



# Debden CE Primary Academy

08/03/19

Spring is in the air and violets are blooming outside Yuva. The children and staff enjoyed the warmer weather last week, with lots of learning happening outside the classroom. Frogs were measuring items in the playground in the sunshine and Minnows were working hard on improving their time in the Daily Mile. This week, the wind and rain have made an appearance but have not dampened the spirits of our children, who have made us proud competing at Hockey and made us smile on World Book Day.

## World Book Day

The children and staff have had a fantastic World Book Day! The day kick-started with an engaging assembly by Mrs Hood on her love of books then children returned to class to take part in drama, quizzes, story creation, book-making and of course – reading! A favourite part of the day for me was when children from different classes paired up to share a book together, it was a really special moment. Mrs Mitchell also visited us to steal ideas for her costume for Great Chesterford's World Book Day tomorrow. All of our children looked fabulous in their costumes, thank you parents.



Please visit your local book shop this weekend to make use of your free £1 book voucher per child.



## Book Amnesty

Please have a look under the bed and behind the sofa at home for forgotten and lost books which may belong to the school. We are on the hunt for many books which we need to return to Essex School Library Service and we need your help. If these books are not found, the school will incur a charge. Teachers have a list of lost books in classrooms, so please ask if you are unsure. There will be a box in Minnows available to deposit any books found – no questions asked! Please do have a look for us while doing any spring cleaning this weekend.

## KS2 Hockey Tournament



A dynamic team of Hockey Players, selected from KS2, were accompanied by Mrs Burley and Miss Everitt to a hockey tournament at Joyce Frankland Academy. Mrs Burley reported that they played incredibly well and lost a couple of matches by purely a couple of 'lucky goals'. Overall they came 4th. All in all, she was very proud of how they played and has identified the team's strengths and areas for development.

Aaliyah told us 'The tournament was fun – some of the matches we lost but others we won. Jack Powell-Beaumont was the star player because he would always pass the ball to his team-mates on the wing. Faye and I played every single match which was hard work!'



## Red Nose Day 2019

Red Nose Day for Comic Relief is next **Friday 15th March**. Children will be allowed to come in their day in return for a £1 Noses will be on 11th March at a cost an extraordinary to collect this year



Children will be allowed to come in their pyjamas on that donation. Red sale from Monday of £1.25. There is array of red noses including the ultra-

rare 'Transforminos'.

## Minnows Swimming

Minnows have made a brilliant start to their swimming lesson this half term. Mrs Murrell commented on their excellent behaviour and speedy changing skills. The final swimming lesson for Minnows this term will be on March 26.

## Hockey Match

Debden roared to victory in their latest hockey match against Henham & Ugley on Friday 1 March. Great teamwork kept up the momentum in the Henham half and the team was rewarded with a late winner by Duncan.



## 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](#)

## FODS' Cake Sales

Minnows cake sale is today and then the next cake sale will be on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> May, when it will be Ducking 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.

## Celebration

STARS of the WEEK	
<p><b>Ducklings</b></p>  <p><i>Rafe &amp; Edie</i></p>	<p><b>Minnows</b></p>  <p><i>Amelia &amp; Jimmy</i></p>
<p><b>Frogs</b></p>  <p><i>Oliver &amp; Riley</i></p>	<p><b>Kingfishers</b></p>  <p><i>Duncan &amp; Joshua</i></p>

## Reminders:

### Swimming

Minnows are now swimming every Tuesday. The last swim for them this term will be on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March and they will resume 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).

### **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 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 15 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**

March 8	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
March 10	9.15am	Family Service	John Saxon
March 15	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	
March 17	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
March 22	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
March 24	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon
March 29	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
March 31		<b>Mothering Sunday</b>	
	<b>9.15am</b>	<b>Family Service</b>	<b>John Saxon</b>

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

