



DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th July, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well, and that your children are enjoying our end of term provision in school. It may be the end of the academic year, but the action here at Debden is by no means subsiding! In amongst the visits, assessments, report writing, productions (and for some, late nights watching England at the Euros) it can all feel like a bit of a whirlwind, but I have been really pleased to see that the children remain energetic and enthusiastic as we countdown to the summer break. For more information about all of the things that have been happening at school, please do remember to look over the [assembly slides](#) that we email out each week and also the [Debden Primary Academy Facebook page](#).

Many children this week have reliably informed me that 'Football is coming home.' Of course, England have made the final of [Euro 2020](#), and lots of people are incredibly excited by the prospect of this (hopefully) historic event. Therefore, we would like to give families the option of whether their children stay up late for the final on Sunday. To accommodate this, children are welcome to come to school no later than 10.15am on Monday. This will allow them to catch up on sleep and come into school in the right frame of mind for learning. We did have a few zombie children stumbling around the school on Thursday, and we are keen to avoid this again! If this is not of interest to you/ your children, please rest assured that we will be open at the usual time for the rest of the children on Monday, and will be having an extended tutor period where children will be partaking in end of term artistic activities.

In the latter part of next week, I will be writing to you with some important information regarding our [school structure from September 2021](#).

You may or may not be aware that our school has grown considerably over the past 18 months or so - indeed, we currently have around 30% more children on roll than we did in December 2019. We hope you will agree that this is good news: it seems to show that the word is spreading about all of the lovely things that are happening at Debden, and that more and more families want to join our school community. I would like to thank all of you for your part in this, as we continue to receive many applications from families who have been recommended to the school by our existing parents.

The number of applications for a September 2021 place at our school have continued to increase over the last term. On top of this, we have had an unexpected surge for places just in the last couple of weeks, predominantly in Years 1-4. As a result, we are now in the previously unforeseen position where we are reconsidering whether the school's current structure of four classes will ensure the best possible learning opportunities for all of our children in the next academic year. There is a good deal of work to be done on this, and I will be able to give you some more certainty regarding the finer details next week. As always, our approach will always be driven by what we feel is best for the children and their learning.

Wishing you all a fantastic weekend. Come on, England!

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley