

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24 January 2020

Dear Parents,

The children seem to have loved the last couple of weeks at school, not least because of all the fun activities and events that have taken place for Wellbeing Week!

Ms Weetch kicked off Wellbeing Week with an interesting assembly last Wednesday afternoon, in which she introduced children to the 'Wellbeing Wheel.' She told children how important it is for them to get their 'five a day' – five important features of maintaining a healthy body and mind: Be Mindful, Connect, Get Creative, Be Active and Learn New Skills. She revealed that school would be helping them to build each area over the next five days!



On Day 1, the children were amazed to find a giant tent-shaped pop-up classroom had infiltrated our school hall! Inside, they found Ms Ellie from Coram Education, who taught them all about their bodies and how they can keep them healthy. Some of the children also learnt about why it is important to build strong social relationships with other people, and to 'Be Mindful' of their own happiness and the wellbeing of others.



Day 2 was possibly my favourite day of the Wellbeing Week, as it involved brunch! The teachers and support staff clubbed together to provide a breakfast for the children of croissants, pain au chocolat, fruit salad, hot chocolate and orange juice. Children were mixed up so that they were not seated in their usual friendship groups. Instead, they showed their ability to 'Connect' with others.



Day 3 took place this past Monday and was the 'Get Creative' aspect of the week. Children painted designs onto their very own wellbeing stones, which will be placed in our wellbeing garden when it is completed later in the term.



Day 4 was 'Be Active.' This involved each class taking part in their own morning fitness routine, and also taking part in sporting games and activities. The teachers discussed the importance of maintaining physical fitness, for a happy and healthy life.



On the final day of Wellbeing Week, children learned a new skill. Every member of the academic staff team from across the school put on 90-minute tutorials for new and interesting skills. Included were photography, tennis, line dancing, drawing, textiles and cooking – amongst many more! Children hugely enjoyed the new learning experiences and were hugely enthusiastic in showing me the new skills that they had learnt.



The week really was a great deal of fun and was extremely powerful – both for the children and the staff. Whilst of course we are driven towards developing the children’s academic skills, their holistic and personal development is also vitally important. We hope that they took a lot from it and remain committed to looking after their bodies and minds until the next Wellbeing Week. Once more, a huge thank you to Ms Weetch for her leadership of the activities and events.

Join the Painting Party

During the February half term, our governors are organising a painting party to smarten up our school. If you can paint, do DIY or help in any way, please let us know. Tea, cake and pizza lunch will be provided, and Neil O’Sullivan is offering free places on his sport camp for the day or days that you help, to look after your children. Please see attached flyer for more details.



There have been loads of other fantastic things going on across the school lately, with the vast majority of children making excellent progress in their mid-year assessments, lots of them taking part in new and engaging lunchtime clubs, and some of them even finding the time to take musical instrument exams. However, I have rambled on for quite long enough now and wish you all have a great weekend to go out and enjoy!

Thank you all for your continued support.

Matt Hawley

Head of School

Time/Day	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Before School 7.30am-8.30am	Breakfast Club Mr O’Sullivan & Team	Breakfast Club Mr O’Sullivan & Team	Breakfast Club Mr O’Sullivan & Team	Breakfast Club Mr O’Sullivan & Team	Breakfast Club Mr O’Sullivan & Team
Lunchtime 12.30pm-1pm	Board Games Mrs Murrell	Library Parent Volunteer Sports Club Mr O’Sullivan & Team	K\$2 Choir Parent Volunteer Science Club Mrs Bailey	Sports Club Mr O’Sullivan & Team	K\$1 Choir Ms Weetch
After School 3pm-5pm	Running Mr O’Sullivan & Team	Football Mr O’Sullivan & Team	Dodgeball Mr O’Sullivan & Team	Zumba Mr O’Sullivan & Team	Tag Rugby Mr O’Sullivan & Team

STARS of the WEEK

Ducklings

*Anabelle
&
Jake*



Minnows

*Lucy
&
Rayson*



Frogs

*Finlay
&
Lily*



Kingfishers

*Edward S
&
Sophia*



FODS News

Please see attached flyer about the FODS quiz, which is happening on Thursday 5 March at YUVA.

There will be a Movie night on Monday 10 February and a school disco on Wednesday 18 March. Details will be sent out nearer the time.

The next FODS cakes sale will be Friday 7 February, when it will be Year 5's turn to provide the cakes. Please note that the cake sales will be done in year groups now, not in classes. Please leave your donations (home-made or bought) in the corridor. Cakes will cost 50p each. If your child travels home on the bus and they would like to buy a cake, please send them in with their 50p in a named envelope and staff will let them visit the cake sale before the end of the day. The dates for all other year group cake sales can be found below.

Swimming (Frogs)

Swimming for Frogs started again on Tuesday 14th January. Their last swim will be Tuesday 11th February after which Minnows will swim. 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.

Friday 7 Feb – Frog's STEM afternoon

Friday 7 Feb – Year 5 cake sale

Monday 10 March – FODS Movie Night

Tuesday 11 Feb – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30 pm

Wednesday 12 Feb – Parent Consultations 5 pm – 7 pm

Friday 14 Feb – Break up for half term

Monday 24 Feb – Back to school

Friday 28 Feb – Year 4 cake sale

Tuesday 3 March – Minnows start swimming

Wednesday 18 March – FODS Disco

Friday 27 March – Minnow’s STEM afternoon

Friday 27 March – Year 3 cake sale

Friday 3 April – Easter Service 9.30 am

Friday 3 April – Break up

Monday 20 April – Back to school

Friday 24 April – Year 2 cake sale

Thursday 7 May – Year 1 cake sale

Friday 8 May – Bank holiday

Week Commencing 11 May – Year 6 SATS week

Friday 22 May – Break up

Friday 22 May – Duckling cake sale

Tuesday 2 June – Non pupil day

Wednesday 3 June – Back to school

Friday 10 July – Reports out

Sunday 12 July – Year 6 to Kingswood

Friday 17 July – Open afternoon

Wednesday 22 July – Leavers Service 9.30 am

Wednesday 22 July – Break up for the Summer

Debden Church Calendar of Services and Events for 2020

Services:

Sun 26 Jan	Epiphany 3	09.15	Choral Matins	J.Saxon
Sun 2 Feb	Presentation of Christ in the Temple	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 9 Feb	3 before Lent	09.15	Family Service	J.Saxon
Sun 16 Feb	2 before Lent	09.15	Holy Communion	
Sun 23 Feb	Next before Lent	09.15	Choral Matins	J.Saxon
Wed 26 Feb	Ash Wednesday	20.00	Holy Communion (said service)	J.Saxon
Sun 1 Mar	Lent 1	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 8 Mar	Lent 2	09.15	Family Service	J.Saxon
Sun 15 Mar	Lent 3	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 22 Mar	Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday)	09.15	Praise! Service of the Word	J.Saxon
Sun 29 Mar	Lent 5 (Passion Sunday)	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 5 Apr	Palm Sunday	09.45	Procession from Village Shop	-----
Sun 5 Apr		10.00	Dramatised Readings of our Lord's Passion	J.Saxon

Thu 9 Apr	Maundy Thursday	20.00	Agape Supper at WIMBISH Church	
Fri 10 Apr	Good Friday	10.00	Walk of Witness	J.Saxon
Sun 12 Apr	Easter Day	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 19 Apr	Easter 2	09.15	Holy Communion	Home Team
Sun 26 Apr	Easter 3	09.15	Choral Matins	J.Saxon

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