

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 7 February 2020

Dear Parents,

As we approach the half-way point in the academic year (already!), there has been plenty going on here at Debden to report on in this week's newsletter.

On Thursday, the younger children were very excited to welcome Nick the Scooter Man to Debden. He taught them all about how to be safe on scooters, and how they can be used to stay fit and healthy. I know that all the children really enjoyed his session, especially some of the fun scooter games that they played out on the playground. There are lots more photos on the school website.



Our older children have also been busy! The Kingfishers class have recently been representing Debden in some hotly-contested sports fixtures across the district. Last week, they participated in a local-schools Tag Rugby competition, in which I am reliably informed that they performed exceptionally well! Furthermore, this past Wednesday, the whole-class showcased their skills in the Sports Hall Athletics tournament. Mr Brown and Mr McKeown expressed how happy they were with the children's support for one another throughout the events, in which many children were competing for the first time. We are very proud of all of you!

We are continuing to develop our curriculum offer across all the subject disciplines – over the past two weeks we have been taking an in-depth look at teaching and learning in maths, geography and science. Mrs Stephenson, our chair of Governors, was really happy with the children's mathematical understanding on her learning walk last week, whilst Mrs Bailey and myself have been equally impressed with the children's grasp of scientific and geographical knowledge respectively. Many of the children are now exceeding their expected rates of progress, which has pleased us no end!

I wanted to take this opportunity to thank the army of volunteer readers who come into our school each week to read with the children. By helping them to develop their reading skills, you are making a huge difference to both their academic and functional literacy. Many of you have also helped the children to foster an enthusiasm for reading, and so we thank you for all that you do for us!

I would also like to say thank you in advance to all of the parents who have agreed to help out with giving the school a much-needed lick of paint over the half-term break. We are eternally grateful to have such proactive and kind-hearted souls who are always willing to make a difference to our school. If you would like to sign up for this but are worried about who will look after your children, Neil O'Sullivan and his team are kindly offering free places on their holiday camp at the school to all parents supporting the painting project. Please ask at the office for more details.

Please remember that you can follow all our latest stories and achievements via the Debden Primary Academy Facebook page. Simply 'like' the page to get regular updates and photos from our school events, as they happen.

Thank you for your continued support.

Matt Hawley

Head of School

| Time/Day | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday |
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| Before School 7.30am-8.30am | Breakfast Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team | Breakfast Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team | Breakfast Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team | Breakfast Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team | Breakfast Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team |
| Lunchtime 12.30pm-1pm | Board Games Mrs Murrell | Library Parent Volunteer Sports Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team | K\$2 Choir Parent Volunteer Science Club Mrs Bailey | Sports Club Mr O'Sullivan & Team | K\$1 Choir Ms Weetch |
| After School 3pm-5pm | Running Mr O'Sullivan & Team | Football Mr O'Sullivan & Team | Dodgeball Mr O'Sullivan & Team | Zumba Mr O'Sullivan & Team | Tag Rugby Mr O'Sullivan & Team |

| STARS of the WEEK | |
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| <p>Ducklings</p>  <p><i>Daniel & Lily</i></p> | <p>Minnows</p>  <p><i>Alice & Belle</i></p> |
| <p>Frogs</p>  <p><i>Phoebe & Hayden</i></p> | <p>Kingfishers</p>  <p><i>Amelia & Grace</i></p> |

FODS News

FODS Movie Night

"Farmageddon" (U)

Monday 10th February 3-5pm

'It's one small step for lamb in Shaun's new out of this world adventure! When a mischievous alien crash-lands near Mossy Bottom farm, Shaun sets on a thrilling rescue mission to help return her home, while a secret government UFO organisation is hot on their trail, can Shaun and the flock avert Farmageddon before it's too late?

From the multi-award-winning studio that brought you Chicken Run and Wallace & Gromit, hold on to your seats as we blast off on an exciting and heart-warming sci-fi comedy adventure.'

Children will be given popcorn, a hotdog, and a drink. Please can Reception children and any younger siblings be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets cost £5 and we are offering a multiple sibling discount as follows: £9 for 2 siblings and £12 for 3 or more siblings.

If you would like to book tickets, please complete and return the slip sent previously, together with payment, to the School Office as soon as possible. The School Office can provide printed slips if requested.

The next FODS cake sale will be today, when it is Year 5's turn to provide the cakes. Please note that the cake sales will be done in year groups now, not in classes. Please leave your donations (home-made or bought) in the corridor. Cakes will cost 50p each. If your child travels home on the bus and they would like to buy a cake,

please send them in with their 50p in a named envelope and staff will let them visit the cake sale before the end of the day. The dates for all other year group cake sales can be found below.

Swimming (Frogs)

The last swim for Frogs will be Tuesday 11th February after which Minnows will swim (details to follow). Please ensure your child has their full swimming kit with them every Tuesday (costume, swimming hat, goggles and towel).

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.

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

Friday 7 Feb – Frog's STEM afternoon

Friday 7 Feb – Year 5 cake sale

Monday 10 March – FODS Movie Night – Farmageddon

Tuesday 11 Feb – Parent Consultations 3.30pm – 5.30 pm

Wednesday 12 Feb – Parent Consultations 5 pm – 7 pm

Friday 14 Feb – Break up for half term

Monday 24 Feb – Back to school

Friday 28 Feb – Year 4 cake sale

Tuesday 3 March – Minnows start swimming

Wednesday 18 March – FODS Disco

Friday 27 March – Minnow's STEM afternoon

Friday 27 March – Year 3 cake sale

Friday 3 April – Easter Service 9.30 am

Friday 3 April – Break up

Monday 20 April – Back to school

Friday 24 April – Year 2 cake sale

Thursday 7 May – Year 1 cake sale

Friday 8 May – Bank holiday

Week Commencing 11 May – Year 6 SATS week

Friday 22 May – Break up

Friday 22 May – Duckling cake sale

Tuesday 2 June – Non pupil day

Wednesday 3 June – Back to school

Friday 10 July – Reports out

Sunday 12 July – Year 6 to Kingswood

Friday 17 July – Open afternoon

Wednesday 22 July – Leavers Service 9.30 am

Wednesday 22 July – Break up for the Summer

Debden Church Calendar of Services and Events for 2020

Services:

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| Sun 9 Feb | 3 before Lent | 09.15 | Family Service | J.Saxon |
| Sun 16 Feb | 2 before Lent | 09.15 | Holy Communion | |
| Sun 23 Feb | Next before Lent | 09.15 | Choral Matins | J.Saxon |
| Wed 26 Feb | Ash Wednesday | 20.00 | Holy Communion (said service) | J.Saxon |
| Sun 1 Mar | Lent 1 | 09.15 | Holy Communion | J.Saxon |
| Sun 8 Mar | Lent 2 | 09.15 | Family Service | J.Saxon |
| Sun 15 Mar | Lent 3 | 09.15 | Holy Communion | J.Saxon |
| Sun 22 Mar | Lent 4 (Mothering Sunday) | 09.15 | Praise! Service of the Word | J.Saxon |
| Sun 29 Mar | Lent 5 (Passion Sunday) | 09.15 | Holy Communion | J.Saxon |
| Sun 5 Apr | Palm Sunday | 09.45 | Procession from Village Shop | ----- |
| Sun 5 Apr | | 10.00 | Dramatised Readings of our Lord's Passion | J.Saxon |
| Thu 9 Apr | Maundy Thursday | 20.00 | Agape Supper at WIMBISH Church | |
| Fri 10 Apr | Good Friday | 10.00 | Walk of Witness | J.Saxon |
| Sun 12 Apr | Easter Day | 09.15 | Holy Communion | J.Saxon |
| Sun 19 Apr | Easter 2 | 09.15 | Holy Communion | Home Team |
| Sun 26 Apr | Easter 3 | 09.15 | Choral Matins | J.Saxon |

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