

# Newsletter

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**What a variable week it has been this week! The start was beautiful and sunny, but the end was a bit of a wash out! Let's hope the sun shines again for the weekend. I have been lucky this week to be in Frogs class and to have had lunch with some of the children outside to find out what they were learning about.**

## Minnows Class Trip

Last Wednesday, Minnows class took a trip to Saffron Walden Museum. Everyone was very excited. When we arrived, we met Charlotte and she told us what we would be doing. We were in three groups. We did a story map, a museum trail and a true or false quiz. I did every activity. I really liked my lunch even though it was raining and we had to sit outside under a tent. The best bit of the trip was the true or false quiz.

Reported by Evan

## FODS Movie Night - Paddington 2 - Monday May 21st 3-5pm

Please see the separate letter sent today and return the form to book tickets for the upcoming showing of Paddington 2. Munch on pizza and popcorn with your friends and you'll also get the chance to try Paddington's favourite food of marmalade sandwiches.

## Student update form

Thank you those parents who have filled in their student update form. If you have not done this, please do so at your earliest convenience so that our records can be updated accordingly. The deadline was today!

## SATs

Our year 2 children have been taking their "quizzes" to find out how much they know this week. We are careful to make year 2s as much like normal classroom practice as possible, so you may not even have known they were happening!

Year 6 SAT week starts on 14 May. We wish all our year 6s luck!

## Before-school care.

The new breakfast club opened on 19 March. Each morning it runs from 7.30-8.30am and each session costs £5.25.

They will be adding in some new exciting activities. If you are interested in booking or require any other information then please email: [neilosullivan@sports@gmail.com](mailto:neilosullivan@sports@gmail.com) with your child/children's details and days you'd like to book.

We are in discussion about after school care - please watch this space!

## Debden Christian Values:

*Honesty, Respect and Kindness*



### **Laurel**

For showing kindness - awarded by Sophia

## Headteacher's Award



### **Stanford**

For tidying up without being asked and trying exceptionally hard

### **Lily**

For trying exceptionally hard with her writing!

## Pen licenses



Bongi - Frogs Class.

## Celebration of Prince Harry and Meghan Markle's Wedding

We would like to join in with the celebration of the happy couple! So on Friday 18 May we are going to dedicate a day to cross curricular learning based on British Values/The Royal Wedding ending with a picnic with cakes (outside, depending on weather) which parents are invited to from 2pm. Children can wear their own red, white or blue clothes. We would really appreciate donations of cakes for your class - so please get baking (or buying!!)

## Ducklings Cake Sale

The next class cake stall will be at 3pm on Friday, 8 June when it will be Ducklings' turn to provide the cakes.

## Swimming

### **Swimming started for Years 1 and 3 on Tuesday, 20 February 2018.**







Please ensure that your child has their swimming kit in school every Tuesday – this should include a swimming costume, towel and a red swimming hat. Please write your child's first name on their hat in black marker pen. This is so swimming teachers can identify children in the water for their own safety. Thank you for your cooperation.

Please note that the school does not stock swimming hats. These can be purchased from any sports/online shop.

The cost for swimming is £52.50 for one and a half terms. Please make cheques payable to "Debden C of E Primary Academy".

## Music lessons

If your child is interested in learning an instrument, please let the office know. Lessons are full for drums, saxophone, flute and clarinet but we do run a waiting list. Guitar lessons are full during school time, however, there is one slot available for a lesson after school.

<p><b>Ducklings</b></p> <p>Henry &amp; Jenson</p> 	 <p><b><u>Stars of the Week</u></b></p>	<p><b>Minnows</b></p> <p>Macie &amp; Michael</p> 
<p><b>Dragonflies</b></p> <p>Charlie A &amp; George</p> 	<p><b>Frogs</b></p> <p>Alice &amp; Curtis</p> 	<p><b>Kingfishers</b></p> <p>Archie &amp; Harry</p> 

## **REMINDERS!**

### **Water Bottles**

Children are encouraged to drink water at all times. To help prevent the spread of germs, we do not supply drinking cups and, therefore, every child should have a named water bottle in school. Please note we do not

allow juice or flavored waters to be brought in to school.

### **Healthy snacks**

We like to encourage all children to bring in a snack for break time. It is a long time between breakfast and lunch, so a snack and a drink of water will make a big difference to children's concentration levels and ability to learn. As a healthy school, our guidelines for the type of snack to bring in must be fruit or vegetable in the form in which it grew (i.e., nothing added, stretchy or made in to a bar!). Key stage 1 children have a snack provided within school and do not need to bring anything else in with them.

### **Nut free school**

We have children within the school who have an allergic reaction to nuts. It is critical, therefore, that children should not bring nuts, or anything which contains nuts, in their snacks or lunch boxes. Thank you for your support.

### **School Lunch**

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a FREE school meal each day. If you would like your child to have a school dinner they can just request it when the dinner register is called each morning. If you do not wish your child to have a school meal, then please provide them with a packed lunch in the usual way.

If you have children in Years 3,4,5 or 6 school meals now cost £2.30 per day; £11.50 for one week.

Lunch can be paid for weekly or termly; and must be ordered and paid for each Monday. Please make cheques payable to "Debden C of E Primary Academy".

### **Universal Free School Meals**

Whilst your child is entitled to free school meals in Key Stage 1, we still need to collect data from these parents in order to assess whether or not your child is eligible to the educational funding in school that accompanies this entitlement. If you feel your child may be eligible, having read the criteria, please could you fill in the data collection form which is available from the school office.

#### **You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:**

- Income Support
  - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
  - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
  - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
  - The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
  - Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
  - You will not normally be eligible if you receive any amount of Working Tax Credit
- Please provide this information when requested as schools use this money to help support your children within the school environment to achieve their full potential in education.

#### **How to apply**

- Go online to [www.essex.gov.uk/educationawards](http://www.essex.gov.uk/educationawards)

Or

- Apply over the telephone or request an application form by calling **0845 603 2200**

### **Collecting Children**

Please make sure that we are informed if there is any change to the collection arrangements for your child. If anyone other than a parent is picking up your child at the end of the day, please notify the office (and the class teacher if possible)

We will also assume all children registered for the bus will be taking the bus each afternoon unless we hear to the contrary.

For safeguarding reasons, it is very important that we know exactly how children will be travelling home each day.

### **Absence**

If your child is absent from school, you must call the school office by **9am** on the first day and **each day** after that your child is absent.

### **Application for leave of absence for term time holidays**

We discourage parents from taking pupils out of school during term time. Should you need to, requests should be made via a leave of absence form, which is available from the school office. All holiday leave will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. All requests for leave will be acknowledged.

### **Health and Safety Notice regarding the wearing of earrings during PE and swimming**

As a reminder, Essex guidelines are that the Primary Code states that all jewellery is to be removed for PE lessons and taping over earrings is not allowed. This means that if pupils cannot take their earrings out they will have to sit out of PE until a time that the jewellery can be removed. Schools must comply with this guidance. This also applies to after school clubs and sporting events. Please also remember that all hair should be tied up on PE days.

Best wishes.

**Louise Gurney**  
Head Teacher

### **Important Dates for your diary**

*Please note - these may be subject to change if unavoidable circumstances come up.*

18 May	9am	Minnows class assembly (parents welcome)
18 May	2 pm	Royal Wedding Tea Party
14-18 May		SATs week - Year 6
<b>28 May–1 June</b>		<b>HALF TERM</b>
8 June	3pm	Ducklings Cake sale
11 June		Phonics screening week - Year 1
22 June	9am	Ducklings Class Worship - parents welcome.
29 June		Summer Fayre
4 July		Sports Day Picnic lunch at 12.00; afternoon races start at 1pm.
6 July	2-3pm	Open afternoon
10 July		Dress rehearsal - KS2 performance
11 July	1pm	KS2 performance
12 July	6pm	KS2 performance
20 July	9.30am	End of term service - parents welcome.
20 July	2pm	Balloon release and awards - parents welcome.
<b>20 July</b>		<b>BREAK UP</b>

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

May 13	9.30 am	Family Service	John Saxon
May 18	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
May 20	9.30 am	Pentecost	Jeremy Collingwood
		Holy Communion	
May 25	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
May 27	9.30 am	Trinity Sunday	Home team
		Choral Matins	

June 1	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
June 3	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Jeremy Collingwood
June 10	9.30 am	Family Service	Home team
June 22	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
June 24	9.30 am	Matins	Home team
June 29	9.00 am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon

**Events**

May 21	10.00 am	Church mice
June 25	10.00 am	Church mice