

# DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

## Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2024

Dear Parents,

This has been a half term like no other, with so much going on across our school! In this penultimate newsletter of the academic year, you will find a run-down of the key events taking place in school and wider community throughout this extremely busy period.

### Tesco Blue Token Scheme

Calling all parents! Our school is currently in the Tesco 'Stronger Starts' blue token scheme until the end of September (in both of the Saffron Walden Tesco stores). We are raising money for a community wellbeing garden that the student council would like to create as a part of their 'courageous advocacy' work. We can win up to £1,500 if we come first in the token race! If you are able to, please support our school by shopping in Tesco and using your blue token (you can ask for these at the checkout) to vote for us!



### School Trips

There have been lots of school trips taking place at the moment! Thank you to all parents for supporting these curriculum enhancement opportunities for our children, especially those kind souls who have volunteered to help on the visits. In the past week alone, Kingfishers and Newts visited Ely Cathedral, all of KS2 (except Kingfishers) visited Saffron Hall for the 'Count Me In' music concert, and Dragonflies and Frogs attended Neasden Temple. Some pictures of these fun and informative days out are below.



### Bee Mindful Garden (by Mrs Caparelli)

Ducklings have been working really hard to care and look after their bee garden. They have planted lots of flowers and plants to attract bees. Their hard work is paying off as there have been lots of bees visiting and collecting nectar! A big thank you to all the parents who donated flowers, tools and compost to help make our garden look so beautiful. This week Ducklings were visited by Ashley and Geoff who are local

beekeepers. Ducklings learnt how special it was to be a beekeeper as bees do such wonderful things for our environment. Again, thank you for visiting. We are now ready to submit our entry to the Essex Rural Council's Bee Garden 2024 competition- wish us luck!



### **Debfest**

Thanks again to everyone who helped to organise this amazing event, particularly Mrs Belchambers and the FODs. Thanks to everyone who supported the event. We feel incredibly lucky to have such wonderful support for our school.

### **Bag2School**

The Bag2School collection raised £124 this week. We have raised £790 over the school year through this scheme which I am sure you will agree is an amazing amount.

### **Sports Week**

Thank you for all of your support during our recent sports day events. It was really nice to hear all of the positive feedback about the newly-structured KS1 and KS2 events. Thank you also for all of your rousing support for the children on the days. Well done to Mrs Caparelli for her organisational skills and tireless work in putting sports week together!

### **Payments**

Please can you ensure that all school lunch payments are paid up to date by the end of the academic year. Bailiffs Arundell and Dale deserve a holiday too!

### **Remaining Key Dates**

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – 1.15pm – KS2 Afternoon Performance
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July – 6pm – KS2 Evening Performance
- Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> to Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> July – Kingfishers Residential
- Week Beginning 15<sup>th</sup> July – Annual written reports sent to parents.
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July – Leavers Assembly (9am – Kingfishers parents only)
- Last day of Summer Half Term 2

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley