



DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 26th November, 2021

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well. As we approach the festive season, this edition of the newsletter serves as a timely opportunity to provide you with some important Christmas dates.

-A number of Christmas events will be taking place on Thursday 9th December, including:

- Christmas lunch – menu attached to email
- Making decorations
- Wear a Christmas jumper
- Elfridges Sale

-On Thursday 16th December at 1.30pm, the Key Stage 1 children (Years R-2) will be performing their nativity play to parents. For any parents who are unable to attend this showing, we will make limited parent spaces available at the dress rehearsal to the school on Wednesday 15th December at 1.30pm. However, please bear in mind that the Wednesday showing is a final rehearsal, and as a result we'd only like to offer spaces to parents who really need them – the final parent production is on the Thursday. Of course, we have had to risk assess this with regards to potential numbers and Covid (and the size of the school hall). With this in mind, we will be able to offer 2 spaces only for parents/ guardians of the children in Year 2 (as this will be your last opportunity to see your child perform in the nativity). For parents/ guardians of Reception and Year 1 children, it will only be possible for us to allocate one adult seat per child. This will enable us to operate safely within capacity. Further details about the nativity will follow in the near future.

-Friday 17th December at 9.30am is the scheduled time for our Christmas Service at the church. Rev'd John and I are buying each other watches as early-Christmas presents, so that on this occasion we start the service at the correct time!

It is important to mention, of course, that all of the below arrangements are subject to Covid-rates in the school community remaining low over the next few weeks. If cases were to rise again, we may have to consider moving dates/ times or cancelling events – fingers crossed that this is not necessary.

Now for some other notices:

-A big thank you to everyone who donated during our Children in Need Ramble event – we managed to raise £162.50!

-Over the next few weeks, children will be completing their end of term assessments. These enable us to gain a better understanding of what the children can/can't do independently, track their progress over the year so far, and plot timely interventions where they are needed. Children do not need to prepare anything at home for these assessments.

-A reminder for children in Years 2-6 to practice their multiplication using their TT Rockstars accounts. We have this week crowned our first set of winners using our new TT Rockstars leaderboard, and I am pleased to report that we already have a few Rock Heroes in our ranks! Children should have been given the login details for these accounts by their teachers, but please contact the school if your child does not have theirs.

Thank you for your continued support of our school.

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley