



DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2020

Dear Parents,

We have had a wonderful time celebrating Harvest this week. The children have spent time practicing singing harvest hymns, and have been in great voice! They also produced some lovely class recordings of special harvest messages, including a harvest song by Reception, prayers by Minnows, poems by Frogs and bible recitals by Kingfishers. These were all collated by our host with the most, Revd. John Saxon, who patched together each video as a part our 'Virtual' Harvest service this morning. Considering the technical difficulty in putting all of this together whilst leading a live stream, I think that both he and Mrs Murrell (the event organiser) did an absolutely superb job. Thank you both!

A big well done to all of the children and their teachers for their efforts in making the videos. You can watch the recording of the whole service, including the children's videos and hymns, through the link that was sent via email earlier today. Please be aware that you will need to input the password (also on the email link) to access the video.

A final note on Harvest – thank you to everyone who donated towards our Harvest collection – some photos of our stash are below. The donations will be gratefully received by Uttlesford Food Bank.

In other news, a massive thank you to everyone who contributed to the FODs Bags2School collection. I am pleased to report that your generosity has raised £219.00 for the school. This money will certainly be put to good use, funding projects across the school that directly benefit our children. A big thank you to the FODs, and particularly Mrs Samson (the FODs chair) who organised this collection.

We are really pleased that we have had an increased uptake in our school dinners this year. Having fresh, locally-sourced food for the children onsite is really important to us, and I know that Mrs Andrew and her team have been working really hard to keep the menu updated and exciting. In case you are not aware, we are now offering Key Stage 2 grab bags as an alternative option to our hot dinners. These include a sandwich, crisps, salad, a fruit bag and a cookie or cake. We think that they are great value for money, and have received lots of positive reviews from the children who have tried them so far.

The Key Stage 2 children received some football training this week, in preparation for their virtual football tournament which is taking place shortly. It was really pleasing to see their enthusiasm for the sport, and I also noted that we have a few stars among our ranks to watch out for in the future! Please see our Facebook page for some photos of the training event. A reminder that you can keep track of this, and many of the latest activities and events at our school, by liking our Facebook page.

On a final note, please see below the children who reached Gold this week, exhibiting excellent learning behaviours along the way. We are very proud of you all!

Wishing you and your family a pleasant weekend.

Mr Hawley

Children who achieved Gold this week!

Kingfishers: Prisma, Edward, Kayla

Frogs: Henry, Cole

*Minnows: Pheobe, Elora, Daniel, Frank, Melody,
Rafe, Sansa, Andrew, Rocco, Peyton*

Ducklings: Lexie, Sid, Hector

