



# Debden CE Primary Academy

12/07/2019

**This is my final newsletter as Acting Headteacher at Debden Primary Academy. I have enjoyed my three years here and will take many fond memories of Debden children, staff and parents along with me in my new role as Headteacher of St Michaels CE Primary School in Bishop's Stortford. The last couple of weeks have been especially eventful: Sports Day with FOD's BBQ, KS2's production of The Tempest, KS1's firefighter visit, transition days, Forest School, cricket coaching and Open Afternoon. I will miss the busy, happy hubbub that will continue to thrive in September.**

## Sports Day

Thank you to all the families and friends who joined us for Sports Day on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July. The weather was fantastic and the blue skies made the perfect backdrop to our races. Highlights included Ducklings' dressing up race, the year 5/6 sprint and the parents' egg and spoon! The children showed great sportsmanship and enjoyed the healthy competition. St Luke's House won this year with 139 points overall. Congratulations to all our winners.



## Firefighters' Visit Minnows

On Monday 1st July Minnows Class were fortunate enough to receive a visit from The Essex Fire Service in order to complement their topic work on The Great Fire of London. The education officer told them all about the fire in 1666 including when, where and how it started. They looked at fire-fighting equipment then and now and had the chance to play a fun game on the playground. The children recreated a scene from 1666, filling a bucket of water and passing it down a long line of children until it reached the fire. The child at the end then threw the bucket of water over the imaginary fire. Finally the children had the opportunity to wear a modern day firefighters helmet and find out some key facts about fire safety in modern times. Mrs Murrell was extremely proud of the children as the visitor commented on how knowledgeable they all were and how well behaved. Well done Minnows!



### **IPads purchase**

Thank you to all the parents who have supported the fundraising activities organised by FODs for the school. Recent events have included the Sports Day BBQ, raffle, movie night and a DVD of the KS2 production. Your money has funded the purchase of 8 iPads and their cases which will support a variety of curriculum work.

### **The Tempest**

On Tuesday and Wednesday this week, children wowed us with their performance of Shakespeare's The Tempest. Memorable moments include Zachary's comical portrayal of Miranda and Tommy's interpretation of Caliban, the monster. The children did a wonderful job, especially the soloists who bravely performed to packed audiences. We look forward to buying our copies of the DVD, available via the school office for £5.50.

### **Gold Mark Award for Debden 2018/19**

We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games Gold Mark Award for the 2018/19 academic year.



The School Games Mark is a government led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We attended many sporting events this year and are proud of our achievements.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our competitions possible.



As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas of participation, competition, workforce and clubs, and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded this year.

A special thanks to all of the staff, children and parents for their commitment to sporting events this year.

We look forward to applying once again in 2020!

### **Transition Morning**

On Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July, all the children spent some time with their new teachers for September 2019. There was a happy atmosphere as everyone settled in to their new classes. Children took part in a variety of activities designed to enable the new classes to gel and for children to get to know their teachers. As a result, everyone is feeling very positive about September.

## Charity Event

One of our parents, Mr Pollard, is taking part in a 24hr endurance race on 3-4 August to raise funds for Saffron Walden Football Club's 3G pitch fund. His initial aim is to complete 60 miles which is the distance from SWFC to Wembley.

The link for his fundraising page for SWFC is <https://www.wonderful.org/fundraiser/24hourrace-2a865e87>

## Mathletics



FODs have agreed to fund a Mathletics subscription for every child this year. So if you have mislaid your child's username and password, please ask your child's class teacher for a replacement. This is a fantastic resource for our children and they really enjoy it. Bronze, silver and gold certificates can be earned and will be awarded in Friday's celebration assembly.

<https://login.mathletics.com/>

## 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 Tuesday which is already covered. If you can 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](#)



STARS of the WEEK	
<p><b>Ducklings</b></p> <p>Rafe</p> 	<p><b>Minnows</b></p> <p>Ashrita</p> 
<p><b>Frogs</b></p> <p>Phoebe</p> 	<p><b>Kingfishers</b></p> <p>Duncan</p> 

Reminders:

## **Swimming (Minnows)**

Swimming has now finished for this school year.

## **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.**

Sunday 14 – Wednesday 17 July – Year 6 Kingswood

Wednesday 24 July - 9.30 - Leavers service

Wednesday 24 July - 2pm Awards celebration

## **Debden Church Calendar of Services and Events**

### **Services:**

July 14	9.15am	Family Service	John Saxon
July 21	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
July 28	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon
August 4	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
August 11	9.15am	Family Service	John Saxon
August 18	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
August 25	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon

### **Dates for Your Diary**

August 31	12 – 3pm	Barbeque in Churchyard
October 5		Harvest Supper
October 6		Harvest Festival

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