DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents,

It has been a busy couple of weeks since we returned from half term. Kingfishers had a great time visiting Mountfitchet Castle and the Toy Museum. They saw lots of punishments that they had learned about in their history topic 'Crime and Punishment' and a few new ones too!







Kingfishers also had a visit from a criminal barrister who spoke about their job and the judicial system. The visit linked to their work on Crime and Punishment - luckily modern-day punishments have moved on from putting people in the stocks or stretching people on the rack. The children were very interested and had lots of thoughtful questions.



Remembrance Day

This week, our school came together to mark Remembrance Day, taking time to reflect on the courage and sacrifice of those who have served in wars and conflicts around the world. Through class discussions, learning activities and a special moment of reflection, pupils explored the importance of remembrance and the values of peace, respect and gratitude. At 11am, the school observed a two-minute silence, during which children showed great maturity and respect. The Year 5 and 6s took joined the village service and placed crosses at the War Memorial.







Children in Need

Today, the children enjoyed a fantastic day of fundraising for Children in Need. Throughout the day, pupils took part in an exciting obstacle course challenge, showing great determination, teamwork and enthusiasm. At lunchtime, our Sports Leaders organised a range of fun sporting challenges, encouraging children across the school to get active. We also held a Design a Pudsey Bear Competition, with entries judged by members of the Student Council.

Primary Admissions Reception September 2027 The deadline to apply for a place is **15 January 2027**. The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2027-28 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

Communication with School

At Debden, we value the positive relationships we have with our families. Recently, however, there has been an increase in instances where staff have experienced confrontational communication, both in person and via email. We would like to remind everyone that schools are busy environments and that teachers' primary responsibility during the school day is teaching and supporting the children. Many staff also attend meetings, run clubs and undertake additional responsibilities before and after school. Staff are not available for meetings without prior arrangement. If you wish to discuss a concern with a member of staff, please contact the school office to arrange a suitable appointment. Whilst we understand that concerns regarding your child can be worrying and emotional, rudeness or aggressive communication towards staff is not acceptable. To support effective communication, we have included some key information from our Communication Policy, which can be found on our website.

Who should I contact?

Reason for Communication	Contact
Lost items, friendship issues, concerns about learning, behaviour or classroom matters	Class Teacher
Changes to personal circumstances, attendance or absence requests, medical information or general administration queries	School Office
Questions regarding KidzActive clubs	KidzActive
SEND, additional needs or learning support	SENCO
Concerns regarding to a safeguarding disclosure	Headteacher
If a concern has not been resolved following communication with the relevant member of staff	Headteacher

Response Times

Our policy states that we will aim to respond to emails and other communications within two working days. Where further investigation is required, a holding response will be provided. Please note that staff are not expected to monitor or respond to messages during evenings, weekends or school holidays.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Kind Regards,

Sarah Bailey

Headteacher