



# Debden CE Primary Academy

24/05/2019

Everyone is feeling optimistic as the days lengthen and the sun-drenched view stretches across the fields from the playground. Debden has been a fabulous place to be. Andy, the Padre from Carver Barracks, led worship this week on the theme of giving and receiving. Some lucky children were chosen to complete 2 challenges: the first to squeeze a tube of toothpaste until it was empty as fast as possible; the second to put it all back in! Andy made us reflect on how easy it is to receive but not so easy to put back in. We reflected on ways that we could give back – to our class, our friendships, our families and our communities. This was a special moment to remind us of our role in nurturing our school community.

## New Signage

You may have noticed our smart new sign outside of school. Thank you to FODS for funding and organising this. We have received many compliments. Please check out the school Facebook page for more details.



## KS2 Play



Auditions have just taken place for our end of year production: **The Tempest** by William Shakespeare. The children are all looking forward to taking part in this exciting event, which has become a rite of passage for the year 6 children who will lead the production. **Rachel Everitt** (Miss Everitt's Mum) has kindly donated several resources that we can use for props and costumes from her charitable organisation:



<https://www.emmaus.org.uk/cambridge>. We would like to offer our grateful thanks. However, if you have a KS2 child, please keep your eyes peeled for a letter detailing your child's required costume after half term. Thank you for your support.

## Frogs' STEM afternoon

Frog class have enjoyed a wonderful STEM afternoon where the task was to build the longest roller coaster using only straws and tape. Thank you to all the parents who came in and participated in this fun activity.



## KS2 SATS/YUVA

After completing their end of KS2 SATs papers, the year 6 children were treated to a delicious curry lunch at YUVA, kindly paid for by FODS. They thoroughly enjoyed themselves, feeling especially grown up and proud to have reached that point in their primary school career. Below are a few retro polaroids of the year 6 children in action.



## FODS Movie Night



Lots of popcorn was munched at last Friday's movie night. FODS showed "Ralph Breaks the Internet" and the event raised £169 for FODS funds. Thank you to the volunteers who organised this. Edward said "I enjoyed it when there were lots of Ralphs running around and destroying things! We had pizza and popcorn – it was my favourite."

## Kwik Cricket Tournament

On Wednesday 22nd May, two teams from KS2 attended a Kwik Cricket tournament at Saffron Walden Cricket Club. Shannon said "We practised and played against Great Chesterford and Clavering. It went well because we got lots of runs but we didn't win the game this time." Mrs Dixon and Mrs Wilkinson were impressed with the teamwork and exemplary behaviour of our teams.



## 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/>

## FODS Events

### **Curry and Quiz Night - Thursday June 6<sup>th</sup>** (immediately after half term)

Sharpen your pencils and join the FODS quiz night at YUVA on Thursday June 6th, from 7:30pm with the quiz starting at 8pm. Tickets are £15 and include a delicious meal. Get together with friends or join a table on the night. Tickets are available from the School Office and Ann Palmer (07793 029691). Cash or cheques payable to Friends of Debden School.

### **Bag2School - Tuesday June 18th**

We have booked a textiles collection with Bag2School for after half term on Tuesday June 18th. Have a sort through your cupboards and wardrobes and donate unwanted textiles including adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags, soft toys, curtains and towels (please refer to <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> for a full list). In addition to raising much needed funds it will also raise awareness amongst the children of the benefits of recycling and reuse.

### **Raffle Prizes**

We are collecting raffle prizes for our summer raffle to be held at sports day. If you can help, please speak to the office or anyone from FODS.

### **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 are able to 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>Rory &amp; Maddie</p>	<p><b>Minnnows</b></p>  <p>Jamie &amp; Oliver</p>
<p><b>Frogs</b></p>  <p>Amelia &amp; Sophia</p>	<p><b>Kingfishers</b></p> <p>All of year 6 &amp; Bongi</p> 

## **Reminders:**

### **Swimming**

Swimming for Minnows resumed on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April. Please ensure your child has their full swimming kit with them every Tuesday (costume, swimming hat, goggles and towel). The last swim session for Minnows will be Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July.

### **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.**

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

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July - 1.30 – KS2 Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 9 July - 2pm - KS2 performance

Wednesday 10 July - 6pm – KS2 performance.

Sunday 14 – Wednesday 17 – Year 6 Kingswood

Wednesday 24 July - 9.30 - Leavers service & Awards celebration - 2pm.

## **Debden Church Calendar of Services and Events for May & June 2019**

### **Services:**

May 26	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon
June 2	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
June 9	9.15am	Family Service	John Saxon
June 16	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
June 23	9.15am	Choral Matins	Paula Griffiths
June 30	11.00am	Holy Communion	Richard Spencer
		Joint Service at Wimbish	

**Dates for Your  
Diary**

June 13	Lunch Club (Village Hall)
August 31	Barbeque 1n Churchyard
October 13	Harvest Festival

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