



DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 19th April 2024

Dear Parents,

Welcome back! We hope that you all had a lovely Easter break. Although the weather has reverted to type, we are now in fact in the summer term, which is an extremely busy time in the school calendar. Watch this space for lots of exciting events and activities taking place over the next few months.

Road Closure

We have been asked by a few parents about the road closure sign at the top of Ivy Todd Hill in the village, which is suggesting that this main route into school will be closed on the 29th and 30th April. We have not heard anything yet from the council about this, which we normally do. We are chasing up whether the route will be open during school drop-off and pick-up hours (sometimes when there have been works in the past they have allowed this) and will keep you informed as soon as we know anything.

Sporting Success

A huge well done to Karter in the Kingfishers Class. Due to his performance in the local schools cross country and then the Uttlesford finals, he had progressed to the Essex finals. Out of 105 year 6 boy runners at these finals, Karter came an amazing 15th! A huge well done for this, Karter!

Wellbeing Week

Wellbeing Week is coming up in a couple of weeks' time (w/b/ 29th April). It is always one of the highlights of the year for the children, with some really important messages to keep children both physically and mentally happy and healthy. A full schedule will come out for this next week, however if you wanted to read up on the research that backs up our approach to wellbeing week in advance, please follow this link: <https://www.nhs.uk/mental-health/self-help/guides-tools-and-activities/five-steps-to-mental-wellbeing/>

SATS Assessments

SATs season is almost upon us. The children have been working hard and have made great progress - we are confident that they are all going to do brilliantly! Below is the schedule for the KS2 SATs assessments (the dates are fixed by the DfE for these tests).

Date and Time	Assessment
Monday 13 th May 2024 – 9am	English spelling, punctuation and grammar (papers 1 and 2)
Tuesday 14 th May 2024 – 9am	English Reading
Wednesday 15 th May 2024 – 9am	Maths Papers 1 and 2 (break in between)
Thursday 16 th May 2024 – 9am	Maths Paper 3

The KS1 assessments will follow later in May. The KS1 assessments are now non-statutory and so the timetable for the assessments is less rigid, and we will inform you of when these assessments are taking place for your child in due course. We opt for the children to still informally sit the KS1 assessments, as they provide a solid marker for how children are progressing against national expectations.

Assessments can affect all children differently, and we try where we can to alleviate the pressure that some children may feel – all that they can do is their best! To help support the children in feeling comfortable about their SATs assessments from home, here is a link to some sound advice:

<https://www.teachertoolkit.co.uk/2018/04/24/parents-sats/>

Some Key Dates for Your Diary

- Friday 26th April – Road Safety – Reception and Year 5
- w/b Monday 29th April – Wellbeing Week
- Monday 6th May – Bank Holiday – School closed
- w/b Monday 13th May – KS2 SATs Week
- Friday 24th May – Scooter Training Ducklings and Minnows
- Friday 24th May – Final Day of Summer Half Term 1
- Monday 3rd June – Teacher Inset Day
- Tuesday 4th June – First Day of Summer Half Term 2
- w/b Tuesday 4th June – Science Week
- Thursday 13th June – Kingfishers Crucial Crew
- w/b Monday 17th June – Sports Week (likely Sports Day will be on the Thursday)
- Friday 21st June – DebFest (provisional)
- Friday 28th June – Move Up Day
- Monday 1st July – Ely Cathedral Trip – Newts and Kingfishers
- Thursday 4th July – Saffron Music Concert – Dragonflies, Frogs and Newts
- Friday 5th July – Neasden Temple Trip – Dragonflies and Frogs
- Sunday 14th to Wednesday 17th July – Kingfishers Residential
- Friday 19th July – Leavers Assembly and last day of Summer Half Term 2

As I said, a busy term ahead!

I hope that you all have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley