

# Debden CE Primary Academy

18/10/2018

What a great half-term we have had! A huge thank you to all members of our community for such a great start.

## Harvest Service

What a wonderful harvest service we had! A huge thank you to all who attended and gave dry goods for Jimmy's shelter in Cambridge. Thank you to our year 6s who led the service.

*At the harvest service we sang lots of songs including Paintbox and Autumn Days. John Saxon told us about how we should be thankful to God for his creation of the world and for what we have. We were told about how the food that we donate is given to the homeless people in Cambridge.*

*Reported by Ellie-Mai and Emelia*

## E Safety Training

KS2 went on some very important e-safety training at JFAN. Staff also attended a training session after school. This was to ensure that all children are kept safe online. I hope those of you who were able to attend, found the parent session useful.

*Last Wednesday, KS2 went to JFAN for E Safety training. We learnt that you need to stay safe online by doing simple things like not giving away your passwords to anyone or any personal data or photographs. There was a video about a girl using Skype where she was encouraged to do things that she didn't want to do. This was then shared online, so we learnt not to talk to strangers online. Also, we were told about being careful not to show our school uniform logos online.*

*Reported by Emile and Tommy*

## Dodgeball Tournament – Yr 5/6 17/10

I was so proud to take Kingfisher class out to the dodgeball tournament. Everyone played with fantastic team spirit.

*Kingfisher class went to JFAN for a dodgeball tournament and we were split into 4 teams – A,B,C and D. Team A did a knockout tournament. We won our first match. We played against three teams, and we all tried our very best and we won two matches. Team B,C and D did a round robin which meant they faced every team and team C won most of their matches and persevered through thick and thin. We all tried our hardest and had a great afternoon. We thoroughly enjoyed playing dodgeball.*

*Reported by Faye and Josh*

## **Mindfulness Area**

We are hoping to set up a Mindfulness Area in school, which children can use as a space to reflect and relax. We are after any cushions, blankets, pop up tents, sensory toys, fidget toys, colouring books and soft toys that you may have at home and no longer need. Please send any of these items to Mrs Bailey (Frogs Class). Many thanks.

## **Secondary School Applications for September 2019 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents**

The statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children (for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2019) is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018. Parents of Year 6 children who have yet to submit an application, must do so by 31<sup>st</sup> October 2018.

Applications can be made via the website [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) .

## **Breakfast Club**

Running out of time in the morning? Feel like you're chasing your tail? No time for a cuppa? Please sign up for our amazing breakfast club!

(Neil O'Sullivan has let me know that due to lack of interest, this club may have to be shut down - so if you want this great service to continue - please utilise it!)

## **After-school club news**

Neil has let me know this morning that he is going over to Wimbish today and will email over the holiday to let me know what the latest news is.

## **Music**

Mrs Kadir (brass teacher) came in on Monday to give all the children an experience of brass instruments. If your child is interested in having a free trial, then please let the office know.

I am delighted to let you know that a couple of representatives came in from SCYM (Saffron Centre for Young Musicians) to give children from years 1-6 an experience of string instruments on Wednesday. If your child is interested in joining their orchestra then please do get in touch. Flyers will be coming out - or please ask at our office.

## **Music Lessons**

Music lessons have resumed this term with Alan, James and Stuart. 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.

## **Progress scores**

Following my letter last week, I am delighted to share our progress scores in comparison to Essex and national: Positive progress scores mean that children have more than expected progress from KS1 to KS2.

	Debden	Essex	National
Reading	+2.0	-0.2	0
Writing	+0.8	0	0
Maths	+0.1	-0.3	0

## **Parents wanted!**

Liam Tobin and Sarah Belchambers are organising a working party to deal with some of the premises issues (e.g. redecorating). It would be really useful if you could let us/them know if you would be willing to be a volunteer. We would be looking at days in the holidays – so October

half-term, February half-term, Easter or May half-term. You can talk to them directly, or through the school office.





If you are able to help, then we would appreciate it if you could let us know which dates you are available and if you have a particular skill!

Thank you very much for your continued support.

### **Cake Sales**

The next class to provide cakes will be Minnows on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> November. 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.



<b>STARS of the WEEK</b>	
<p><b>Ducklings</b></p>  <p><i>Rafe</i></p>	<p><b>Minnows</b></p>  <p><i>Robin</i></p>
<p><b>Frogs</b></p>  <p><i>Joseph K</i></p>	<p><b>Kingfishers</b></p>  <p><i>Aiden</i></p>

### **Debden stars**

The week following half term, we will decide one child from each class who has shown our Christian values consistently and who has been a great Debden role model. This child will get awarded a special Debden Star, which they will be able to keep and wear. These will be awarded in our celebration assembly on Friday 2 November.

Best wishes for a lovely half-term.

Louise Gurney  
Head teacher

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

Friday 19 October – INSET  
Monday 22 October - Friday 26 October – Half Term

Thursday 1 November - 9am - 10.15am Open morning for prospective parents of any age - please let your friends know!

Wednesday 7 November – FODs Bag2School Collection  
Wednesday 7 November - Parent evening - 3.15 - 5.35pm

Thursday 8 November Parent evening 5pm - 7pm

Friday 16 November - Kingfisher STEM from 1.15pm

Friday 23 November - Kingfisher class assembly 2.30pm

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**

October 21	9.30am	Holy Communion	Jeremy Collingwood
October 28	9.30am	Choral Matins	Home Team
November 2	9.00am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
November 4	9.30am	Holy Communion	Angela Want
November 11	9.30am	Family Service of Remembrance	John Saxon

November 11	10.50am	Service of Remembrance	Jeremy Collingwood
November 18	9.30am	Holy Communion	Jeremy Collingwood
November 25	9.30am	Choral Matins	John Saxon

**Events:**

October 13	6.00pm	Harvest Supper	
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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	