

# DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents,

What an eventful few weeks we have had! As we edge towards the summer break, below is a digest of the recent events and activities that have taken place across the school, alongside a look ahead to the final few weeks of term.

## Sports Week

Last week we hosted our annual 'Sports Week', which is always a popular period in the school calendar. On Monday, the children showed off their best moves throughout a 'Street Dance' workshop. Later, on Wednesday, they floated like butterflies and stung like bees whilst being taught how to box by specialist coaches. The week culminated on Thursday with our biggest sports day yet! Children participated in accuracy throwing, egg and spoon racing, distance jumping, the javelin, and sprint races. In a close fought competition, St Matthew house emerged the winners! Well done to all of the children for giving it their all on such a hot and humid afternoon. Thank you to Mrs Caparelli for organising the event.

## Ofsted Inspection

Thank you once again for your kind wishes and support throughout our recent Ofsted inspection. We were pleased with the findings of the inspection. Once the final report is published (possibly in July, but most likely in September) we will be delighted to share this with you.

## Classes 2023-24

You should now have been informed of your child's class for the 2023-24 academic year. Details about each class are once again listed below:

Class Name	Year Group/s	Main Teacher/s	Room
Ducklings	Reception	Mrs Caparelli	Current Ducklings Room
Minnows	Year 1	Ms Weetch/ Mrs Elliott	Current Minnows Room
Dragonflies	Years 2-3	Miss McPherson	2 <sup>nd</sup> Demountable (new classroom)
Frogs	Years 3-4	Mrs Bailey	Current Frogs Room
Newts	Years 4-5	Mrs Barden	Current Kingfishers Room
Kingfishers	Years 5-6	Miss Rowe	1 <sup>st</sup> Demountable (current Dragonflies room)

Children are meeting their new teachers and classes today (Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June) as a part of their transition morning. We trust that this will enable them to feel well prepared and comfortable about moving to the next stage of their schooling from September. Warm wishes also to our outgoing year 6 cohort, who are visiting their secondary schools for their move-up day at the same time as our transition day.

## Debden Choir Performance

A big well done to our Debden choir, who I am told performed beautifully at the Fundraising Music Concert at St Mary the Virgin and All Saints Church, Debden. The concert was arranged by Mrs Hare to raise funds for the church roof repairs. Thanks to Ms Weetch, who gave up a great deal of her time towards preparing the choir and supporting the children throughout their performance on Sunday.

## Upcoming Dates for Your Diary

Tuesday 11th July – KS2 Production – Afternoon

Thursday 13th July – KS2 Production – Evening

Sunday 16th July to Wednesday 19th July – Y6 Residential

Monday 17th July – Provisional day for Reports go out to Parents

Friday 21st July - 9am – Y6 Leavers Assembly

Friday 21st July – Last Day of Term

### **Latest Attendance**

Here are the latest attendance figures for the year-to-date up to the current point. A reminder that the government target for all schools is 95% (for an individual child 95% attendance equates to missing no more than one school day every four weeks). Attendance has improved across this year – well done all!

<b>Class</b>	<b>Attendance this term</b>	<b>Attendance this year</b>
Ducklings	95.92	94.00
Minnows	97.60	95.45
Dragonflies	97.12	95.21
Frogs	96.34	95.18
Kingfishers	95.94	94.99

I hope that you have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley

Head of School