



DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 14th January, 2022

Dear Parents,

I hope that you and your family have enjoyed a pleasant start to the new year. I'd like to begin by extending a big thank you to all of you for sending your children into school with packed lunches over the first couple of weeks. As you know, we were hit with a number of staff Covid cases at the end of the holidays, and our Catering Manager, Mrs Andrew has been one of the staff members who has needed to isolate at the beginning of term. Sending your children in with packed lunches has enabled us to keep other staff supporting learning in lessons – as a result the children's learning has remained undisrupted. I am pleased to report that Mrs Andrew is now back in school (from today) and so school dinners are once again available as usual.

You should have received your class newsletters from the teachers last week, which informed you of the upcoming learning and events for each class for the coming term. In addition to this, you will soon receive knowledge organisers, which give you a little more detail about what your children will be learning about this term. Often, when children are asked what they are learning about at school, their responses can be limited, and so we hope that these can act as useful discussion starters!

Below are some more news items and notices for the upcoming term:

-At the start of term we have once again grown! A warm welcome to our new children and families
- I know that everyone in our school community will help you to feel welcome!

-Well done to St John House for winning the House Competition last term. They enjoyed a well-deserved treat last week during the usual assembly slot. At the start of term, we go back to zero for all houses, so it is all to play for once again!

-As you know, at the end of last term we carried out our usual end-of-term assessments with the children. These have been used to inform any necessary interventions and focus groups that will take place this term. Should your child be selected for any of these groups, you will receive a communication from us in the near future.

-Welcome to our new governor, Mr Tom Caster, who has joined the governing body with effect from this week. Tom lives in Debden village and brings a wealth of knowledge and skills to the team. We look forward to working alongside Tom in the weeks and months to come.

-A big thank you to all of the staff team, for pulling together and helping out where needed over the first couple of weeks. You have helped to ensure that the children have had a positive start to the term. It is really appreciated.

Thank you to all of you for your continuing support of our school.

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley