

# DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Dear Parents,

I hope that you are all well, despite the rather treacherous weather at the moment!

We are moving to a new format for the school newsletter, which will provide more of a summary of the key events in school and upcoming events (as opposed to in-depth description). This is to prevent duplication from other communications and to ensure that the newsletter remains informative and concise.

## Recent Events in Schools

Kapla Workshop Day – Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January - This STEM-based activity was hugely-enjoyed by all of the children. The images below show their wonderful creation! A big thank you to Jennifer (the Kapla teacher) and all of the parent volunteers who helped on the day.

Martin Luther King Day – Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January - Mrs Hatch helped the children to recognise the importance of this day by leading a purposeful and engaging assembly all about MLK's life. She taught the children the importance of valuing our differences and treating everyone with tolerance and respect.

Year 3-4 Rugby – Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January - A big well done to our Year 3-4 Tag Rugby team, who performed brilliantly in the recent inter-schools event. As a result, they have once again progressed to the Uttlesford Finals!

-A reminder that pictures, achievements and stories can all be found on our school Facebook page.

## Parent Notices

-Knowledge Organisers – Parents of children in years 1-6 should now have been sent knowledge organisers detailing the learning content for this academic term. We hope that these help to keep you informed! If you have not received these, please do let the office know and we will be happy to assist.

-Service Premium - In line with the DfE guidance, the SPP is '*not for funding routine activity...e.g. trips.*' We are transparent about what we spend our service premium funding on – you can find this in 'service and pupil premium funding' on our school website - and were commended in our Ofsted inspection for the way that we have utilised this money to close educational gaps, provide pastoral support and offer additional lunchtime clubs (so that those on the school bus can attend). If you have any queries or concerns about how this funding is spent, please don't hesitate to arrange a meeting with myself via the office.

## Upcoming Events

Wednesday 5th February – Multiskills – D/F and Minnows - JFAN

Tuesday 11th February – Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th and Thursday 13th February – Parent Consultations

Friday 14th February – Last Day of Spring 1

Monday 24th February – First Day of Spring 2

Wednesday 26th February – Cross Country Finals

Start of March – One Plan Meetings

Tuesday 4th March – Dragonflies begin swimming – Tuesday AM

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Friday 14th March – International Maths Day

Wednesday 19th March – KS1 Dance Festival


Thursday 27th March – KS2 Archery Finals

Wednesday 2nd April – World Autism Day

Friday 4th April – Easter Service (provisional date) 9.20am

Friday 4th April – Last Day of Spring 2

Kind Regards



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Headteacher

