



Debden CE Primary Academy

14/06/2019

During the last couple of weeks, I have seen a flurry of activity in school. There has been a palpable buzz in the corridors with the school being a hive of activity. In between the rain showers, children have enjoyed some outdoor sporting events including a rounders tournament, rapid fire cricket and some teambuilding with our sister school, Great Chesterford Primary Academy on the village green. All pupils took part in an interactive science week, Ducklings hosted their STEM afternoon and Minnows completed the Phonics Check.

School Photographs

Mrs Platt did a fantastic job completing the class and sports teams' photographs on Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th June. Thank you for sending in your children looking so lovely and smart. Unfortunately, the weather did not allow for an outdoor back drop, but we are keeping our eyes firmly on the forecast (and the school diary!) in an attempt to complete a whole school open air photograph before the end of term. If the opportunity arises, expect to receive a parent mail notification of the date.

Science Week

During the afternoons of the week commencing Monday 3rd June, children had the chance to work in their house teams on a range of exciting science projects. There were four different investigations which challenged children's thinking, encouraged teamwork and inspired children about careers in science. Jack in year 6 said *"I thought the Science week was really fun because we did a range of activities including Chemistry and rocket science. My favourite activity was the balloon rockets with Mrs Hood because it was interesting to find out how fast they went along the line with or without soap"*.

KS2 Rounders

On Wednesday 5th June a team from KS2 were selected to participate in a rounders tournament along with other local schools. Some of the matches were very exciting, with Debden being placed in 5th position overall against some larger schools. Russell said *"We played Wimbish first and we won 5½ rounders to 3. Then we played St Mary's and we beat them 3 – 1½.. We were doing quite well until we faced Radwinter, and we lost against them. After that, we played against Henham and Ugley and we lost against them too. We left at 3 pm and we had a really fun day"*.

Rapid Fire Cricket

Some of Frogs class took part in a Rapid Fire Cricket Tournament at Joyce Frankland Academy Newport on Thursday 6th June.

“We had one game. The score was 42-63 to Newport Primary. Rapid fire cricket is a bit different to normal cricket. You have hoops and the bowler has to tell the fielders who is going in the hoops and the other fielders have to collect the balls before the batter gets too many runs. You are not allowed to run with the ball, you have to pass it to the people in the hoops. Once all the balls have been collected and in the hoops the batters have to stop.”

Reported by Oakley

Frogs Food & Farming Trip

Last Wednesday Frog's class went to the Essex Food and Farming day at Writtle College. We were able to experience many different activities which included; looking at the machinery involved in farming, observing different wildlife and cattle and lastly sampling lots of different dairy products and vegetables in the food tent. All the children had a fantastic time.



Premier League Primary Stars equipment pack

An exciting package arrived earlier this week! The parcel was stocked full of items including Nike match footballs, training bibs and numbered and lettered floor markers. The pack will help teachers deliver active lessons across the curriculum. The equipment pack was awarded following Mrs Murrell's successful application for this year's Premier League Primary Stars Kit and Equipment Scheme, which is delivered by the Football Foundation.



Cricket Games with GCPA

On Tuesday 4th June, our year six children enjoyed some friendly cricket-based games on the village recreation ground before a picnic back on the school field. The games did not stop there – a friendly football match followed before the parents from Great Chesterford coaxed them back to school. Lots of fun was had by all and new friendships were formed ahead of our joint Residential from 14th-17th July.

Book Fair

We will be holding a School Book Fair from Monday 17th June until Thursday 20th June. You should have received a leaflet about The Book Fair last week, listing a few of the books that will be on sale. All classes will be visiting The Book Fair to view the books. 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. Please remember, we are unable to accept cash.

FODs Quiz & Curry Evening

FODS (Friends of Debden School) organised a wonderful curry and quiz night on Wednesday 5th June at Yuva. Over 60 people attended and £530 was raised which is fantastic.

Quiz master extraordinaire Martin Bird devised an excellent quiz ranging from “Countries and Capitals” to a picture round of famous paintings, and we had some lovely raffle prizes including locally grown asparagus and a hamper of food.



Yet again the atmosphere was very jolly and everyone seemed to really enjoy the evening. Thanks go to Ann Palmer and Alison Hare for organising the evening. Congratulations and boxes of smarties were given to the winning table “No Comment”, made up of current and recent mums and dads from School.

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/>

FODS Events

BAG2SCHOOL

Our Bag2School collection is next Tuesday 18th June. We are collecting bags of clothing, curtains, bed linen, towels, soft toys, shoes, bags and belts. We will be paid based on the weight of what we collect. Bags need to be at school by 9am as the lorry could come any time on that day. You can fill any plastic bags - it doesn't need to be the official one sent home. The full list of what can be put in the bags is here <https://bag2school.com/what-we-collect> Thank you for your support.

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 Tuesday 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](#)

Celebration

STARS of the WEEK	
Ducklings  Elora & Connor	Minnows  Finnley & Keira
Frogs  Honor & Oakley	Kingfishers  Ellie-Mai & Archie

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.

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
Thursday 4th July - 1.30 – KS2 Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 9 July - 2pm - KS2 performance
Wednesday 10 July - 6pm – KS2 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 June & July 2019

Services:

June 16	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
June 23	9.15am	Morning Praise	Paula Griffiths
June 30	11.00am	Holy Communion	Richard Spencer
		Joint service at Wimbish	
July 7	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
July 14	9.15am	Family Service	John Saxon
July 21	9.15am	Holy Communion	John Saxon
July 28	9.15am	Choral Matins	John Saxon

Dates for Your Diary

June 13	Lunch Club (Village Hall)
August 31	Barbeque in Churchyard
October 13	Harvest Festival

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