



# DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2021

Dear Parents,

We are already nearly a month into the new academic year – where has the time gone?! As I visit each of the classrooms, I note that all of the children are thriving in their new classes, and the school feels more busy, engaging and purposeful than at any point I can recall before – it makes me feel extremely proud of everyone!

Here are a few notices that we have collated to help you to stay in the loop of events and activities taking place at school over the coming weeks:

-Harvest Service – Our Harvest Service will take place on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> October at 9.30am, at the local church (Debden St. Mary the Virgin Church). The service will be led by Rev'd John, but will include hymns, poems, and readings from our children.

-E-Safety Training - On Tuesday, children in Years 1-6 were taught important E-Safety lessons by 'the 2 Johns.' The 2 Johns are well-known E-Safety experts (and former policemen) who specialise in helping parents and teachers to keep safe online. We as staff found the session extremely eye-opening, particularly with regards to how the dangers to children online has changed so much in just the past couple of years. Hopefully, you were able to catch the parent session that was run on Tuesday evening, and will have heard these messages for yourselves. However, if you were unable to make this, please go through the following links in order to find out more information about how to help keep your children safe online:

<https://esafetytraining.org/resources/parents-carers-area/>

<https://www.facebook.com/The2johns>

Once again, many thanks to the FODs for their contribution towards the cost of the workshops.

-Student Council – Miss Rowe has disseminated information to all of the classes (Minnows and above) regarding elections to the student council. Those who were a part of the student council last year will continue in their roles this year, as they didn't get a fair chance due to COVID restrictions. However, we will also be electing new members. If your child is interested in joining the council, they should complete their speech about why they might be a good council member by this coming Monday.

- Sports Ambassadors - We are pleased to announce our newly appointed sports ambassadors: Stan, Karim, Owen and Joseph. Throughout the year they will be working with Miss Matthews and Mr M to organise and help with different sporting events and activities. Additionally, they will be supporting and running activities to promote co-operation, teamwork and fitness during lunchtimes. Over the coming weeks they will be completing training with other young leaders across Uttlesford. We look forward to their involvement in sports this year!

-Hockey - As part of our USSP membership we have been invited to join a hockey league. It will run on Friday afternoons from 4:45pm-5:45pm at Joyce Frankland Academy (on the Astro Turf). This opportunity is open to year 5/ 6 children at a cost of £8 per child (cheques are payable to NWEPSHD). The league runs from 1st October- 3rd December (excluding 29th October). Children will not be able to play unless they have a gumshield or shin pads. It is run and coached by young leaders; however we do need 2/3 parents to supervise the training sessions and matches. You will be responsible for registering the children and dismissing to parents at the end of the session but will not be responsible for coaching or running the session. If you can support, please do let the school office know.

-FODS Quiz – A reminder that this is taking place at YUVA restaurant (across the road from the school) on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October at 7.30pm. The price is £15.00 per head, which includes your meal. Tickets are available from the school office.

-Breakfast Club – Breakfast club is now up and running! Please visit <https://neilosullivanports.magicbooking.co.uk/> to book your child in.

- Parents Evenings – A date for your diaries: our Autumn parent consultation evenings will take place on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October. More information on this will follow.

Wishing you all a pleasant weekend.

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley