

Friday 16th September 2016

Duncombe News

It has certainly been one of the hottest weeks in September for quite some time, so it's a huge well done to all pupils and staff for working so very hard throughout the week and indeed for dealing with the rain today. Quite a contrast! I have greatly enjoyed visiting Treetops this week, popping in to watch some Reception Spanish work as well as enjoying some of the pupil led activities in Nursery. I observed a hive of activity and lots of endeavour. I was also visited by some of the pupils from the Kindergarten Class who very proudly showed me some of their work and explained what they had been doing this week.

Our Year 5 pupils return later today from their PGL trip and the regular updates have kept us informed of the many exciting experiences they have been enjoying. I anticipate some very tired children over the weekend but we are all eagerly awaiting their return and the recounts of their adventures.

On Monday we had our Secondary Schools Evening which was well attended and a great opportunity to find out a little more about some of the most popular Independent Schools in the area, as chosen by Duncombe parents. I have thanked the visiting schools and their staff for their attendance and I know they were most encouraged by the interest shown.

I received the very sad news that a Year 5 pupil at St Joseph's Catholic Primary School died in a car accident over the weekend. I have sent condolences to the Head at St Joseph's. Given the close proximity it is likely that some of our families may be affected by this news. I have shared our Bereavement Policy with staff and have placed a link to two useful websites which may be of help to those who need it. www.childbereavement.org.uk
www.winstonswish.org.uk

Next week we look forward to being fully involved in the Hertford Children's Book Festival. Please look out for Miss Micele's piece on this in the newsletter.

Good luck to all involved in the St Edmund's Football Tournament on Saturday and have a good weekend.
Mr Phelan.

Here are this week's Pupils who received a Headmaster's Award. Well done to them!



Diary Dates

Thursday 22nd September - Year 4 to Hertford Theatre to see Jacqueline Wilson.

Friday 23rd September - Year 3 to Hertford Theatre to see James Mayhew.

Sports Fixtures

Saturday 17th September - Year 6 Football Tournament at St Edmund's College.

Tuesday 20th September - U11A&B Football v Bishop's Stortford College (away). 3.45pm start.

Wednesday 21st September - U11A&B Hockey v Kingshott School (away). Time TBC.

Friday 23rd September - U9A&B Football and Netball v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.45pm start.

Tuesday 27th September - U11A&B Football v St Joseph's (away). 2.30pm.

Wednesday 28th September - U11 Netball v The Walden School (home). 2pm start.

Looking Forward

Monday 26th September - Dress up day to celebrate Roald Dahl's 100 birthday.

Wednesday 28th September - Year 1 to Audley End.

Thursday 29th September - Year 2 Trip to Affinity Water Education Centre.

MacMillan Coffee Morning 8.30am in Old Hall. Miss Ord, Mrs Frost, Mrs Watson, Miss Angus, Mrs Galaska, Mrs Howes, Mr Sopher and Mrs Bonanni will be in attendance.

Friday 30th September - 6LT Assembly. Parents welcome. 8.50am start in New Hall.

Wednesday 5th October - Year 5 to Hertford Theatre to see King Arthur.

Friday 7th October - Music Assembly (Parents Welcome). 8.50am in Old Hall.

Save the Date!

Our very popular Ice Skating Evening at Van Hages will take place this year on Friday 2nd December. We will send out more details nearer the time.

Treetops Reminder

May we please remind you that Treetops is a mobile and camera free zone. Please can you keep phones and/or cameras in bags or pockets. If you need to make a phone call this needs to be done outside of the Treetops building and garden. Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Copeman

Sickness Bug

May we remind you that if your child has vomited or had diarrhoea they should be kept away from school for 48 hours from the last time they were ill. This is to ensure that the bug does not spread. Thank you for your co-operation.

Year 6 visit Paradise Wildlife Park

On Thursday a very excited Year 6 ventured to Paradise Wildlife Park in search of creative inspiration for an imaginative writing task. Our morning consisted of carefully observing the animals in their enclosures and exploring the park with great enthusiasm. After a quick stop for lunch and a well earned rest, the children continued their learning by listening to Tamsyn Murray. She explained her motivation for her new series of books entitled *Tanglewood Animal Park*. Despite the obvious heat in *The Jungle Theatre*, the children listened and participated extremely well. Maddie C was even given the position of zoo keeper on stage, learning the diet of different animals. Overall it was a roaring success!

Miss Micele
Head of English



Master Chef

The eagerly awaited Master Chef entry form is attached to this newsletter. There are two categories which are Lower School (Years 1-3) and Upper School (Years 4-6) with 12 children in each group going into the first round of the competition in November. If your child would like to take part please return their entry form to Mr Phelan via the School Office by Friday 7th October. Mr Phelan will then select 12 children in each category to go into the competition. Thank you.

Hertford Children's Book Festival

The 22nd September sees the launch of the highly anticipated Hertford Children's Book Festival. Duncombe will be helping to celebrate the beginning of the four day event at Hertford Theatre. Year 4 will listen to the former Children's Laureate, Jacqueline Wilson, talk about her writing and how she creates her inspiring characters.

The excitement continues with Year 3 visiting the theatre on the 23rd September, as award winning author and illustrator, James Mayhew collaborates with celebrated Russian concert pianist Alexander Ardakov for this unique event. The children will watch James paint the story behind *Mussorgsky's Pictures At An Exhibition* whilst Alexander plays the piano.

Miss A Micele
Head of English

Your Futuristic Ideal Home Art Competition

Our Upper School children have been invited to take part in an art competition with local estate agent Steven Oates.

The theme is 'Your Ideal Futuristic Home'

The winners art work will be printed on the front cover of the Steven Oates monthly magazine, which is distributed to thousands of households in and around Hertford, AND be featured on the Duncombe School Facebook and Website.

Look out for full details coming soon!

Emma Morgan
Marketing Manager, Interim

Lost

Named blazer, cardigan, PE top, and swimming costume belonging to Connie Nichola.

Named coat belonging to Harry Masters.

Named blazer belonging to Elliott Pez.

Named grey shorts belonging to Rupert Douglas.

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 19th September

Warren restaurant					Weekly Menu
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	
Dish of the Day Gammon and Sweetcorn Pasta Bake	Dish of the Day Cumberland Potato topped Pie	Dish of the Day Barbecue Chicken	Dish of the Day Roast Pork with Apple Sauce and gravy	Dish of the Day Oven Baked Fish Fingers	
Vegetarian Option Roasted Butternut with Courgette, Feta and Tomato	Vegetarian Option Cheesy Puff Slice	Vegetarian Option Mushroom Stroganoff	Vegetarian Option Spanish Omelette	Vegetarian Option Chinese Vegetable Noodles	
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayonnaise Cheese	Pasta Bar Tomato Sauce	Jacket Potato Bar Baked Beans Cheese	Pasta Bar 3 Cheese Sauce Cheese	Jacket Potato Bar Coleslaw Cheese	
Vegetables Steamed New Potatoes Broccoli	Vegetables Savory Potatoes Steamed Garden Peas with Carrots	Vegetables Steamed Rice Steamed Sweetcorn Mixed Salad	Vegetables Roast Potatoes Green Beans and Carrots Cauliflower Cheese	Vegetables Jacket Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans	
Dessert Vanilla Iced Sponge Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Warm Syrup Sponge with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Marble Shortbread Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Orange Jelly with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Strawberry Cheesecake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	
Daily Salad Bar With a Selection of Home cooked Meats & freshly Prepared Salads Fresh fruit salad available daily					