



Debden CE Primary Academy

23/11/2018

What a fantastic couple of weeks we have had at Debden Primary Academy. From Remembrance and celebrating the centenary of the end of WW1 to our annual ramble to raise money for Children in Need. Kingfishers also conducted our first STEM afternoon of the year to ensure our children acquire key skills for their future.

Children in Need

Our annual ramble was held on 16 November. A huge thank you to all who attended and helped us raise an amazing £270. A special thank you must go to school council and Mrs Dixon who organised the ramble and FODS who helped with teas, coffees and the “bring and buy” sale!



Kingfisher STEM afternoon

STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) are subjects imperative for our children’s futures. They teach key skills, which is why I introduced an afternoon dedicated to this subject last year. Kingfishers held the first afternoon on Friday 16 November.



'There were two activities, one making a fort for an adult, and one make the tallest tower out of lolly sticks and pegs. We had newspaper and cellotape only to make the fort. It was really difficult because we couldn't fit our adult in.'

Reported by Jack

Book Fair

We will be holding a School Book Fair from Thursday 22nd November until Tuesday 27th November. The fair will be open after school each day from 3pm for parents to buy books with their children. Children who travel home on the bus, or whose parents do not collect them from school, may bring cheques (made payable to Debden Primary Academy) for a book, in a named envelope which clearly states the name of the book they wish to purchase. The book fair will also be open on Monday morning (26th November) from 8.45 - 9.15 and the afternoon from 2.45 for parents to view books alone, with a view to buying Christmas presents. There are some great deals on offer. Please remember, we cannot accept cash.

Tang Ting Visitors

We were privileged to have the head teacher from the school in Tang Ting visit us on Thursday along with some other members of the Gurkha community. He is visiting the UK and was keen to have a look around our school. Kingfisher children also wrote letters to some of the children at the Tang Ting school.



FODS CHRISTMAS

Today you will find the FODS Christmas newsletter in your child's school bag telling you about all the events we are organising before the end of term. The Christmas Fayre is just 2 weeks away on Friday Dec 7th!

In school bags, you will also find 2 books of RAFFLE TICKETS for the BIG raffle at the Fayre for sale to Grandparents, friends and family. We have some fantastic prizes, including a children's party at Debden Barns, a meal for 2 at The Plough, and a voucher for Andrew James hair salon. The full list of prizes is on our FODS Facebook page.



ELFRIDGES GIFT SALE is next Thursday which is our pop-up shop where the children have loads of fun buying presents for their family for just £1! This year the pet department is back and also new for this year, we will gift wrap and label but please send in an additional £1 per child (not per gift) if you would like gift wrapping, to help us cover costs.



PE and Sports Clubs

I have noticed some children not completing their PE lesson because of a lack of PE kit. Please could I remind you that PE kits should remain in school/be washed ready for the next session, including trainers/plimsolls? Thank you for your support.

As we are heading into winter, please could you supply your child with a track suit to wear for PE? At present, we do not have a "Debden Primary Academy" top/trousers to buy, so any colour, as long as it is warm, would be fine - thank you.

It would also be useful if a carrier bag were to be supplied for trainers, in case the children go out on the field (especially for the older children).

Mr McKeown has also asked me to request football boots, if your child has them, for football club please as the field has become more slippery in the autumnal weather.

Reception Admissions for September 2019

As you may be aware, the primary school (Reception) admission round opened on Monday 12 November 2018, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2019. The statutory national closing date for applications is 15 January 2019. From 12 November 2018, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

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.

After-school club news

After speaking to Neil, he has let me know that Wimbish School are in agreement in principle to a joint after-school club, held at Debden. This is important for Neil, as it will make it more financially viable. When I hear more, I will let you know. Please keep your eyes peeled for more information in the next newsletter.

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.

Please note; Mrs Kadir (brass teacher) has been approached about an orchestra after school. If she has some interest in her brass lessons, which she came into school to conduct a demonstration for the KS2 children, (KS1 are a little too young to manipulate the instruments) she has said that it may be worth her running an orchestra. So if your child is interested, please do let us know!

Cake Sales

After today, there will be no more cake sales now until after Christmas.

Celebration

STARS of the WEEK

Ducklings



*Freya
&
Elora*

Minnows



*Michael
&
Erin*

Frogs



*Piers
&
Charlie*

Kingfishers



*Ollie
&
Emelia*

Kind regards

Louise Gurney

Head teacher

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

Friday 30 November - Flu immunisations

Friday 7 December - Christmas enrichment art day

Friday 7 December – FODS Christmas Fayre

Monday 10 December - Maths workshops for parents - 9.00 - 10.30am

Tuesday 11 December - 9.30am KS1 Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 12 December - 2pm KS1 Performance

Thursday 13 December - 2pm KS1 Performance

Friday 14 December – FODS Christmas movie night

Friday 14 December - Autumn summary reports out

Wednesday 19 December 9.30 - Christmas Service

Thursday 20 - 2 January Christmas Holiday

Thursday 3 January - INSET

Friday 4 January - Children back

Friday 25 January - Minnows STEM afternoon from 1.15pm - then celebration assembly

Monday 28 January - GPS workshops for parents - details to follow.
 Friday 1 February - Frogs class assembly - parents invited - 2.30pm .
 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.
 Friday 5 July - Ducklings class assembly - parents invited - 2.40pm.
 Friday 5 July - Summer summary reports out
 Tuesday 9 July - Sports Day - picnic lunch from 12pm and races at 1pm.
 Tuesday 16 July - 9.30 - Dress Rehearsal
 Wednesday 17 July - 2pm - KS2 performance
 Thursday 18 July - 6pm - performance.
 Wednesday 24 July - 9.30 - Leavers service & 2pm - Balloon release

Debden Church dates

November 25	9.30am	Choral Matins	John Saxon
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Dates for Your Diary

December 1	12.00am	Christmas Fair	
December 9		Christingle	
December 16	6.30pm	Carol Service	
December 24	5.00pm	Nativity Service	
December 24	11.00pm	Midnight Mass	Wimbish
December 25	9.30am	Christmas Service	