



Debden CE Primary Academy

10/05/2019

The Reverend John Saxon visited us this week and led some worship about doing our best. He made us reflect on how our gifts and talents are not necessarily measured in exams, but to try our very best because then God will bestow blessings upon us.

Chicks



Mrs Stoyle organised for some eggs to be delivered to Ducklings class for the start of the summer term, kindly funded by FODs. The eggs started to hatch on the first day and within the week, 8 healthy chicks were pecking around their enclosure. As well as all the cross-curricular learning that was gained by Ducklings, every child in the school was able to visit the chicks during this exciting time.

£500 Forest School Grant



The Stansted Airport Community Passenger Fund has awarded us £500 for replacing and updating our Forest School equipment. A huge thank you to Mrs Dixon for making this grant application and enhancing our Forest School provision.

Archery Tournament

Having sailed through the regional heats, Debden was invited to the semi-finals of the archery tournament hosted by RAB. Ollie, Aaliyah, Rufus & Ellie competed and were placed 5th out of 8 teams. Mrs Wilkinson, who accompanied the children, was especially impressed with the conduct, behaviour and sportsmanship of our children. They were excellent ambassadors for Debden sport.



Principal of JFAN Visit



On Wednesday 1st May, Mr Duncan Roberts, the new principal of Joyce Frankland Academy came to introduce himself to Kingfishers' children and parents about their transition to secondary school. He was a very inspirational speaker, painting a picture of what the next stage of their educational career could be like. Our children impressed him in return by their thoughtful questions.

Open Morning

We held an open morning for prospective parents on Tuesday 30th April. It was lovely to show some new families around our very special, nurturing school – they even got to sample some of Mrs Andrews' fabulous baking. Thanks to all those that had display boards in front of their houses, advertising the event. If you know anyone who is still deciding on a school place for September, we have a small number of places still available. Please ask them to contact the office for a tour and a chat.

Phonics/Reading Workshop - change of date

Due to feedback from parents and the business of the term, we have decided to postpone the reading workshop until the autumn term. A new date will be announced in September so keep your eyes peeled.



Mathletics



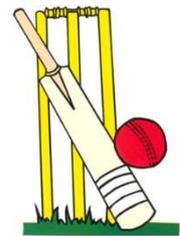
FODs have agreed to fund a Mathletics subscription for every child this year. So if you have mislaid your child's username and password, please ask your child's class teacher for a replacement. This is a fantastic resource for our children and they really enjoy it. Bronze, silver and gold certificates can be earned and will be awarded in Friday's celebration assembly. <https://login.mathletics.com/>

Corner Ball Tournament

The rain may have stopped play for rounders but made for an exhilarating corner ball tournament instead. Kingfishers went to JFAN for this inter-school competition, where they enjoyed wins over our friends, Great Chesterford and Wimbish. Players of the match were Duncan, for his incredible bowling skill and Russell, for his sportsmanship and overall effort. Miss Everitt said that everyone enjoyed participating in the matches.

Three Tees Cricket

'We went on a coach to JFAN and we were put into teams. We took turns fielding and batting against other schools. We did pretty good and we won some of our games. It was good fun. We really enjoyed batting the balls a long way.'



Reported by George, Michael and Ted

Robots in Minnows

'On Friday, Mr Samson came into our class to help us program the Edison robots. First, we tried to make them go backwards and forwards and then we made them go in a square. We used the ipads to program the robots. It was quite challenging to program the robots. Thank you very much to Mr Samson for helping us.'

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FODS Events

Ralph Breaks the Internet (PG) Movie Night - Friday May 17th

Please see the separate email sent on Thursday for details about the FODS movie night next week.

Curry and Quiz Night - Thursday June 6th

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. 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 Thursday 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>Ducklings</p> <p>Melody & Connor</p> 	<p>Minnows</p> <p>Eleanor & Michael</p> 
<p>Frogs</p> <p>Owen & Tristan</p> 	<p>Kingfishers</p> <p>Archie & Duncan</p> 

Reminders:

Swimming

Swimming for Minnows resumed on Tuesday 30th 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 9th 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.

May 2019 - KS1 "Test" period

W/C 13 May - KS2 Test week

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 Calendar of Services and Events for May & June 2019

Services:

Sun 12 May	Easter 4	09.15	Family Service	J.Saxon
Sun 19 May	Easter 5	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 26 May	Easter 6 – Rogation Sunday	09.15	Choral Matins	J.Saxon
Sun 2 Jun	Easter 7	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Sibson
Sun 9 Jun	Pentecost	09.15	Family Service	J.Saxon
Sun 16 Jun	Trinity Sunday	09.15	Holy Communion	J.Saxon
Sun 23 Jun	Trinity 1	09.15	Choral Matins	P Griffiths

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