



DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September, 2020

Dear Parents,

I wanted to start this week's newsletter by expressing our thanks to some very generous members of our parent community. Firstly, we have been extremely grateful to receive a kind donation of several fantastic laptops and desktop computers from Mr and Mrs Iceton. We have set these computers up in our library, where they will be used to supplement learning and research tasks. I'm sure that you will agree from the picture below that they look great! We have also been immensely fortunate to receive a whole mountain of books from the Platt family. The books are all in excellent condition and are popular modern titles that we know the children will absolutely love. We have even acquired an extra bookcase from our sister school at Great Chesterford just to house them all!

We are so very appreciative for both of these kind acts – as a small school with a limited budget, donations like this are such a great help. We know that both families could have earned themselves a tidy sum from selling these items, so thank you so much for granting them to us – the children at Debden will enjoy them for years to come!

The weather may have somewhat turned on us this week, but that certainly hasn't dampened the spirits of the children here at Debden! They have been as enthusiastic and energetic as ever and we are already starting to see some strong progress since the start of the year. There have been many learning highlights this week and we hope that you enjoy looking over some of them in this week's achievement assembly, which is attached to the same email as this newsletter. If you have any issues with opening the file, we also post it to our website (scroll down to 'newsletters' on the homepage). Remember that you can also keep with events as they happen via our Facebook page - <https://www.facebook.com/DebdenPrimary>.

On Wednesday, like many schools across Essex, Debden took part in national skipping day. We learnt some tricky routines and practised skipping with our friends. The aim of the day was to improve fitness and have lots of fun. The children seemed to really enjoy it and a number of them showed some real potential. Here is the link <https://youtu.be/MnckThhTjXY> to the video of the routine - we wonder if any of our parents feel brave enough to give it a go!

A final reminder that our Bags2School collection is taking place on Monday until Tuesday morning (when the bags are collected). Items that Bag2School accept are shoes (tied together please), clothing, belts, handbags, jewellery, household linen, curtains, bed linen, towels and soft toys. They don't accept duvets and pillows and school uniform. There is a full list here <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect>. There will be a gazebo outside the front of school where you can place the bags, which will keep them dry in case of rain.

Mr Hawley



Children who achieved Gold this week!

*Kingfishers: Prisma, Amelia, Hayden, Luca,
Phoebe*

Frogs: Brewster, Logan, Matilda

*Minnows: Pheobe, Peyton, Rocco, Maddie,
Florence, Spencer, Hester*

Ducklings: Lucy