

Friday 7th October 2016

Duncombe News

Another fun-filled week at Duncombe and the time seems to be just flying by! The Autumn days are drawing in but the children are still getting wrapped up and out to play each day. Having lived in temperatures of 45°+ for the last eight years, I am really loving the cooler mornings, the start of the autumnal colours and being able to snuggle up with a good book in the evenings.

Year 5 headed down to Hertford Theatre this week where they enjoyed a hugely talented cast of actors perform Michael Morpurgo's 'Arthur – High King of Britain'. While there were only seven cast members, including a very talented dog, the actors convincingly conveyed the bravery, love and betrayal that makes this legend so timeless. As always, our children were impeccably behaved both during the performance and on their walk to and from the theatre.

On Thursday morning we hosted our first Open Morning of the academic year and were very pleased with the number of families coming to look around Duncombe. I was particularly impressed by our young leaders in Year 6 who showed the parents round, displaying excellent manners and being able to embody all that Duncombe is as a school. Special thanks also go to our Year 5 pupils who were drafted in to help out the day before due to the high volume of interest for this event. Well done to you all – and a superb indication of what we can expect next year from our pupils.

This morning heralded our first Music Assembly of the new school year. Parents and some of our pupils sat expectantly in Old Hall and from the applause and comments afterwards, were not disappointed. Congratulations to all our pupils who took part – your hard work and dedication to your talent has most certainly paid off and you were an inspiration to those younger pupils who perhaps are still deciding what instrument they might like to take up.

Year 5 are attending their third trip next week, when they visit the Hindu Temple on Monday. We shall be having our individual and sibling photos on Wednesday, so please ensure your children come to school with their blazers and looking their very best. Reception are very excited to be visiting the Bekonscot Model Village on Thursday and I look forward to hearing all about it when they return. Also on Thursday is our next coffee morning which will be at 8:30 in Old Hall – we do hope to see as many of you there as possible. Finishing off the week, in glorious style, will be our Harvest Festival celebrations; Upper School will hold their event at Holy Trinity Church at 2:30pm and we welcome any parents who are able to attend.

I am really looking forward to meeting some young pupils this afternoon to present them with their Headmaster's Award in Mr Phelan's absence – it is always such a joy to celebrate our pupils' successes.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend. *Miss Sands.*

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



Diary Dates

Monday 10th October - Year 5 visit Hindu Temple.

Tuesday 11th October - Years 1, 2 & 3 Nasal Flu Vaccination.

Wednesday 12th October - Individual and Sibling Photographs.

Thursday 13th October - Reception visit Bekonscot Model Village.

Open House Coffee Morning 8.30am in Old Hall. Mrs Durham, Miss Burton, Miss Varney, Ms Rea, Mrs Pannett, Miss Theobald, Mrs Marrion, Miss Barton, Miss Flowers and Mrs Sheriff will be in attendance.

Friday 14th October - Lower School Harvest Festival (children only).

Upper School Harvest Festival (Parents welcome). Holy Trinity Church at 2.30pm.

Sports Fixtures

Tuesday 11th October - U11 Netball v St Joseph's in the Park (away). 3.45pm start.

Wednesday 12th October - U11A, B & C Football and Netball v St Edmund's Prep (away). 3.45pm start.

Thursday 13th October - U9 A & B Football v Heath Mount (away). 2.30pm start.

Looking Forward

Monday 17th October - Year 3 to Celtic Harmony Camp.

Year 5 Parent to Lunch.

Tuesday 18th October - Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Year 6 Parents' Evening Old Hall. 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Wednesday 19th October - Nursery to Year 3 Parents' Evening. 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Thursday 20th October - Treetops sharing afternoon. 2.45pm to 3.30pm.

School finishes at normal time and all After School Clubs will be on as normal.

Friday 21st October - Half Term begins.

Monday 31st October - School Resumes.

Tuesday 1st November - Year 4 Parents' Evening. 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Thursday 3rd November - Year 4 Parents' Evening. 6.30pm to 8.30pm.

Friday 4th November - PA Fireworks Evening.

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mrs Rebecca Selwood who joins the School Office Team on Monday.

Date for your Diary - PA Fireworks Night

Our very popular Fireworks Night will be on Friday 4th November, with doors opening at 6.45pm for a 7.15pm start. More details regarding how to book tickets will be sent out next week by the PA.

Nursery Learn About Bones

Nursery were very lucky to be visited by Megan's Grandma this week. She worked for many years as a radiographer and came and spoke to the children about her job. We learnt all about the human skeleton, x-ray machines and we even met a Granny with no bones! Thank you so much Elaine - we had a fantastic time and learnt so much.



Kindergarten go Dinosaur Crazy

Kindergarten have been transported to the world of dinosaurs this week. We have stomped and roared through our journey with the dinosaurs in the messy play, making dinosaur masks, practising our cutting skills and finishing the week with a creative flare of dinosaur painting activities.

We are looking forward to the topic next week of fairies and dragons!

Mrs Fisher, Kindergarten Class Leader



Music, Music Everywhere

This morning we were treated to our first music assembly of the year.

We began with Grace West who opened our concert beautifully. James Price then followed who, even though he has only just begun lessons, showed great confidence already. Our three guitarists then followed. Jonathon Drewett showed great finger dexterity, George Moody played some beautiful strummed chords and Ted Ridoutt had us all wondering whether James Bond was going to walk in. Lovely playing from all three boys, well done!

Then Maya Barnes demonstrated beautiful lyrical violin playing across all strings from the very lowest string to the highest string. What a lovely quiet tone you achieved Maya, well done.

Our concert finished with three pianists. Hannah Castley played a beautiful piece using the pedal with great skill. Sophia Gruselle then followed, she played most expressively with lovely dynamics. Our concert ended with Nick Hindle who had us all moving to the beat. Great playing Nick, what an accomplished musician you are going to be.

Thank you to the parents who support the regular practice and the teachers who have all helped to prepare these children. *Mrs Turner.*

Individual and Sibling Photographs

Individual and sibling photographs will take place on Wednesday 12th October. Please be aware that all children need to have smart hair and uniform and wear their blazers. Photographs of sibling groups are only available for children attending Duncombe. If your child does not attend Treetops on this day and you would like their photograph to be taken, please advise the School Office who will make the necessary arrangements.

We would also like to inform you that there will be an early registration on Wednesday 12th October at 8.15am in order to get the photographs started. Please can you ensure your child is in school by 8.15am on the 12th. Thank you.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who donated, baked and bought cakes at our Macmillan Coffee Morning. With your help we managed to raise a fantastic £503, what a brilliant Duncombe community effort!

Thank you also to those who helped on the day.
The PA Team.

Harvest Festival Friday 16th October

A Harvest Festival celebration will be held for Lower School (EKG - Year 3) on the morning of Friday 14th October which will be for children only.

A service for Upper School (Years 4, 5 & 6) and parents will be held at Holy Trinity Church, Bengeo in the afternoon of Friday 14th October at 2.30pm. Children may leave with their parents after the service, or return to school with staff for After School Club.

As usual we ask that children who are not of school age do not attend the Upper School service to ensure the enjoyment of everyone. We do offer a crèche service from 1.45pm to 3.30pm on the day. If you would like to book your child into crèche please fill in a form which can be found in the School Office.

We invite all the children to bring in a small parcel of non-perishable items on the day (a shoe box without a lid for example). These will be donated to the Hertford Foodbank (located on Cowbridge in Hertford) to help support local people in crisis. For more information please visit <http://hertforddistrict.foodbank.org.uk>. Children in EKG, KG and Nursery should bring in one item each, rather than a small box. Children will have to carry the boxes so please ensure that they are not too heavy!

The foodbank has a 'shopping list' of items they are running low on and these would be greatly appreciated:

- UHT milk in 1 kg cartons,
- Long life fruit juice 1 lt,
- Jars of cooking sauce (chilli/sweet & sour/curry),
- Instant mashed potato,
- Instant custard powder in packets,
- Jars of instant coffee (100 g),
- Skimmed milk powder,
- Tinned potatoes,
- Tinned garden peas,
- Tinned carrots,
- Tinned tomatoes,
- Tinned spaghetti hoops,
- Jars of pasta sauce,
- Granulated sugar 1 kg,
- Rice 1kg,
- Tinned ready mixed custard,
- Tinned rice pudding,
- Packets of sweet biscuits,

Treats: i.e. boiled sweets, Penguin, Club, Crunchie, Wispa or other chocolate bars.

Woburn Charity Events

This term Woburn take up the charity challenge to raise money for The Art Room, a charity aimed at 5 - 16 year olds who are experiencing emotional and behavioural difficulties, who offer art as therapy to increase children's self-esteem, self-confidence and independence.

We are kicking off on Monday 10th October; in assembly we will launch our 'Design Teddy an Art Apron' competition. It will be £1 to enter and the winner will be announced after half term. The winner will have their design made, along with the Teddy to wear it!

This event will be followed by a day where all the children can come to school dressed in The Art Room's most recognisable colours: pink, purple blue and green, on Thursday 17th November. This is open to Treetops, Lower School and Upper School. Join us by coming into school in your colourful and artistic clothes. It is £1 to take part.

We will also be holding a first from Duncombe – an Art Attack inspired giant artwork. Taking the theme of art, children will be asked to bring 50p into school to have the opportunity to contribute to the artwork through flicking paint on to a giant canvas! It will be messy, fun and creative!

Our charity team will also have stalls at the Christmas Fair on Sunday 4th December. Please come and find our stalls and join in the fun! We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you to everyone for supporting this worthy charity where everything we raise will make a big difference.

The Woburn Charity Team – Mayze Mustoe, Madeline Parry and Zoe Drewitt

Warren Restaurant Menu for the week commencing 10th October

Warren restaurant		Weekly Menu				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday		
Dish of the Day Traditional Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread	Dish of the Day Cajun Chicken on roasted Vegetables	Dish of the Day Sweet and Sour Pork with Prawn Crackers	Dish of the Day Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy	Dish of the Day Poached Salmon and Broccoli Pan		
Vegetarian Option Roasted Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetarian Option Three Cheese and Chive Tart	Vegetarian Option Vegetable and Cheese Wraps	Vegetarian Option Spanish Omelette	Vegetarian Option Mac n Cheese		
Jacket Potato Bar Tuna Mayo/Onion/ 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 Sauté Courgettes with Peppers	Vegetables Risotto Potatoes Steamed Green Beans	Vegetables Steamed Rice Steamed Sweetcorn	Vegetables Roast Potatoes Steamed Carrots and Broccoli Roasted Beetroot	Vegetables Jacket Wedges Garden Peas Baked Beans		
Dessert Chocolate Fudge Pudding with Cream Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Apple and Blackberry Crumble Served with Cream Fresh Fruit	Dessert Jammy Shortbread Fresh Fruit Yoghurt	Dessert Meringue with Cream and Strawberry Coulis Fresh Fruit	Dessert Chocolate Beetroot Cake Fresh Fruit Yoghurt		
Daily Salad Bar With a Selection of Home cooked Meats & freshly Prepared Salads Fresh fruit salad available daily						