

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 11th March, 2022

Dear Parents,

Spring is in the air! The days have been getting longer and warmer, and there has been a lovely feeling of positivity across the school over the last fortnight. There have been lots of fun activities and events that the children have really enjoyed engaging in and there are plenty more to come over the coming weeks.

Below are some important news items and notices regarding upcoming events:

-World Book Day: We celebrated World Book Day last week and the children had a wonderful time! They took part in dressing up as their favourite book character, community reading with the other members of their house and also learnt each of their lessons for the day 'through a book.' Mrs Andrew even prepared a special book-themed lunch for the children. A big thank you to the FODS, who organised the book swap, and also to Miss Matthews for organising such a successful day. Of course, there is an important message behind World Book Day – the benefits of regularly reading for pleasure are well-studied, multifaceted, and undoubted. Please see more information below, and please do encourage your children to regularly read at home daily:



https://assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/284286/reading_for_pleasure.pdf



-FODS Disco: A big thank you to the FODs for hosting the school discos earlier this week. The discos were hosted by 'Top Dog Disco' and were really well organised. I popped in for a short time and the children looked to be having a great time taking part in all of the dancing and games. It is wonderful to be able to hold these kind of events again. Thank you particularly to Mrs Samson for leading the organisation of this.

-Trips: We are delighted to be enriching the children's curriculum learning with trips once again. The Year 3 and 4 children really enjoyed their Saffron Walden Museum Trip last week, whilst the Year 1 and 2 children will soon be visiting Wicken Fen. Watch this space for more trips coming in the near future.



-Assessments: Over the next couple of weeks, we will be reaching the Easter assessment cycle. These assessments are valuable in helping us to understand how the children have progressed since the last checkpoint. These also provide us with important information about how children are likely to fare in their summer formal assessments (Year 2 and Year 6 SATs, the Year 1 phonics check, and the Year 4 Multiplication Check are all in the summer term) – we can then ensure that we place the most appropriate interventions where they are needed.

-Comic Relief: Red Nose Day is next Friday (18th March). Children are invited to attend in non-uniform for this day - remember your red nose – and for children to bring a donation towards the cause. A good deal of the money this year is going to those in need in Ukraine, and so please do help out where you can!

Thank you for your continuing support of our school.

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley