Class Assembly**

Thank you to Frogs Class for leading our assembly on their current topic, 'Around the World'. We were really impressed with their detailed knowledge about each country. Their colourful costumes helped to engage the whole school and we really enjoyed their lovely song at the end – well done!

## **World Book Day**

World Book Day is on Thursday, 7th March. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring their favourite book to school to talk about with their class. Each child will receive their £1 World Book Token which they can swap for a FREE World Book Day book or claim £1 off any book at your local book seller. Details are on the voucher.

## **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 Thursday which is already covered. If you are able to 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](#)

**FODS' Cake Sales**

Frogs cakes sale was a huge success with their being enough cakes for an additional break time cake sale. Thank you so much for your generosity. The next cake sale will be on Friday 8 March, when it will be Minnow Class' turn. Please leave your donations in the corridor. Cakes will cost 50p each. If your child travels home on the bus and you would like them to buy a cake, please send them in with their money in a named envelope.



STARS of the WEEK	
<p><b>Ducklings</b></p>  <p><i>Elora &amp; Lacey</i></p>	<p><b>Minnows</b></p>  <p><i>Ava &amp; Romily</i></p>
<p><b>Frogs</b></p>  <p><i>Demi &amp; Ben</i></p>	<p><b>Kingfishers</b></p>  <p><i>Russell &amp; Harry</i></p>

**Reminders:**

**Swimming**

Minnows first swimming lesson will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February. 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.

Kind regards

Mrs Fradd

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

Monday 18 - Friday 22 February - Half Term

Friday 15 March - Full Spring reports out.

Wednesday 27 March - Parent evening 3.15 - 5.35

Thursday 28 March - Parent evening 5-7.

Monday 8 April - 22 April - Easter Holiday

Tuesday 23 April - INSET

May 2019 - KS1 "Test" period

W/C 15 May - KS2 Test week

Thursday 23 May - reading/phonics workshop for parents 9.00 - 10.15 - details to follow.

Friday 24 May - Frogs STEM - then celebration assembly.

Monday 27 May - Friday 31 May - Half-term.

W/C Monday 3 June - Science week

W/C Monday 10 June - Year 1 Phonics screen week.

Friday 14 June - Ducklings STEM - then celebration assembly.

Wednesday 3 July - Sports Day - picnic lunch from 12pm and races at 1pm.

Friday 5 July - Ducklings class assembly - parents invited - 2.40pm.

Friday 5 July - Summer summary reports out

Monday 8 July - 9.30 - Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 9 July - 2pm - KS2 performance

Wednesday 10 July - 6pm - performance.

Sunday 14 – Wednesday 17 – Year 6 Kingswood

Wednesday 24 July - 9.30 - Leavers service & Awards celebration - 2pm.

**Debden Church dates**

February 17	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
February 22	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
February 24	9.15am	Choral Matins	Home Team
March 1	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
March 3	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
March 6		<b>Ash Wednesday</b>	
	<b>20.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>John Saxon</b>
March 8	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
March 10	9.15am	Family Service	John Saxon
March 15	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	
March 17	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
March 22	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
March 24	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon
March 29	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
March 31		<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	
	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>John Saxon</b>

**NB Please note the new time of Sunday services beginning at 9.15am**

