



Debden CE Primary Academy

18/01/2019

I hope that everyone was able to enjoy the Christmas break with their families near and far. The children have had lots of exciting news to share and have made a positive start to the new term. In just a couple of weeks, there has been the start of the exciting new Robot Club, a successful KS2 swimming gala and Zumba is keeping pupils active in a fun way.

I would like to wish the whole school community a happy, healthy and peaceful 2019.

Best wishes

Mrs Sarah Mitchell

Snow

With the temperature forecast to continue falling, it is prudent to remind ourselves of the following:

In the event of severe weather conditions, it may be necessary, as a last resort, to close the school.

In the event of the school being closed **before the start of the school day** you can find out if the school is closed by doing either of the following:

- Log on to the school website www.debdenprimary.co.uk
- Visit Essex County Council's homepage at www.essex.gov.uk and search for Emergency School Closures or click into the Education and Schools area, click Schools, click Dates and click Emergency Closures. The Emergency Closures page will update as and when notifications are received and so it is recommended you continue to check or refresh the page.

Also, a parent mail will be sent out informing you of the closure and a message put on the school's Facebook page.

Swimming Gala

Debden Primary Academy came in a respectable 3rd place out of five competing schools. Many children challenged themselves, and Mrs Bailey was very impressed with the teamwork and perseverance that many children showed.

'Everyone was shouting; it was very noisy. We did really well particularly Amber, who swam very fast.'

Aaliyah – Year 6

Robot Club

Robot club was successfully launched last Friday. The school hall was alive with electronic creatures buzzing around the floor. I had many positive reports from the attendees who cannot wait to get stuck into the programming element of the course.



Safer Internet Day

On the 5th February, as part of the National Curriculum and along with many other schools globally, we will be celebrating Safer Internet Day. During this day our children will be engaged in a number of age-appropriate activities designed to help our children use technology responsibly, respectfully, critically and creatively. The theme for 2019 is 'Together for a better internet'. Please visit www.saferinternet.org.uk for more information or to have a look at some of the resources (Education Packs) we will be using in class.

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](#)

FODS' Cake Sales

FODS' Cake sales resume today with Kingfishers class providing the tasty treats. The next cake sale will be on Friday 1 February, when it will be Frogs Class turn. 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	
<p>Ducklings</p> <p><i>Connor and Frank & Maddie</i></p> 	<p>Minnows</p> <p><i>Henry & George</i></p> 

<p>Frogs</p>  <p><i>Riley & Amber</i></p>	<p>Kingfishers</p>  <p><i>Oliver & Ellie-Mai</i></p>
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Reminders:

Swimming

Frogs last swimming session will be on Tuesday 5th February and then Minnows will swim after half term.

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

Joanne Fradd
Deputy Headteacher

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

Friday 25 January - Minnows STEM afternoon from 1.10pm - 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 13 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

January 20	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
January 27	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon
February 3	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
February 10	9.15am	Family Service	John Saxon
February 17	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
February 24	9.15am	Choral Matins	Home Team

NB Please note the new time of services beginning at 9.15am