



# Debden CE Primary Academy

19/12/2018

**What a super end to our busy term! I would like to take this opportunity of thanking all the staff for their hard work in a long and busy term. I would also like to wish all our families a very merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. I look forward to seeing everyone back on Friday 4 January!**

## Carol Service

Year 6 led a wonderful Carol Service in the church this morning with clear, expressive reading, beautiful singing and not to mention a fabulous solo of Once in Royal David's City. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us for this very special service and a special thank you to Dawn Saxon for playing the organ for us.



## Key Stage 1 Performance



What an amazing performance! Super singing, super acting and super reading. Thank you to all the staff and children for putting this on for us! Thank you also to you - parents - for providing costumes.

## FODS Christmas Fair



Thank you FODS for organising a fantastic Christmas extravaganza!! Your hard work is much appreciated to buy items the school cannot out of its budget.

## Minnows Victorian Day



As an exit point for our topic 'Who was Queen Victoria and what is she famous for?' we decided to have a Victorian themed day.

We began by making and decorating gingerbread Christmas biscuits, creating our own royal crowns and assembling Christmas crackers. In the afternoon we held a royal tea party and played a range of Victorian Parlour games which they would have traditionally played at Christmas. We found out about how Christmas in Victorian times is both similar and different to ours nowadays. Why don't you ask us some questions about our day?

## Miss Green

I am delighted to let you know that Miss Green has had a baby boy weighing in at 8lb 12oz. We are sure you will join us in sending Miss Green and her family all the very best on their new arrival.

## Maths workshops - Monday 10 December



A huge thank you to the staff and children who helped lead us to find out how we teach mathematics in school! It was a great event with lots of positive feedback. Keep your eyes peeled for further information about grammar and reading to follow. (Dates in the date section!). Thank you Mrs Fradd for coordinating as mathematics subject leader.

## Christmas Lunch



Thank you to Mrs Andrew and Mrs Spurgeon for providing us with a delicious Christmas lunch that was thoroughly enjoyed by the children, staff and governors.

## Reverse Advent Calendar

Thank you so much to all the parents and staff who donated items for the Reverse Advent Calendar. Mrs Andrew dropped 2 big boxes of goodies to the Uttlesford Food bank on Friday for which I am sure they were very grateful.

## Online Administration of Trips/Clubs





With effect from January 2019, we will be switching the administration of trips and clubs to our online payment system SCOpay. You will no longer be required to complete and return paper permission slips as the information needed will be collected via your SCOpay account. After January 2019, permission slips and payments will be accepted via this system only.

From January 2019 we would prefer payments to be made using the online payment system, however, during the transition period we will continue to accept cheque payments (until August 2019). If you haven't yet set up your account, please contact the school office for assistance.

## After-school club news

Unfortunately, I have not had any more news regarding the after the school club so I am unable to take this forward at this time. It is unlikely I will have another update before Christmas, but will endeavour to clarify with Neil what the next steps are for us and will let you know as soon as I hear.



STARS of the WEEK	
<p><b>Ducklings</b></p> <p><i>Andrew</i></p> 	<p><b>Minnows</b></p> <p><i>Robin</i></p> 
<p><b>Frogs</b></p> <p><i>Phoebe</i></p> 	<p><b>Kingfishers</b></p> <p><i>Kaitlyn</i></p> 

The children who received the 'Debden Star' for this half term were: A HUGE well done to our great role models!

**Rafe – Ducklings**  
**Jenson – Minnows**  
**Alice – Frogs**  
**Ellie-Mai - Kingfishers**



## **Reminders:**

### **Swimming**

Frogs class have finished swimming now for this term. Swimming resumes for Frogs class on Tuesday 8 January. Their last swimming session will be on Tuesday 5 February and then Minnows will swim after half term.

### **Reception Admissions for September 2019**

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 12 November 2018, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2019. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2019. From 12 November 2018, applications can be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions).

### **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. If your child is interested in brass lessons please let the office know. Mrs Kadir has said that she may be able to offer Orchestra if she has interest in her brass lessons.

We look forward to seeing the children back in school on **Friday January 4<sup>th</sup> 2019**.

Kind regards  
Louise Gurney  
Head teacher

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

Thursday 20 - 2 January Christmas Holiday

Thursday 3 January - INSET

Friday 4 January - Children back

Friday 25 January - Minnows STEM afternoon from 1.15pm - then celebration assembly

Monday 28 January - GPS workshops for parents - details to follow.

Friday 1 February - Frogs class assembly - parents invited - 2.30pm.

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/phonic 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**

December 23	9.30am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
December 24	5.00pm	Nativity Service	John Saxon
December 25	9.30am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
December 30	9.30am	Holy Communion with Wimbish	John Saxon
January 6	9.15am	Holy Communion	Andy Colebrooke
January 13	9.15am	Family Service	Home Team
January 20	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
January 27	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon