

Newsletter

ASPIRE – ACHIEVE – VALUE

29 June 2018

What an exciting week I have had! Last Friday, Frogs class went on a local walk where we found out the history of our church, school and parts of the village as part of our local history and geography unit.

I have also had the opportunity of hearing KS2 preparations for their end of term performance, which is a real treat!

Sports Day – Wednesday 4 July

In the morning on Sports Day we are going to be practising athletic events, which in KS2 will count towards the final scores at the end of the day. Then in the afternoon we will be completing our competitive races.

As in previous years, we are inviting parents to lunch with their children on Sports Day (Wednesday 4th July). This year we are very excited that FODS are going to run a BBQ from 12 noon, so you can choose whether to bring your own picnic or enjoy a burger. If you are unable to attend and your child will need a school lunch on that day, please be informed that the kitchen will only be providing a school packed lunch - there will be no hot food available, so they can join their friends if they wish to.

We are also excited to let you know that an ice-cream van will be in attendance! **Whilst sports day is occurring, we would respectfully ask that parents do not buy ice-creams for their children for safeguarding reasons (teachers need to ensure that all children are accounted for at all times).** There will be time before and after the event (once your child is changed back into their uniform). Further details will follow.

After sport's day finishes, please allow your child to go back to their classes and be sent out to you in the usual way.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit available to take part as we are running out of spare kit. If your child has borrowed kit, please send it in with them. Thank you.

Joseph - KS2 end of term performance.

2 different coloured programs will be sent home, which will act as your tickets. Further information will be forthcoming. We are presuming that all children in KS2 (Juniors) are making the evening performance of 12 July at 6pm. Please make every effort for your child to be here. If your child cannot make it, please let us know ASAP. Thank you.

FODS Grand Summer Raffle and BBQ at Sports Day

You will have received 2 books of raffle tickets in book bags last week. These are for our Summer Raffle which will be drawn at next week's Sports Day on Wednesday July 4th. We will also be running a BBQ from 12noon and having a few fun fundraising games. We are looking for volunteers to help set up, sell raffle tickets, help serve for 30 mins or clear up. We would love your help!

We have got some seriously amazing prizes in our Grand Raffle that will get your Summer Holidays off to a flying start!

**Debden Christian
Values:**

*Honesty, Respect and
Kindness*



Rufus

For showing kindness
every day, but
especially by helping a
child follow their script.

Headteacher Awards:

**Well done to all these
children!**

Lily

Chloe

Demi

Macie

Phoebe

- BODEN £50 voucher
- Family ticket for the MILTON MAIZE MAZE worth £46
- 2 x childrens tickets for COLCHESTER ZOO worth up to £31.98
- Family ticket for AUDLEY END MINIATURE RAILWAY worth £36
- 2 prizes of Bundle of 3 tickets to MARSH FARM ANIMAL ADVENTURE PARK worth £41.25
- 2 tickets for the Welsh National Opera Orchestra July 14th at Saffron Hall
- 2 tickets for Shepreth Wildlife Park worth up to £24
- 2 tickets for Saffron Screen worth up to £16.40
- Wine and chocolates donated by Waitrose
- Goodies donated by Steamer Trading Cook Shop
- And more...

Granny and Grandad and your friends and family might like some tickets too and we have more books of tickets available at the School Office. Please return ticket stubs and money as well as any unsold tickets to the School Office before Sports Day. Cash and Cheques accepted. Cheques should be made payable to Friends of Debden School. Money raised by FODS is used to fund extra play equipment, the school library, workshops and extra-curricular activities.

Thank you to everyone who attended the curry and quiz night last week especially our table of staff who held their own. We raised £374 which is brilliant. The winning team was mainly an outside team and included Louise Johnson. Well done to Sarah Burley for getting the Love Island question right!

Thank you
Clare Samson, Sarah Burley

Parent forum update

The last official parent forum was cancelled, however I met unofficially with a couple of parent reps. They brought up that parents had been noticing the side gates were not always open at the correct time. I have looked into this and think (and hope!) I have rectified the problem. If you continue to have trouble, please do speak to the office.

Parent reps also brought up having celebration assemblies that parents are welcome to attend. From September, all our Friday sharing assemblies will be held at 2.40pm and parents will be welcome to attend. This will continue to be advertised.

Thank you for sharing your ideas to make our school even better than it is already!

Swimming

The last swimming session for this year will be on Tuesday 3 July.

Author visit - KS2 (Juniors)

An author came in, her name was Kate Wiseman. She came in to tell us about her book, Gangster School, and told us how she became an author. Everything was very interesting; not many people got a book but I did. I think it is going to be a good book.

Reported by Edward S

Key Stage 2 Athletics

I was very proud to accompany KS2 children to the athletics event run by USSP (Uttlesford School Sports Partnership). Well done to all those who took part in the athletics and thank you to those who came to support us! We came 4th out of 9 local schools that were in attendance, which was very respectable.

Key Stage 1 Athletics

Key Stage 1 went to Joyce Frankland Academy to take part in some athletics. First, we did speed bounce, then we javelin throwing. Some people did some running races and George did the egg and spoon race. I had a good day.

Reported by Charlie R

Reminder:

Could I please remind you that reply slips for trips must be sent back within the time limit stated as children without slips will be unable to attend the events we have sent them to you for? Thank you.

TUCASI







Please note that the 29p admin charge for making a payment on TUCASI, no longer applies.

Catering

As you know, Debden is cooking home cooked food from September! I am delighted to let you know the outcome of our survey for parents and children... it was menus 2, 4 and 8!

Kitchen Assistant

We are looking for a kitchen assistant who will help Olivia - our new catering manager in the kitchen for 10 hours per week. Please look at our website and apply if you are interested/ask about.

Ducklings <i>Oliver & Kiera</i> 	 <u>Stars of the Week</u>	Minnows <i>Hayden & Amelia</i> 
Dragonflies <i>Ollie & Logan</i> 	Frogs <i>Bongi, Edward & Luca</i> 	Kingfishers <i>Sammy & Oliver</i> 

REMINDERS!

Water Bottles

Children are encouraged to drink water at all times. To help prevent the spread of germs, we do not supply drinking cups and, therefore, every child should have a named water bottle in school. Please note we do not allow juice or flavored waters to be brought in to school.

Healthy snacks

We like to encourage all children to bring in a snack for break time. It is a long time between breakfast and lunch, so a snack and a drink of water will make a big difference to children's concentration levels and ability to learn. As a healthy school, our guidelines for the type of snack to bring in must be fruit or vegetable in the form in which it grew (i.e., nothing added, stretchy or made in to a bar!). Key stage 1 children have a snack provided within school and do not need to bring anything else in with them.

Nut free school

We have children within the school who have an allergic reaction to nuts. It is critical, therefore, that children should not bring nuts, or anything which contains nuts, in their snacks or lunch boxes. Thank you for your support.

School Lunch

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are eligible for a FREE school meal each day. If you would like your child to have a school dinner they can just request it when the dinner register is called each morning. If you do not wish your child to have a school meal, then please provide them with a packed lunch in the usual way.

If you have children in Years 3,4,5 or 6 school meals now cost £2.30 per day; £11.50 for one week.

Lunch can be paid for weekly or termly; and must be ordered and paid for each Monday. Please make cheques payable to "Debden C of E Primary Academy".

Universal Free School Meals

Whilst your child is entitled to free school meals in Key Stage 1, we still need to collect data from these parents in order to assess whether or not your child is eligible to the educational funding in school that accompanies this entitlement. If you feel your child may be eligible, having read the criteria, please could you fill in the data collection form which is available from the school office.

You can register your child for Free School Meals if you get any of these benefits:

- Income Support
 - Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
 - The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
 - Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
 - You will not normally be eligible if you receive any amount of Working Tax Credit
- Please provide this information when requested as schools use this money to help support your children within the school environment to achieve their full potential in education.

How to apply

- Go online to www.essex.gov.uk/educationawards

Or

- Apply over the telephone or request an application form by calling **0845 603 2200**

Collecting Children

Please make sure that we are informed if there is any change to the collection arrangements for your child. If anyone other than a parent is picking up your child at the end of the day, please notify the office (and the class teacher if possible)

We will also assume all children registered for the bus will be taking the bus each afternoon unless we hear to the contrary.

For safeguarding reasons, it is very important that we know exactly how children will be travelling home each day.

Absence

If your child is absent from school, you must call the school office by **9am** on the first day and **each day** after that your child is absent.

Application for leave of absence for term time holidays

We discourage parents from taking pupils out of school during term time. Should you need to, requests should be made via a leave of absence form, which is available from the school office. All holiday leave will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. All requests for leave will be acknowledged.

Health and Safety Notice regarding the wearing of earrings during PE and swimming

As a reminder, Essex guidelines are that the Primary Code states that all jewellery is to be removed for PE lessons and taping over earrings is not allowed. This means that if pupils cannot take their earrings out they will have to sit out of PE until a time that the jewellery can be removed. Schools must comply with this guidance. This also applies to after school clubs and sporting events. Please also remember that all hair should be tied up on PE days.

Best wishes.

Louise Gurney
Head Teacher

Important Dates for your diary

Please note - these may be subject to change if unavoidable circumstances come up.

4 July		Sports Day/Summer Raffle and BBQ Picnic lunch at 12.00; afternoon races start at 1pm.
6 July	2-3pm	Open afternoon
10 July		Dress rehearsal - KS2 performance
11 July	1pm	KS2 performance
12 July	6pm	KS2 performance
20 July	9.30am	End of term service - parents welcome.
20 July	2pm	Balloon release and awards - parents welcome.
20 July		BREAK UP

Debden Church Calendar of Services and Events

July 1	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Chris Bishop
July 6	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
July 8	9.30 am	Family Service	John Saxon
July 13	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon
July 15	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Jeremy Collingwood
July 20	9.30 am	Morning Prayer (said)	John Saxon

Events

July 7	12.30 pm	Rectory Garden Summer Concert (12.30 – 4.00 pm)
July 15	10.00 am	Church mice