

DEBDEN PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER

Friday 21st July 2023

Dear Parents,

What an incredible year it has been for our wonderful little school! A huge well done to everyone in our school community – the children, staff, parents and governors – for helping our school move from strength to strength. As the end of the school year is upon us, this final newsletter contains some important information regarding the next academic year, in which we promise to come back even bigger and better!

Acting Deputy Headteacher

Warmest congratulations to Mrs Sarah Bailey, who has been appointed to the role of Acting Deputy Headteacher. I am sure that everyone in our school community will agree that this promotion is extremely well deserved, and is recognition of the exceptional work that Mrs Bailey does across the school. Don't worry, Frogs parents, Mrs Bailey will still be the class teacher for your Year 3 and 4 children! Full details of classes and staff responsibilities are below.

Classes 2023-24

I am just inputting these again, because I am told that there was a mistake in the original version relating to the Kingfishers class (it will only have Year 6 children).

Class Name	Year Group/s	Main Teacher/s	Main LSA/s	Room
Ducklings	Reception	Mrs Caparelli	Mrs Cameron	Current Ducklings Room
Minnows	Year 1	Ms Weetch/ Mrs Elliott	Mrs Cox Mrs Hoskins	Current Minnows Room
Dragonflies	Years 2-3	Miss McPherson	Mrs Anstead Mrs Clark	2 nd Demountable (new classroom)
Frogs	Years 3-4	Mrs Bailey	Mrs Dixon	Current Frogs Room
Newts	Years 4-5	Mrs Barden	Ms Adams	Current Kingfishers Room
Kingfishers	Year 6	Miss Rowe	Miss Howse	1 st Demountable (current Dragonflies room)

Work is planned to get the new classroom looking shipshape throughout the summer holidays.

Staff Farewells

We are unfortunately losing two superb learning support assistants from our team this summer.

-Mrs Pargeter is leaving her position as an LSA this summer, as she begins her teacher training course. Mrs Pargeter has been an incredible asset to our school since joining in September 2019 (originally as a 1-2-1 learning support assistant) and possesses a wide range of knowledge, skills and experiences which will serve her well. We wish her the best of luck as she embarks on her career in teaching.

-Miss Hughes will also be leaving her Learning Support Assistant role this summer, to begin a career in the NHS. She will be working with young children who have been through physical and emotional trauma, an area which is particularly important to her. She has been an excellent LSA since joining the school 18 months ago. We wish her well in her new role.

Student Farewells

A fond farewell to all of our Year 6s, who have been an incredible year group. They performed exceptionally well in their SATs, they are excellent role models to the younger children in the school, and they are all truly

wonderful young people. The leavers' ceremony this morning was very emotional for all of us! Wishing you all the best for your time in secondary school – we know that you will do brilliantly. Check in from time to time and let us know how you're getting on!

Ofsted Report

We had hoped that we would have had our final Ofsted report to share with you now – a few parents have asked us about it. It is a shame to go into the summer break with the old one still online, but there appears to be quite a large backlog at the moment. At least it will be a nice treat for us to return to in September!

On a final note, I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer. Thank you once again for your ceaseless (and massively appreciated) support for our school, in what has been a wonderful year. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Tuesday 5th September.

Kind Regards

Mr Hawley

Head of School