



Debden CE Primary Academy

7 September 2018

Welcome back to a new term! I hope everyone has had a relaxing summer holiday enjoying the glorious weather. I have popped into all classes today to see how everyone has been learning and settling in. A very special welcome to our new children and families! A welcome also to our new staff members; Mrs Bailey - our year 3/4 teacher in Frogs and Mrs Andrews - our catering manager. We have many exciting opportunities for your child this year. Keep up to date via our newsletters and keep your eyes peeled!

Enrichment news:

A huge thank you to FODS who organised the traversing wall as well as the painting of the wall. It is such an eye-catching feature!



We have also had the artificial grass installed over the summer holiday! Thank you to the MOD and the welfare team from Carver who supported my bid.



New curriculum:

Last term we worked on our curriculum maps to give your child a balanced and engaging learning opportunities. Keep your eyes peeled for the curriculum map from your child's teacher and other opportunities they will be offering.

FODS News

FODS (Friends of Debden School) are holding their kick-off meeting on Monday 17th September at 2pm. We are a friendly group of parents and will be meeting in School (just sign in at the office) to plan our Autumn fundraising activities. New ideas very welcome. There are lots ways that you can volunteer and help fundraise for our School. Do come along to find out more. You are very welcome to bring along your little ones. If you can't make the meeting but would like to help, do contact us via the School Office. Our Facebook page is www.facebook.com/friendsofdebden.school/

Debden Stars

Each half term, a child will be chosen from each class to be awarded one of our special Debden Stars for being an exceptional Debden role model, going over and above with regard to their work and learning or showing exemplary behaviours.



Class News!

Which classroom is yours? Can you spot any clues?!



Celebration

On Friday afternoon, all parents will be invited to share our celebration assembly. It will start at 2.40pm.

New catering arrangements:

As some of you will know, we are cooking our own food! We will also be encouraging children to see how food goes from "farm to fork". A huge thank you to Mrs Andrews, who has cooked a delicious meal today. "Thank you for employing Mrs Andrews - the meals are so much better" *Russell - year 6.*



Uniform reminder:

We are continuing to tighten up on our uniform - including PE kit. Could I please remind you that this is our uniform? Everyone looked very smart in their uniforms today.

Boys

Grey trousers (shorts in warm weather) White or red shirt or polo shirt. Red jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt. Sensible black footwear - no boots please.

Girls

Grey skirt or pinafore (red + white checked or striped dress in warm weather) White or red blouse or polo shirt. Red jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt. Sensible black footwear - no boots please.

PE

Red/Black shorts. White T-Shirt. Plimsolls or trainers.

Please refer to our prospectus, page 12 for further details.

If your child does not adhere to our uniform policy, you will be receiving a letter from myself asking you to provide the correct uniform. We thank you for your continued support in making our Debden children look and feel smart and proud of themselves and their school!

Baby news!

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Green is expecting a baby. She is due on 6 December.

School Improvement

A school development plan has been drafted to continue to make our school even better than it is now. I would like to have feedback from parents; so have put some large sheets of paper in the hall for your responses to “What are we doing well?” “What could we improve - within a year” “What could we improve within 3 years”. Please take the time in the morning, or after school to write down your comments.

For those of you that do not come to school - please email the office admin@debden.essex.sch.uk with your ideas with SDP in the subject box. I will collate any ideas and put the ‘within a year responses’ into our school development plan - if possible. Some of your “What we are doing well” may be used in our marketing. I will let you know about our three year plan.

We are continuing to work closely with Great Chesterford Primary Academy.

Dates

Dates will come out for your diary in the next newsletter.

Dates for this week are as follows:

Friday 7 September 2.40pm - celebration assembly, parents welcome.

Friday 7 September: 3.00 - 3.30 - new teacher drop in session - come and meet your child’s new teacher!

I have had a lovely day today - if your child does not talk about school much, then you have a few sneak peeks at their first day!

Kind regards

Louise Gurney

Head teacher