



Debden CE Primary Academy

9/11/2018

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, We will remember them."

Laurence Binyon, For The Fallen

Remembrance



As you will all be aware, it is Armistice Day on 11th November. It is a very special time for us at Debden Primary Academy. This year is even more special as we celebrate the centenary of the ending of the First World War. This week the children have been fortunate enough to have some visitors in to talk to us about Remembrance and the First World War - Mr Clarke, member of the Royal British Legion, came in on Monday to remind us about Remembrance and the services that make up our armed forces. Then on Tuesday, Mr Tobin, parent

governor talked to all the children about WW1. Key Stage 2 children had the opportunity to hear from a soldier from WW1! They were very keen to ask him to put on the gas masks the soldiers were given at the time.

Then on Friday, years 5 & 6 commemorated the fallen at our annual Remembrance service.



Our celebration assembly today was dedicated to Remembrance; sharing the work we had been undertaking and remembering those who had given their lives for our freedom.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all our parents who attended parent evening. I am in the process of looking at your questionnaires and will give you feedback once I have completed this.

Spelling

English is one of our development points on our SDP (School Development Plan). We have bought in a spelling programme called “No nonsense spelling” to develop spelling from year 2 to year 6. This is a class-based initiative, so spelling lists will not come home for a “test”. We will be teaching specific spelling rules, so that children can apply from one word to another.

Cross Country Tournament

I was fortunate enough to take our KS2 children to the Cross country Tournament this year. All children ran with great determination - which is a very important quality to have! All the children who competed did exceptionally well. A huge well done to them all!

‘It was very cold; we were all waiting for our race to be called. We all had butterflies because we were a little bit nervous. Some of the older children from JFAN were there to guide us. It was quite difficult to run because we had to go uphill. Some people came in the top ten – Russell. Phoebe did really well and has qualified for the next round.’

Reported by Ellie-Mai

Dodgeball Tournament – Frogs

Mrs Bailey took her class to the Dodgeball Tournament, which all enjoyed!

‘We went to Joyce Frankland Academy and we were split into A,B,C and D teams. We played 9 games. It was really fun and we did really well. I was team D – my teammates were Stan, Charles R, Demi, Tristan and Amber.’

Reported by James

PE and Sports Clubs

I have noticed some children not completing their PE lesson because of a lack of PE kit. Please could I remind you that PE kits should remain in school/be washed ready for the next session, including trainers/plimsolls? Thank you for your support.

As we are heading into winter, please could you supply your child with a track suit to wear for PE? At present, we do not have a “Debden Primary Academy” top/trousers to buy, so any colour, as long as it is warm, would be fine - thank you.

It would also be useful if a carrier bag were to be supplied for trainers, in case the children go out on the field (especially for the older children).

Mr McKeown has also asked me to request football boots, if your child has them, for football club please as the field has become more slippery in the autumnal weather.

FODS

FODS are holding a Christmas Fayre planning meeting on Monday 12 November 2-3pm. If you are free, please come along to discuss ideas and make plans. The Fayre itself is on Friday December 7th and we need volunteers to help run stalls.

Volunteer Midday Assistant

We find ourselves very short of midday assistants for next week. Are there any parents who would be willing to help us out just for the week from 12 – 1 pm? Please speak to the school office if you are able to do a day/s. Many thanks.

Reception Admissions for September 2019

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opens 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.

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.

Mindfulness Area

We are hoping to set up a Mindfulness Area in school, which children can use as a space to reflect and relax. We are after any cushions, blankets, pop up tents, sensory toys, fidget toys, colouring books and soft toys that you may have at home and no longer need. Please send any of these items to Mrs Bailey (Frogs Class). Many thanks.

Packed Lunches

Please may we remind parents, that small items, such as grapes, cherry tomatoes, mini peppers etc, must be cut up in your child's packed lunch. Please see information attached from Essex Health and Safety.

Breakfast Club

Running out of time in the morning? Feel like you're chasing your tail? No time for a cuppa? Please sign up for our amazing breakfast club!

After-school club news

Neil has let me know that the other school he was in contact with have not got back to him yet. So unfortunately, I cannot move this forward at present. He is going to contact them in the next few days, so when I hear from him, I will let you know, one way or the other.

Music

Mrs Kadir (brass teacher) came in before half term to give all the children an experience of brass instruments. If your child is interested in having a free trial, then please let the office know.

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.

Cake Sales

The next class to provide cakes will be Ducklings on Friday 23th November. 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

Ducklings



*Pheobe
&
Maddie*

Minnows



*Brewster
&
Jenson*

Frogs



*Oliver
&
Jude*

Kingfishers



*Tommy
&
Buddha*

Debden stars

Well done to these children who were awarded our first Debden Stars and are wearing them with pride:

Jack – Kingfishers

Emma – Minnows

Owen - Frogs

Rocco - Ducklings

Louise Gurney

Head teacher

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

Friday 16 November – Children in Need Ramble and Bring and Buy

Friday 16 November - Kingfisher STEM from 1.15pm

Friday 23 November - Kingfisher class assembly 2.30pm

Friday 30 November - Flu immunisations

Friday 7 December - Christmas enrichment art day

Friday 7 December – FODS Christmas Fayre

Monday 10 December - Maths workshops for parents - 9.00 - 10.30am

Tuesday 11 December - 9.30am KS1 Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 12 December - 2pm KS1 Performance

Thursday 13 December - 2pm KS1 Performance

Friday 14 December – FODS Christmas movie night

Friday 14 December - Autumn summary reports out

Wednesday 19 December 9.30 - Christmas Service

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.
 Friday 5 July - Ducklings class assembly - parents invited - 2.40pm.
 Friday 5 July - Summer summary reports out
 Tuesday 9 July - Sports Day - picnic lunch from 12pm and races at 1pm.
 Tuesday 16 July - 9.30 - Dress Rehearsal
 Wednesday 17 July - 2pm - KS2 performance
 Thursday 18 July - 6pm - performance.
 Wednesday 24 July - 9.30 - Leavers service & 2pm - Balloon release

Debden Church dates

November 11	9.30am	Family Service of Remembrance	John Saxon
November 11	10.50am	Service of Remembrance	Jeremy Collingwood
November 18	9.30am	Holy Communion	Jeremy Collingwood
November 25	9.30am	Choral Matins	John Saxon

Dates for Your Diary

December 1	12.00am	Christmas Fair	
December 9		Christingle	
December 16	6.30pm	Carol Service	
December 24	5.00pm	Nativity Service	
December 24	11.00pm	Midnight Mass	Wimbish
December 25	9.30am	Christmas Service	