



DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Thursday 16th December, 2021

Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of a busy term, I wanted to thank you all for your support of the school over the past few months. The end of the Autumn Term is a busy time in all schools, and you have no doubt felt inundated with the number of school communications, requests and events, particularly throughout December! As most of us are parents ourselves, we can completely empathise with this, but wanted to assure you that your contributions to school life recently have made a huge difference to children's experiences at school. It has been great to be able to run events and celebrations in person. Fingers crossed that this can continue uninterrupted throughout the year.

Below are some important news items and notices for the end of term:

-Please see the attached letter from the Essex Education team, regarding changes to procedures for COVID close contacts. Hopefully there are no further changes, and these are the rules that we will follow when we restart in January.

-Well done to all of the children for their performance in the KS1 Nativity. I hope that you found it enjoyable. A big thanks to Ms Weetch, Miss Matthews, Mrs Hatch, Mr Waite and all of the KS1 team for their hours of dedication in putting this together over the past few weeks.

-Thank you also to the FODs, who have been putting on lots of events and activities throughout the festive period, for the benefit of the school and the community. They have raised lots of money for the school, whilst also helping to make Christmas that bit more special for the children.

-We of course have our Christmas church service tomorrow, starting at 9.30am, at Debden St Mary the Virgin Church. If you can make it, we look forward to seeing you there. **Please remember to wear a mask.** Refreshments will be available before the service. I'd like to say thank you in advance to Rev'd John, the church wardens and to the teachers for their organisation of this event.

-Our assessment cycle for the end of the Autumn term is now complete, and we are analysing the children's respective scores and understanding. As a collective, the results for the school are positive, and it is clear that the vast majority of children have made strong progress this term. We will use the results of these assessments to tailor the children's learning experiences going forwards, and to implement appropriate interventions where we feel they will be helpful. If we feel an intervention would be beneficial for your child, you will receive a letter at the start of the new term.

-We look forward to welcoming the children back in the New Year. A reminder that the return to school date for the children is Wednesday 5th January.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley