



# Debden CE Primary Academy

22/03/19

Staff and children are feeling very excited about the new appointment of Mr Matthew Hawley for the position of Head of School for September. However, we are continually striving to provide the very best education for our children until then. Over the past couple of weeks the teachers have been working with staff at Great Chesterford to share good practice in the teaching of writing. Plus, we welcomed Julie Puxley, Executive Headteacher from Katherine Semar Schools and David Rogers, Headteacher at Bentfield Primary School on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March to observe lessons and talk to children about their learning.

## Red Nose Day

Much fun was had during Red Nose Day 2019. The children enjoyed wearing their pyjamas and raising money for such a good cause. As part of their work, children learned about where the money was spent abroad and here in the UK. A massive £230.60 was raised. A special thank you goes to Mrs Dixon and the fabulous members of our School Council, who organised the successful event.



## Kingfishers' Science Lecture



During the morning of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Kingfishers boarded a coach and headed off to the Chemistry Department at the University of Cambridge to watch (and participate) in a lecture by Dr Wothers about the periodic table. The children were wowed by explosions and chemical reactions which were used to explain its make-up. Our very own Duncan was chosen to be a lab technician and help with one of the experiments. The children were so enthralled by the lecture that they wrote an open letter to all parents to encourage them to take them along to the Science Festival which continues for the rest of the month. See below written by Zachary.

'As you should know, this month is the Cambridge Science Festival. If you miss out on this great opportunity, you will regret your actions for the rest of your lives. Do you really want your children to feel left out? Going to this academic festival, which is the place to be, will improve your child's life. The festival is extremely intriguing, and all of the explosions make you want to stay forever! Your child, yes your child, could become a scientist, better yet, a famous scientist, just by taking them to a festival. Only

a fool would leave that offer on the table! Get your children to the festival, and they will be able to tell the difference between hydrogen and helium within seconds. I learnt that hydrogen is much lighter than helium, but helium is much more flammable. Helium didn't give as big an impact; it was a noble gas. Not only is the festival a huge learning opportunity, but it is also of huge enjoyment. All the explosions only make the children more intrigued and when they come out of Cambridge, they have huge smiles on their faces. This is an amazing opportunity, so get to the Cambridge Science Festival and let your child enjoy an amazing experience. Lectures may be awaiting you, just make sure you're there and have fun!

### **Parent Consultations**

If you have not already done so, please sign up for your parent consultation appointment online at <https://debdenprimary.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>. The system will close at 7pm on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, after which you will no longer be able to book an appointment.

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

Our year 3/4 tag rugby team were lucky enough to qualify for the level three stage of the competition held at Carver Barracks on Wednesday 20/03/19. The team played extremely well, and Miss Everett and Mrs Wilkinson, who accompanied them, said how hard the children had tried when competing at this more competitive level against larger and more experienced rugby squads.



### **World Poetry Day**

On Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Debden celebrated World Poetry Day by listening to, analysing and enjoying a range of poetry within classrooms before gathering in the hall in the afternoon for a chance to perform. The children spoke with confidence and clarity, some chose to use actions and all were very entertaining. Why not ask your child for a private performance?

### **FODS' Cake Sales**

The next cake sale will be on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March, when it will be Ducking 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.

### **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**

## Celebration

STARS of the WEEK	
<b>Ducklings</b>  <i>Frank &amp; Rocco</i>	<b>Minnows</b>  <i>Amella &amp; Lily</i>
<b>Frogs</b>  <i>Hayden &amp; Sophia</i>	<b>Kingfishers</b>  <i>Curtis &amp; Faye</i>

### Reminders:

#### Swimming

The last swim for Minnows this term will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and they will resume on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. 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.

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 Day

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**

March 24	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon
March 29	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
March 31		<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	
	9.15am	Family Service	John Saxon
April 7	9.15 am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
April 14	9.15 am	Palm Sunday Service	John Saxon
April 14	6.00pm	Annual Meeting	
April 19		<b>Good Friday</b>	
	10.00am	Walk of Witness	John Saxon
April 21		<b>Easter Day</b>	
	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
April 28	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon

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