



Debden CE Primary Academy

01/02/2019

As I write, there has been a sprinkling of snow. The school looked beautiful in its wintery wonderland setting. It was a pleasure to see the children, who were appropriately dressed, enjoying the snow at break time, I am not sure who enjoyed it more – the children or Mrs Hare! Unfortunately, Forest School was judged as unsafe to continue this morning, but the Ducklings took the year 5's out for a snowy ramble instead. The children returned with rosy cheeks and happy faces. FODs have kindly purchased an outdoor storage cupboard that can be used to store wellies, allowing children to wear their school shoes indoors. Thank you FODs.



Geography Day

Mrs Auty opened our geography day by engaging us in a fantastic assembly entitled 'If the world were a village...' 100 chairs were positioned in the hall for the children to sit on – these represented the entire population of the world. Children were asked to stand at various points to represent the proportion of the population who had access to clean water, for example, or those who speak English, or those in poverty. It was a fascinating way to raise the children's awareness of global issues and make us realise how lucky we are.



Sports Hall Athletics Kingfishers

Kingfishers gave a sterling performance at the indoors athletics event hosted by JFAN. Out of a total of 8 schools, many much larger than Debden, we came 3rd. Congratulations to all the Kingfishers involved, you made us very proud.

Minnows' STEM Afternoon

Minnows had a fantastic and fun bridge-building afternoon using various equipment – some made more successful choices than others! It was lovely to hear about the teamwork, perseverance and healthy competition that was going on between families. Mrs Hood would like to thank the parents, who were a pleasure to have in the class.



Hockey

On Friday, Debden's Hockey team drew their first match of the season 0-0 against Rickling. Debden were the dominant side in the match with the majority of possession and most of the game played in the Rickling half. Good shots on target by our players were thwarted by the Rickling defence. Well done Debden.

GPS Workshops

It was lovely to welcome many to the GPS workshops where parents had a chance to sample some of the spelling, punctuation and grammar activities the children learn throughout the year groups. Many children commented on how they enjoyed 'showing off' to their parents and being in the role as teacher. Our aim was for parents to feel more informed about this area of the English curriculum and how to best support their child at home. Thank you to all who were able to attend.



KS1 Multi Skills

Minnows Class had a wonderful time at the KS1 Multi skills event at JFAN on Wednesday. They took part in a range of activities which included speed bounce, relays and dribbling skills using a hockey stick. We were all very excited to be given the opportunity to practise skills we have been learning in school.

'We travelled to Newport on a bus and we did 6 different sports. One of them was a relay race. We also did a balance game and a nest game. We did a hockey game where we had to roll a ball using a hockey stick around a cone. Also, we had to throw beanbags through hoops. It was a really great afternoon.'

Reported by Brewster and George

Magistrate's Talk



A local Magistrate, Elaine Terry, came in to talk to Kingfishers about the age of criminal responsibility. The children also learnt about the differences between the Crown Court and the Magistrates' Courts. As part of her workshop, Mrs Terry asked children to become Magistrates themselves and assess the severity of a range of crimes.

Safer Internet Day

Ahead of Safer Internet Day on Tuesday 5th February, parents may wish to have a look at the following informative website: <https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/> It has the most up to date information for parents regarding online gaming and social media platforms.



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

FODS' Cake sale is today with Frogs class providing the tasty treats. The next cake sale will be on Friday 8 March, when it will be Minnow 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 style="text-align: center;">Ducklings</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Freya Edie & Melody</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Minnows</p> 
<p style="text-align: center;">Frogs</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Rose & Thomas</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kingfishers</p>  <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Aaliyah & Bobbie</i></p>

Reminders:

Swimming

Frogs last swimming session will be on Tuesday 5 February and then Minnows will swim after half term.

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.

Monday 18 - Friday 22 February - Half Term

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

February 3	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
February 10	9.15am	Family Service	John Saxon
February 17	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
February 24	9.15am	Choral Matins	Home Team

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